

## WARWICK BRIDGE CLUB

Dealer: N Vul: N/S

NORTH	
S. Q54	
H. 3	
D. AJ986	
C. KJ93	
WEST	EAST
S. A62	S. K108
H. 10852	H. KQJ4
D. --	D. Q10742
C. AQ6542	C. 10
SOUTH	
S. J973	
H. A976	
D. K53	
C. 87	



In the Australia-Wide Pairs two Warwick pairs finished very near the top of a field of 1,500 pairs. Mavis Simpson and Denise Hartwig came 12<sup>th</sup> with Ros Hart and Hilary Richardson not far behind in 16<sup>th</sup> place. In such a large field, top scores were hard to come by but Mavis and Denise scored 96% on Board 21 (above) when they made the necessary ten tricks in 4H.

Pity poor North, who had to choose a lead against this contract. There are good reasons against leading from any of the four suits held by North. Although a singleton trump is normally a good way to find partner's Queen of trumps, here it removes one more opportunity for West to ruff diamonds. In the end North chose the three of clubs. Leading away from a holding of KJxx often ends badly, as it did in this case. After winning with the Queen of clubs Mavis was able to cash the Ace and discard the eight of spades from dummy. E/W's spade suit could then be cleared by playing the two top spades and trumping West's remaining spade in dummy. Declarer could then embark on a cross-ruff. West have to play the Ace of trumps to beat E's heart honour on the third round of clubs, but will concede a ruff and discard with a spade continuation. No other lead fares any better. In this scenario declarer makes two spades and a ruff, as well as two clubs and a ruff. Added to these tricks will be two top hearts in East's hand and two diamond ruffs.

In other news, Teresa Downing has been promoted to the rank of Club Master. Well done!

Results for the period ending 02/09/19:

**Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> August** (Australia-Wide Pairs 8 & ½-table Mitchell):

N/S T. Hinde R. Mobbs (61.6%) 1; N. Bonnell B. Bonnell (61.3%) 2; N. Collins D. Moran (59.8%) 3. E/W H. Richardson R. Hart (68.5%) 1; D. Hartwig M. Simpson (66.4%) 2; W. Howard G. Howard (55.3%) 3.

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September** (Red point Rd. 1, 9 & ½-table Mitchell):

N/S H. Ferrier A. Gibson (59.6%) 1; N. Bonnell J. Mobbs (56.7%) 2; N. Collins M. Simpson (55.2%) 3. J. Rose V. Rose (68.1%) 1; Mary Johnston R. Hart (59.0%) 2; C. Duggan N. McGinness (53.&%) 3. *Handicap*: N/S H. Ferrier A. Gibson 1; K. Pritchard D. Scott 2. E/W No change.