

## WARWICK BRIDGE CLUB

Dealer: S Vul: Both

NORTH	
S. J732	
H. K653	
D. KJ	
C. K95	
WEST	EAST
S. AK	S. 10854
H. Q972	H. AJ
D. A10965	D. 2
C. 64	C. AQJ1072
SOUTH	
S. Q96	
H. 1084	
D. Q8743	
C. 83	



After the first round of the Individual Championship, Nea McGinness is leading with just under 63% from Ros Hart (61%) and Hilary Richardson on 60%. Round 2 will be completed this Friday. It has been decided to hold next year's event over two sessions on one day. The next major event will be the Teams Championship to be held on October 28th and November 4th.

Nea owes her lead to consistent bridge, mostly avoiding the low scores that can result from playing with a new partner after every board. Board 7 is a typical example. The par contract of 3NT eluded several players, but with partner Sandra Head, Nea (West) reached the very solid game, despite having only just enough high card points. The popular lead was the two of spades, which in many cases may have been the unbid major suit. There is, however, not a day goes past without a "Warwick lead" of the nine, when holding King-nine-small, so at one table declarer had to contend with the confusing lead of the nine of clubs. Defending against Nea's 3NT, North led the three of clubs, which appeared to show an honour (which could only have been the King). This presented no problem in no-trumps, so the Queen of clubs could be played, safe in the knowledge nothing could be ruffed by North/South. Once the finesse succeeded, hand could be reached through a top spade and the finesse repeated. Declarer now had six club tricks and could simply cash the remaining top spade and two red Aces. Ten tricks was worth 83% on the board.

Results for the period ending 014/10/19:

**Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October** (7-table Individual Championship Round 1):

N. McGinness (63%) 1; R. Hart (61%) 2; Hilary Richardson (60%) 3.

**Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October** (9-table Mitchell):

N/S N. Bonnell B. Bonnell (56.9%)1; B. Peters E. Creswell (55.7%) 2; H. Ferrier A. Gibson (54.2%) 3. E/W J. Rose P. Campbell (62.7%) 1; C. Hall M. Simpson (62.0%) 2; J. Mobbs S. Goddard (56.5%) 3.

*Handicap:* N/S B. Peters E. Creswell 1; H. Ferrier A. Gibson 2. E.W C. Hall M. Simpson 1; J. Rose P. Campbell 2.