

## WARWICK BRIDGE CLUB

*Dealer: N Vul: E/W*

<b>NORTH</b>		
	♠ Q84	
	♥ Q	
	♦ AKQ762	
	♣ KQ3	
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>
♠ 7		♠ J832
♥ KJ872		♥ 1053
♦ J98		♦ 103
♣ J1052		♣ 9876
<b>SOUTH</b>		
	♠ AK1095	
	♥ A964	
	♦ 54	
	♣ A4	



*Vice-President Noela Collins  
presenting the "John and Joy"  
Memorial Shield to Janny Sipple.*

There are times when it is wise to upgrade your hand if it contains special features, such as North' six-card diamond suit containing Ace, King, Queen. At three of the four tables the bidding appears to have been 1D (when it could have been a strong 2C) from North, 1S from South, a jump to 3D by North, 3H from South, then 3NT from North to end the auction. It was frustrating for North/South to discover that 7NT was the par contract.

Leanne Munson and John Nankervis were the only pair to bid higher than 3NT. Their choice was 6S. Their bidding differed from the others in that Leanne supported John's spades at some point. This encouraged John to initiate an Ace-asking sequence. When Leanne's response showed the missing Ace in a hand already shown as strong, 6S (requiring twelve tricks to be won) by South was the logical contract.

The strange lead of the Jack of hearts cost nothing as the only problem facing declarer was finding the location of the Jack of spades. After the Queen of hearts won the first trick, the Queen of spades was the next card played. Both East and West followed suit. When East could not follow suit after the continuation of the Ace of spades, John knew that East held the Jack and another spade. It was an easy matter to return to dummy (North) and lead a small spade to the nine. The King then dropped East's Jack. With six tricks in diamonds, five in spades and three in clubs to come, North/South had more tricks than they needed at the end.

Results:

**Friday, 03/01/25** (4-table Howell): N. Bonnell J. Rose (59.5) 1; J. Smith R.Hart (56.3) 2; L. Munson J. Nankervis (54.6) 3; W. Milne J. Sipple (51.8) 4.