

# 2014 State Wide Pairs Roll of Honour

## Session One

Board 5, Dealer North, Vul: N-S

	♠ AJ43	
	♥ AKQ	
	♦ AQ	
	♣ KJ53	
♠ 9862		♠ KQ5
♥ J1032		♥ 987654
♦ KJ		♦ 105
♣ 842		♣ 76
	♠ 107	
	♥ ---	
	♦ 9876432	
	♣ AQ109	

The experts' auction was:

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	All pass	

“What an auction! 2C followed by 2NT showed 23+ balanced. 3S asked for a 4-card minor and North confessed to a club suit. 4H was a cue bid. North now knew South must be short in hearts. 4NT was Roman Keycard Blackwood. 5C showed one keycard. 5D asked for the queen of trumps. 5H said “yes and I have extra heart control, but no king of spades or king of diamonds. North now knew that notrumps would be dicey with potential diamond and spade losers. In clubs, however, dummy's spade loser(s) could go on the hearts. 6C is a great contract and deserved to win against those in 6D or 6NT. A mention on our Roll of Honour for those who reach it.”

Of course although 6C deserved to win over 6D or 6NT, everything was very friendly and 13 tricks were available in all three denominations. We were unable to locate anyone who played 6C, although there were a lot of 1390's and 1370's in 6D. These scores respectively garnered 89% and 80% of the matchpoints. As we can't nominate anyone specifically for our Roll of Honour on this hand, let's congratulate the pair who really “pushed the boat out” and bid 7C for an absolute top. Of course, had things not been so friendly they would probably want us to

keep their identities quiet! But since the card gods were on their side, we'll give a bravery and enterprise award to **Gary Charlton** and **Margaret Carr** from Illawarra Bridge Association.

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**Session Two**

**Board 12, Dealer West, Vul: N-S**

<p>♠ J10963 ♥ 764 ♦ QJ3 ♣ A9</p>	<p>♠ Q84 ♥ AKQJ9 ♦ 105 ♣ KQ7</p>
<p>♠ AK7 ♥ 8 ♦ A87 ♣ J108653</p>	<p>♠ 52 ♥ 10532 ♦ K9642 ♣ 42</p>

The experts' auction on this board:

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♣
All pass			

“3NT showed 18-19 and 4C was "minorwood", requesting keycards for clubs. 4NT showed two with the queen. South could see the way home from there. West led a diamond but two quick diamond pitches were taken on good hearts from dummy, leaving very little to the play. In the bidding, North could just as easily have bid 3H (pretending that AKQJ9 was a 6 card suit) rather than 3NT. In fact, it takes a diamond lead from West to defeat 6H, so all is not lost if NS end up in their 5-1 "fit". If any pairs can replicate our experts' result in bidding and making 6C, they will get a mention on the Roll of Honour.”

This was not an easy result to obtain and just three pairs reached the superior spot of 6C. They were:

**Judith Peiti and Janet Brown** from **Ballina Bridge Club**  
**George Szubala and Ken McIvor** from **Illawarra Bridge Association**  
**Gary Charlton and Margaret Carr** from **Illawarra Bridge Association** (where have I heard of that pair before? They really had their bidding boots on!)

1370 for NS was worth 96% of the matchpoints. It wasn't a top as there were a couple of pairs in 6H and even 6NT who were successful when the defence failed to find a diamond lead.

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### Session Three

Board 26, Dealer East, Vul: All

	♠ K72	
	♥ J84	
	♦ AJ43	
	♣ J103	
♠ A		♠ 95
♥ Q75		♥ AK103
♦ 97652		♦ KQ10
♣ KQ64		♣ 8752
	♠ QJ108643	
	♥ 962	
	♦ 8	
	♣ A9	

In session three, our “experts” were all the Computer Program, “Jack”, which has been a regular winner of the World Computer Bridge Championships. Their auction on this hand was short, if not so sweet:

West	North	East	South
		1♣	3♠
5♣	All pass		

“South's pre-empt found a sucker at this table. West plumped for a long-term loser in 5C. A much better call would be a negative double, showing four hearts. When partner (East) has a balanced minimum (very often on a 1C opening), with four hearts, 4H is likely to play much better than 5C. West has both the short trumps and the short spades, so the defence will be tapping the short hand should they attack spades. Another upside to the double is that partner can bid 3NT with J10xx or similar in spades. Those who find the 4H contract (making of course) will appear in our Roll of Honour.”

This time, the Roll of Honour was good enough to score a State Wide top. Four EW pairs returned the score of +620. Of course, our apologies must go to any pair who bid to 4H, but then found that NS took the sacrifice in 4S, which when doubled only netted them +500. They can take some consolation from the fact that on the scoreboard, +500 still scored 95% of the matchpoints. The successful 4H'ers were:

**Vince Kelly and Pam Lonnie** from **Leeton Soldiers Bridge Club**  
**Peter Perry and Eileen Larsen** from **Dubbo Bridge Club**  
**Eileen Pierce and Maureen Baker** from **Ballina Bridge Club**  
**Eric Hurley and Anne Jackson** from **Ballina Bridge Club**.