

WARWICK BRIDGE CLUB

Dealer: W Vul: N/S

NORTH	
S. Q6	
H. 8	
D. AQJ108732	
C. A2	
WEST	EAST
S. K83	S. 542
H. A9752	H. QJ108732
D. K6	D. 54
C. J63	C. K94
SOUTH	
S. AJ1097	
H. K3	
D. 54	
C. Q10875	

The next event in the Club's calendar is the Australia-Wide Pairs to be held on Monday, 28th August. In September there will be a two-week red-point event on Monday 4th and 11th as well as a draw pairs event on Friday, 15th. More about that next week.

Handicap winners are now shown on the result sheet for each day's play. Recent winners have been Kath Pritchard/Doug Scott, and Angus Macdonald/Fiona Wells.

On Board 28 (above) from last week only David Moran and Ron Mobbs gained full advantage of the North/South cards. All other N/S pairs played in diamonds, two as high as 5D, but David and Ron who chose 3NT. 3NT made eleven tricks when the diamond finesse worked. No declarer in diamonds made more than ten tricks, after each North received the lead of the Queen of hearts. Because North appears to have four potential losers all declarers seem to have tried to limit the damage rather than try for eleven tricks. If you need the defenders' spades to split 3-3 and for the King of diamonds to be onside, then that is the way you play.

The play can then be conducted thus: declarer ruffs the heart continuation and plays the Queen of spades, which loses to the King. West then returns a club, which is won by the Ace. Now comes the key play. North plays the remaining spade to the Jack and then follows with the ten. Both East and West must follow suit and North's losing club is discarded. The diamond finesse is then taken and the defenders have won only the King of spades and the Ace of hearts. It's always easier when you can see all four hands. East/West winners Judy Mobbs and Anne Wedgwood scored a top when they doubled 5D and defeated it by one trick.

Results for the period ending 21/08/17:

Friday, 18th August (7-table Mitchell):

N/S N. Bonnell D. Moran (62.5%) 1; N. Collins M. Simpson (55.1%) 2; G. Lihou C. Lihou (53.6%) 3.

E/W J. Mobbs Jenny Smith (68.8%) 1; N. McGinness J. McLellan (64.3%) 2; W. Milne S. Head (44.6%) 3.

Monday, 21st August (7 & ½-table Mitchell):

N/S N. Collins M. Simpson (66.2%) 1; J. Rose T. Hinde (59.4%) 2; D. Moran R. Mobbs (55.7%) 3.

E/W J. Mobbs A. Wedgwood (58.3%) 1; Jenny Smith Jill Smith (58.3%) 1; T. Embery G. Embery (56.9%) 3.