

## WARWICK BRIDGE CLUB

*Dealer: W Vul: Both*

<b>NORTH</b>	
♠ J4	
♥ Q753	
♦ 93	
♣ K10643	
<b>WEST</b>	<b>EAST</b>
♠ 73	♠ AKQ986
♥ AK1086	♥ 10942
♦ 2	♦ KJ
♣ Q9875	♣ A
<b>SOUTH</b>	
♠ 1052	
♥ --	
♦ AQ1087654	
♣ J2	



Bridge is over until Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Lessons and supervised play will recommence on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January. Give Neil a ring on 0408 361 482 if you want to know what that is all about.

Last Monday Nea McGinness celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a sumptuous cake and a first place East/West. The bidding promised to be fast and furious, with East and West arguing about whose suit was best. Any South with a backbone would jump to 4D. North had to be satisfied with sitting and watching. Nea was the only West player to play in the par contract of 4H.

Nea (West) received the lead of the nine of diamonds, which went to dummy's Jack and South's Ace. When the continuation of the Ace of diamonds forced West to use a trump, the contract was on a knife-edge. As Nea was to find out, the trumps were split 4-4 and the Queen had to be lost. As cross-ruffing would not work, the best line of play was to concede the Queen of hearts early, draw rest of the trumps and to hope that all of East's spades were winners. That is exactly how things worked out. 650 was an equal top score.

Pat Kelly was the only South to steal the auction with 4D, which became a top score North/South even though failing by one trick. Of the three East/West pairs who played in spades One scored an equal top undeservedly when South made the opening lead of the Ace of diamonds, thereby promoting East's King.

### Results

**Monday 16/12/24** (5-table Mitchell): N/S N. Collins M. Simpson (60.3) 1; R. Hart J. Mobbs (54.9) 2; J. Nankervis P. Kelly (53.3) 3. E/W C. Duggan N. McGinness (61.2) 1; W. Milne J. Sipple (53.2) 2; H. Tilbrook V. Prentice (52.2) 3.

**Friday, 20/12/24** (3-table Howell): P. Kelly D. Moran (72.1) 1; R. Hart N. McGinness (60.4) 2; T. Hinde N. Bonnell (53.1) 3.