



# “Trumping In”

## Waverley Bridge Club Newsletter



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**Gee it's good to be back home again.** Never a truer word sung or spoken. Ashwood Hall has been the 'home' of Waverley Bridge Club now for many years. We all have appreciated the facilities of Ashwood Hall – our temporary accommodation in the Scout Hall just reinforced how lucky we have been for so many years and perhaps it's time to reflect on the wise move of committees in the past in finding our current accommodation.

Certainly 2009 has been challenging so far. My sincere thanks to all those who worked so hard (both committee members and members) in assisting the smoothest possible transition to the Scout Halls. I will not mention anyone by name in fear I leave someone out, but rest assured your help was greatly appreciated. Also a huge pat on the back to all members who attended sessions in our temporary accommodation, I know conditions were not perfect, but the committee was encouraged by your support, we even had one member state that she was a little disappointed to leave the Scout Hall! With very few exceptions, members took to the temporary accommodation with a smile on their face and rose to each challenge the day might have presented. A true sign of a good Club with such supportive members! I think we had just about everything thrown at us that nature could, one day it reached over 40 degrees, the sudden appearance of a fenced-in area of car parking and finally the day before we moved out the heavens opened and the noise of the rain on the tin roof and the trains passing meant for an interesting background!

Everyone will be watching with interest the new club rooms being erected, we are still on target for possession in December. The committee is working on how to use the additional time space, i.e. Wednesdays and the weekends and we will be coming back to you shortly for your feedback. There is still a lot of work being done by the FF&E subcommittee (Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment) liaising with the Council to get the fixtures right during construction and the purchase of comfortable tables and chairs.

For members now it's time to get on with playing bridge hopefully with no more interruptions. We are currently having a book/cd/dvd/jigsaw sale. Please support the club by donating goods and of course taking a few home; also the sale of the Entertainment Book, they are \$65 each and the club gets \$13 from each sale. Many thanks to Jill Bell who once again made delicious sauce/relish with all money donated to the building fund.

Iris Carling  
President

## This is one for the 'point counters'!

Let's have a bit of fun looking at some contracts that make with the bare minimum of HCP.

As a corollary, it is a cautionary tale for defenders itching to make a penalty double.

### 7♥

	♠ - - -		
	♥76543		
	♦8765		
♠J109	♣8765	♠AKQ	
♥K		♥Q	
♦AKQJ			♦109876
♣AKQJ10	♠8765432	♣9876	
	♥AJ10982		
	♦ - - -		
	♣ - - -		

5 HCP. For new players – win the first trick, draw the outstanding trump and ruff 3 Spades in Dummy. The rest of the Spades are now winners – easy peasy!

### 6♠

	♠65432		
	♥ - - -		
	♦5432		
♠A	♣5432	♠K	
♥J109		♥AKQ	
♦AKQJ			♦109876
♣AKQJ10	♠QJ10987	♣9876	
	♥8765432		
	♦ - - -		
	♣ - - -		

3 HCP. The play the same as for the hand above.

### 5♥

	♠ - - -		
	♥5432		
	♦65432		
♠J109	♣5432	♠AKQ	
♥A		♥KQ	
♦AKQJ			♦10987
♣AKQJ10	♠8765432	♣9876	
	♥J109876		
	♦ - - -		
	♣ - - -		

1HCP. Same play as above, three ruffs are

needed to establish Spades. In order for this hand to make, it is essential that the Trump Ace is singleton, to prevent 2 trump leads.

### 4♠

Who needs points??

	♠5432		
	♥2		
	♦98765432		
♠KJ	♣ - - -	♠AQ	
♥KJ		♥AQ	
♦KJ10		♦AQ	
♣AKQJ109	♠109876	♣8765432	
	♥109876543		
	♦ - - -		
	♣ - - -		

0 HCP! After a (not unreasonable) Club lead which gives you a ruff and sluff – pitch dummy's Heart, then establish Declarer's Hearts – you can make 11 tricks!

If there is a Diamond lead, you have to draw trumps to prevent opponents from making them separately. Now you can't set up Hearts.

Not to worry, you can set up Diamonds instead!

### 1NT

	♠ - - -		
	♥ - - -		
	♦8765432		
♠AKQ543	♣765432	♠ - - -	
♥AKJ75432		♥ - - -	
♦ - - -		♦AKQJ109	
♣ - - -	♠J1098762	♣AKQJ1098	
	♥Q109864		
	♦ - - -		
	♣ - - -		

3 HCP. If West persists in attacking Hearts, 8 tricks can be made.

No correspondence will be entered into about what contracts East/West can make! No correspondence will be entered into about how to reach these contracts. A wise bidder will, however, always take into account hand shape.

Acknowledging rpbridge.net

## KITCHEN DUTY

The kitchen doesn't clean itself! Please write your name on the roster and give your club a hand. We especially need volunteers for evening sessions. Thank you.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** – Pat Donges and Sally Marshall. We hope that you will enjoy many challenging sessions at WBC.

## RECENT RESULTS

### WAVERLEY SENIORS HEAT 2009

The Seniors Heat was held on Saturday May 2, with 16 pairs entering – a very good result considering that a major event was being run in Adelaide at the same time.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Julia Guttman, Elaine Dickson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shirley Collins, Maggie Callander
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chelliah Arul, David Sharman.

### JOHN WITT PAIRS

April 17, 24 and May 1

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nicole McManamny, Susanne Mould
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Ulyatt, Michael Petrie
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Shirley Wanz, Sylvia Kudelda

### OLIVE SHRIMPTON PAIRS

April 6, 20 and 27

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trish Henderson, Marysia Leber
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Elaine Dickson, Kathy Yang
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Margaret Perry, Shirley Baker

Congratulations to all the place-getters.

## A REMINDER

Please do not park near the corner of Electra Avenue and Heather Avenue. The woman living in the corner house has ongoing medical issues and has told us that access is often needed for doctors etc.

Please use the laneway at the end of the carpark if the carpark is full.

## RANK PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to members who have recently achieved rank promotions

Graduate Master	Tony Allan Diane Cutts Susan Harrison Warren Johnson
Club Master	John Heath Noeline Heath Lidia Kunc Ian Ward
Local Master	Penny Blakey Lorna Harding Dell Macneil Helen O'Brien Eileen Sloman
*Local Master	Annette Burns Elizabeth Kettle
*National Master	Jerzy Wierucki
Gold Life Master	Aileen Shea

## LONG SUIT TRIALS

After the auction: 1♠ : 2♠  
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Opener with the following hand will want to invite game

♠AQ854  
♥A863  
♦A7  
♣Q2

If he does so by bidding 3♠, responder with the following hands will be unimpressed by the prospects of game.

1. ♠KJ92	2. ♠KJ92	3. ♠KJ92
♥K5	♥954	♥954
♦954	♦K5	♦8653
♣8653	♣9863	♣K5

However, on hand 1, even though responder has only 7 points, game is pretty well assured. So how can responder know to raise on hand 1, but stay in 3♠ on hands 2 and 3.

OPENER can help partner decide what to do at his second bid by pinpointing the area in

which he most needs assistance.

A bid in a new suit after suit agreement at the 2 level, does the job of raising invitationally to the 3 level, *and asks for help in the suit bid*. It shows at least 3 cards in the bid suit, with a least 2 losers, and usually about 16 to 18 Total Points. So on the hand above, opener would rebid 3♥, asking for assistance in that suit.

#### REPLYING TO THE LONG SUIT TRIAL BID

0 losers in trial suit - Bid 4 of agreed suit, even

with minimum hand

1 loser in trial suit - Bid 4 of agreed suit, even

with minimum hand

2 losers in trial suit - Bid 4 if maximum, but only

3 if minimum

3 losers in trial suit - Bid 3 of agreed suit. (If

maximum you could bid a suit in which you *do* have values, as long as you can do it below the level of 3 of the agreed suit

NO LOSERS Void; Singleton A; Doubleton AK

etc.

1 LOSER Singleton; Ax or Kx; AKx; KQxx etc.

2 LOSERS Doubleton Qx or worse; Axx; Kxx; QJx (Qxx is 2½ losers)

3 LOSERS Jxx(x) or worse.

*Responder* can make a long suit trial after suit agreement if he has 10 – 12 Total Points

e.g. 1♣ : 1♠

2♠ : 3♥ Long suit trial in Hearts.

Opener would rebid 4♠ even with minimum values if he has nil or one loser in the trial suit, or with 2 losers and a 14 point hand.

#### ANOTHER REMINDER

Annual subscriptions will be due at the end of June. If you will be away at that time you can pay your subscription early.

Home Club members \$30.  
Associate members \$15.

Please let us know of any change of address or telephone number.

#### THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

You have probably seen that WBC is promoting sales of The Entertainment Book as a fund-raising measure. Cost is \$65, with \$13 coming to the Club for every sale.

The book is full of vouchers for restaurants and you might think that you would never use it, if, like me, you virtually never eat out.

I however, have lined up to buy one and know that I shall make a profit out of the book. In the first place, I desperately need some car seat covers, and will get 20% off, which is not bad. I'll get the odd loaf of bread for free, fresh coffee at 25% off, be able to take a friend to the movies at half price each. I shall also get 5% off my Coles and Bi-Lo shopping bill which is going to add up considerably during the year.

Take your grandchildren Go-Karting or to the Aquarium, or, yeeks – Paintballing. Visit the excellent MCG museum, try Musica Viva, the Malthouse and MTC. There is a bewildering array of choices. Have a good look at the book – I guarantee you will find something interesting that will make buying the book worth while.

#### WHEN TO DOUBLE, WHEN TO PASS

A takeout double is used to invite partner into the auction, and normally promises a hand of at least opening strength, though this may be dropped slightly when doubler is a passed hand.

What is the minimum strength required for a takeout double by a non-passed hand? The opening bid for all the hands below is 1♥.

♠KJ73

♥6

♦A965

♣Q1095

Though you have only 10 HCP, it is impossible to fault the hand's other attributes. You should double with this hand and will get into trouble rarely. This is much safer than making an overcall with say,

♠86  
♦765  
♦KQ876  
♣AJ9 - now it is in the lap of the Gods whether you will have a trump fit or not.

What about

♠A105  
♥43  
♦KQJ7  
♣A1094

Does 'double' promise 4 of the 'other major'. I do not think so, there is no other way to describe this hand.

What do you do with

♠AK106  
♥K54  
♦98  
♣A1076

Pass!!!! You cannot cope with partner's forced response of 2♦! If you now bid 2♠, yuk, you are promising 17 or more HCP and 5 or more Spades!

Do not double if *any* reply by partner will make you uncomfortable. Your double should promise length in all other suits. It is a very bad idea to double just to show partner opening strength – as you can see, a double can be made with fewer than 12 HCP. Pass with these hands and let the auction develop. You will find out whether partner has any points in good time.

If, however, the auction proceeds:

(1♥) : Pass : (2♦) : Pass  
(2♥) : ???

You can now make a takeout double, pinpointing the black suits. Partner will take you for this hand.

How about

♠KQJ6  
♥8  
♦AJ97  
♣AJ105

The auction has proceeded

(1♥) : X (you) : (2♥) : Pass  
(Pass) : ???

You should now double *again*. Partner obviously does not have the hand of the century, or at least enough HCP to venture a free bid. You, however, have a very nice little hand indeed. Have another go. All doubles are for takeout if partner has not yet made a bid.

How about this one

♠9752  
♥76  
♦KQ7  
♣QJ108

The auction has proceeded:

(1♥) : Pass : (Pass) : ???

It is your bid. What do you do?

There are 40 HCP in the pack! Where are they all? Responder has fewer than 6 – give him 4, let's give Opener 15 – he *could* have 19, but it is unlikely. That makes a total of 19 for defenders, and you have 8. A grand total of 27 – give or take.

Take a look at partner sitting over there, looking studiously out the window – he *must* have the rest, but had the hand given above which made a takeout double unwise. Your double now will bring your side into the auction.

## MID-WINTER CELEBRATION

It doesn't seem awfully long since the last one does it?

Make arrangements to keep Tuesday June 23 free, and tell your friends to come along too.

Once again we are having a warm and friendly Red Point Swiss Pairs and will be providing a wonderful lunch, snacks and drinks while we celebrate the return of lengthening days.

You don't need to be a great player to have fun and win matches playing Swiss Pairs – this will be a great opportunity for new players to meet more people and have a bit of a 'go' at competition bridge.

## ETHICS

An explanation has been given for an alerted bid. The explanation was incorrect, or the person who made the bid made a mistake. What needs to be done?

1. The alerted bid was made by a member of the defending side. In this case, NO explanation may be made by either player. If you tell the declarer that your partner's explanation of your bid was wrong, you are alerting partner to the fact that his assumptions about your hand are incorrect – illegal information.
2. The alerted bid was made the side who wins the auction. In this case, at the end of the auction, before the opening lead is made, it is ethical to explain to the opponents that an error has been made.
  - If the bid was explained correctly according to partnership agreement, but was wrongly made by the bidder there is usually no recompense made to defenders, even if harm has occurred.
  - If the correct bid was incorrectly explained, and harm occurred to the defenders, an adjusted score will usually be awarded if necessary.

*Always* call the director when it becomes clear that an alerted bid was incorrect or incorrectly explained.

