

WARWICK BRIDGE CLUB

Dealer: N Vul: E/W

	NORTH	
	S. 10974	
	H. QJ976	
	D. 8	
	C. 876	
WEST		EAST
S. AQJ6		S. 8532
H. A3		H. 102
D. AK		D. J109654
C. J10532		C. Q
	SOUTH	
	S. K	
	H. K854	
	D. Q732	
	C. AK94	

Last Friday's Draw Pairs not only featured pairings not usually seen, but the Howell movement also ensured that all pairs played nine out of ten other pairs. The afternoon was voted a great success and is sure to be repeated. Popular winners of the prizes donated by Helen Ferrier were Ann Gibson and Warwick Milne. The next major event on the Club's calendar is the Individual Championship, which will be held on 6th and 13th October. Last year the joint winners were Noela Collins and Noela Collins.

On Board 9 (above) from last Monday, players sitting West found four different answers to the bidding problem posed by South. After two passes, South usually opened 1D. This gave West three choices: double for take-out, bid 1NT or show the headless club suit. Hilary Richardson/Ros Hart and Barbara Reid/Anne Wedgwood found the winning line when West doubled South's 1D and East passed. This cost South a penalty of 500 when the contract failed by two tricks, doubled and vulnerable. The West player who bid 1NT failed by three tricks after Judy Mobbs found the best lead of a heart. West had no way of getting to dummy's long line of diamonds. Two other Wests found the modest contract of 2C, which made exactly. In this contract, hearts were no threat. Finally, one other pair located the best suit, spades, but bid 4S, which was one level too high. This was the only table where more than two bids were made. No North/South pair found their best contract, which happened to be 3H. One can't be too hard on North for not entering the bidding with only three points, but a bid of 1H over 1D doubled should not have been too risky. All this just goes to show that low-level doubles can be deadly.

Results for the period ending 18/09/17:

Friday, 15th September (5 & 1/2-table Howell):

W. Milne A. Gibson (64.8%) 1; N. Collins G. Dayus (61.3%) 2; B. Bonnell M. Johnston (54.6%) 3.

Monday, 18th September (6-table Mitchell):

N/S N. Collins M. Simpson (58.0%) 1; J. Mobbs N. McGinness (53.3%) 2; J. Kenyon T. Hinde (50.3%) 3.
E/W B. Bonnell N. Bonnell (64.7%) 1; H. Richardson R. Hart (60.7%) 2; G. Embery T. Embery (57.7%) 3.
Handicap winners N/S: P. Porter S. Valentine