

WARWICK BRIDGE CLUB

Dealer: N *Vul:* Both

<p>NORTH ♠ 9765 ♥ J8 ♦ AQ6 ♣ A962</p> <p>WEST ♠ 102 ♥ KQ10942 ♦ 4 ♣ J875</p>	<p>EAST ♠ KJ ♥ A765 ♦ J10982 ♣ Q3</p> <p>SOUTH ♠ AQ843 ♥ 3 ♦ K753 ♣ K104</p>
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*Warwick Milne, Leanne Munson,
Janifer Sipple, & Jenny Smith*

Congratulations to Janny Sipple and Warwick Milne for winning the local heat of the Australia-Wide Novice Pairs and thereby also winning the Club Novice Pairs title. By a quirk of the scoring method Sandra Head and Carla Hall did better in the Australia- Wide count.

One of Warwick and Janny's best results came on Board 29 when they were successful in 4S by South. Their eleventh trick gave them an overtrick, a score of 450 and 84% on this board. A total of 23 high card points may not seem sufficient for game, but South's singleton heart meant that East/West could win only one heart trick. The more the defenders bid hearts, the better South's hand looked. (Surely West opened with a weak 2H?) East led the singleton diamond, hoping to engineer the trumping of a diamond in due course. Instead, it gave declarer the opportunity to call for the Ace and take stock. With only four spades missing, declarer could play for the defenders holding two trumps each and to continue with a spade from dummy. As the cards lie, declarer would simply cover whichever card East played and then take out the remaining two spades. Then it was plain sailing to cash two more diamonds and two clubs. With trumps left in both North and South it was now possible for East West to win only one club and the Ace of hearts.

Results

Club Novice Pairs Championship, W. Milne J. Sipple (58.7) 1; S Head C. Hall (52.9) 2.

Monday, 01/06/26 (6-table Mitchell): N/S N. Collins M, Simpson (61.5) 1; J. Smith

L. Munson (60,3) 2; W. Milne J. Sipple (58.3) 3. E/W H. Price R. Hart (59.6) 1;

C. Duggan N. McGinness (56.1) 2; J. Rose P. Kelly (50,8) 3.

Friday, 05/06/26 (4½-table Howell) M. Johnston J. Rose (61.5) 1; N. Bonnell T. Hinde (58.5) 2; J. Smith R. Hart (57.4) 3.