

WARWICK BRIDGE CLUB

Dealer: E *Vul:* E/W

NORTH	
♠	AKQ86
♥	K7
♦	9
♣	QJ542
WEST	EAST
♠ 732	♠ 106
♥ A9653	♥ QJ42
♦ Q1072	♦ AKJ53
♣ 3	♣ A8
SOUTH	
♠ J54	
♥ 108	
♦ 864	
♣ K10976	



*Retiring members: David Moran, John Nankervis,
Mary Johnston (a foundation member)
and Susan Goddard.*

Last Monday the club farewelled four members who, for mainly health reasons, decided that it was time to retire from competitive bridge. Their combined time as members came to just short of 100 years. President Sandra Head spoke warmly of their time at the club and made a presentation to each.

Of the four, John was the most combative bidder, seeing his role as preventing the other pair from making a game or finding a game that others were not sufficiently confident to bid. You never bid game in hearts or spades without the worry that John would overcall 5C or 5D. This week's featured hand shows John and partner, Pat Kelly as the only pair to bid and make 4H. Pat (East) opened with 1D, to which John correctly replied 1H. Despite North's attempt to win the auction in spades, John outbid North with 4H. North won the first two tricks with the Ace and King of spades, then switched to a club. John's only club disappeared when dummy's Ace won the trick. Trumps could now be played. North's King would win a third trick for the defence, but the rest of the tricks were East/West's. West's remaining spade could be trumped in dummy or discarded under dummy's fifth diamond.

Results

Monday, 29/09/26 (4½-table Howell): J. Rose C. Duggan (61.5) 1 eq; N. Collins M. Simpson (61.5) 1 eq; P. Kelly L. Munson (58.5) 3; W. Milne J. Sipple (50.5) 4.

Friday, 02/10/26 (4½-table Howell): D. Hambly H. Price (61.5) 1; T. Hinde L. Don (59.9) 2; P. Kelly McGinness (57.8) 3; N. Collins N. Bonnell (52.6) 4.