

## WARWICK BRIDGE CLUB

Dealer: W Vul: Nil

	NORTH	
	S. QJ982	
	H. A5	
	D. KJ8	
	C. AK5	
WEST		EAST
S. A		S. K108
H. 10843		H. Q92
D. A10764		D. 832
C. J106		C. Q742
	SOUTH	
	S. 7543	
	H. KJ76	
	D. Q5	
	C. 983	

It was with great sadness that we heard of the deaths of two former members: Trevor Sheeran and Lenore Hardes. Both were keen players whose demeanour at the table was impeccable. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families.

On Board 8 (above) from last Monday all N/S pairs chose to play in spades, mostly in game. There are three roads home for those who played in 4S: two rather dangerous routes and one which minimises the risks. Beginners are instructed to take out trumps as soon as possible but may be warned that occasionally the extraction of trumps should be delayed. This is one such case. Once the popular lead of a small club had been made by East, declarer (North) could see four possible losers: two top spades, the Ace of diamonds and a club. It would appear to be wise to eliminate the club loser before trumps were drawn. One way after winning the first trick with the Ace of clubs was to cash the Ace of hearts and finesse the Jack. This is a 50-50 chance at best, but happens to work. Another is to hope that W has a singleton spade - either the Ace or King. Then, when the Queen is led, East is tempted to rise with the other top honour and crash partner's top card. This is a pure gamble and if E plays low, declarer will lose the King and ten of spades as well as the Ace. The other line of play is to play a diamond to the Queen at trick two. It doesn't matter whether West takes the Ace on the first or second round of diamonds, declarer can now discard the losing club from dummy on North's third diamond. Dummy is then entered via the King of hearts and a small spade is led. When the Ace appears, East's ten of spades is no longer a danger. Noela Collins and Helen Ferrier found the way home to 4S, but have not yet revealed which road they took.

Results for the period ending 02/10/17:

**Friday, 29th October** (5-table Mitchell):

N/S N. Collins D. Moran (65.8%) 1; H. Ferrier A. Gibson (50.4%) 2; T. Hinde R. Mobbs (48.3%) 3.

E/W S. Goddard S. Brown (65.8%) 1; N. McGinness R. Hart (62.1%) 2; A. Wedgwood W. Milne (42.9%) 3.

**Monday, 2nd October** (7-table Mitchell):

N/S G. Embery T. Embery (58.0%) 1; N. Bonnell B. Bonnell (57.7%) 2; A. Gibson Jill Smith (56.0%) 3.

E/W J. Mobbs S. Goddard (57.7%) 1; C. Duggan N. McGinness (57.1%) 2; P. Kelly W. Milne (56.9%) 3.

*Handicap winners N/S: A. Gibson Jill Smith E/W P. Kelly W. Milne*