

WARWICK BRIDGE CLUB

Dealer: N *Vul:* E/W

NORTH	
♠	Q8
♥	108
♦	1082
♣	AK10984
WEST	EAST
♠	52
♥	K962
♦	QJ73
♣	Q73
SOUTH	
♠	AK104
♥	AJ743
♦	K96
♣	5



*Tony Hinde and Peter Campbell playing against
John Nankervis and Pat Kelly*

Congratulations to Tony Hinde, who is now a National Master.

The hand above, from Round 1 of the Club Pairs Championship, shows how giving one trick away can promote several others. One player ignored in 3NT by South ignored the potential of North's clubs and, as a result, failed by one trick. West led the Queen of diamonds, which held, then led a small diamond in response to East's encouraging four of diamonds. After winning with the Ace, East continued with another diamond to South's King. West's Jack was now high. What South did next would determine the fate of the contract. Declarer could reasonably assume that West began with four diamonds and therefore East had none. A small club should be played to any of the ten, nine or eight of clubs, East's Jack will win, but East now has to lead a different suit. East can win any return. A spade will be run to the Queen, allowing five club winners to be enjoyed. East/West will not win another trick. Any other lead will leave the Spade Queen intact as an entry to North's hand.

Mavis Simpson and Noela Simpson, who hold a substantial lead in the Pairs Championship, chose to play in 4H. They had a different use for those top clubs, West's lead of the three diamonds was won by East, who had nowhere to go, except to continue with a diamond. West's King won and declarer now sent the five of clubs to the Ace, When the King of clubs followed, declarer discarded the remaining diamond and led the ten of hearts. East does best to cover with the Queen, but declarer will play the Ace, then the Jack. West's King and nine are now high, but the defenders can't find any more tricks in the other suits. Ten tricks won were worth 620 and a top score.

Results

Monday, 07/08/26 (4½-table Howell): N. Collins M. Simpson (76.0) 1; H. Price R. Hart (58.2) 2; N. Bonnell L. Don (56.9) 3; A. Macdonald B. Reid (50.9) 4.
Friday, 11/09/26 (4-table Howell): P. Kelly L. Don (70.2) 1; N. Collins T. Hinde (61.3) 2; C. Duggan N. McGinness (56.5) 3.