



# Clarence Gardens Bridge Centre



## Newsletter July 2026

### Change to our Banking Details – New BSB 671-000

We have our own prepayment scheme which allows members to pay their table fees in advance, rather than having to pay at the table. Players then get an email whenever they play advising them of their balance and where they can see their account summary.

Peoples' Choice is now a part of Peoples First, and the BSB code is changing from 805-050 to 671- 000. The account number is unchanged at 102-790-715

When making an online deposit, please make sure that you give your name.

### Playing Against Zoli Nagy

Some of my best results ever came when I played with Zoli, however these days we get more joy in playing against each other. Recently I played against Zoli and Jon Hunt on the first round of the Wednesday pairs at Unley and second seat, favourable vulnerability, I picked up the following hand

♠AKJ10875

♥87

♦542

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East as dealer opened the bidding with one heart, quick four spades from me, double, all pass. A trump was led and dummy came down with:

♠Q9

♥KQJ94

♦J1087

♣86

I won the lead in hand, led a heart towards dummy before anybody could signal, West took the Ace and switched to a club, two overtricks!

### Clarence Gardens GNOT Qualifying

Your chance to earn gold masterpoints in a club environment.

Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am start, finish by 4:30

Entry fee \$20 per head, bring your own lunches.

Entries to David Anderson, or via the website



Elsewhere either East West played in five hearts, making, or North South played in five spades or even six spades, doubled, as a sacrifice.

One table, names not to be revealed, played in 3NT, making, by West on the lead of the spade eight (fourth best). Not a success.

The contract of five hearts, played on a spade lead and continuation is interesting - declarer must establish the East hand by ruffing a third round of diamonds in hand, trumping spade losers in the East hand fails.

DMPRO incidentally states the North South contract of four spades can be held to nine tricks – diamond lead, K♦, Ace♦, slam club to partner's Queen, diamond ruff.

The defence to four clubs by West to hold that contract to just ten tricks is even more obscure – small spade led to South's King, heart ruffed, then spade continuation, promoting a trump trick for South

Admittedly our opponents got the better of us on the other two boards of that round, however after making four spades doubled twice in one round nothing else mattered.

## Monthly Place-Getters

### FRIDAY JUNE PAIRS

- 1 Jinny Fuss & Jackie Ward
- 2 Genevieve Donnelly & Terry Healey
- 3 Carmel & Norman Thompson

### FRIDAY PINK JUNE PAIRS

- 1 Judy Larsen & Brenda McCarthy
- 2 Marlene Chapman & Christina Cheung
- 3 Lynne Cotton & Cynthia Hickey

### MONDAY JUNE PAIRS

- 1 Glenda & John Marshall
- 2 Philip & Penny Williams
- 3 John Neuling & Trevor Parr



**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**  
**MAID OF AUCKLAND, 926 SOUTH ROAD**  
**EDWARDSTOWN**  
**12:00 FOR 12:30, JULY 26TH<sup>a</sup>**  
**PRIOR BOOKINGS TO STUART TUCK**  
**PAY ON THE DAY**

## A Hand from Last Friday

What do you bid with the following hand after partner's one heart opening?

♠82  
♥KQJ3  
♦A10986  
♣A3

If partner has a decent opening and spade control there could easily be a slam, if an ordinary opening the four level could well be your limit.

It's plain that a jump raise to game doesn't do the hand justice, while an immediate Ace ask isn't appropriate, either. Further, you have all those key cards which an Ace ask will expose, so what you really need is for partner with extras to take control.

A common convention that is very suitable here is the 2NT Truscott raise, which promises opening values and at least four card trump support (In my own partnerships we play 2NT showing a good 14 high card points plus, 3NT the same shape, no shortage, 12-14 points). Partner's hand was in fact:

♠AKQ3  
♥A109852  
♦42  
♣7

Just thirteen points, but a hand very suited to slam. With the information provided by the 2NT response all good players should call for Aces via Keycard, find out that partner has two and the trump King, then sail into the easy small slam.

My own auction would have gone as follows:

Opener	Responder
1♥	2NT
3♣(shortage)	3♦(cue bid)
4NT	5♣ (zero or three key cards)
5♦ (further ask)	5♠(trump Queen, no outside Kings)
6♥	Contract

Clarence Gardens GRADED Pairs Congress  
10:00 am Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup>  
A & B Sections,  
Morning & Afternoon Tea Provided  
Bring your own lunches  
Entry Fee \$50 per pair

## My Luckiest Contract

We play five card majors and a strong No Trump so I opened one diamond on the following hand

♠AQ83  
♥J1042  
♦K109  
♣A5

My left-hand opponent overcalled one heart, and partner (not Sharmin!) after some thought bid five diamonds, all pass. The ♥Ace was led and dummy came down with:

♠105  
♥-  
♦87653  
♣K109643

This was going to take some effort on my part! I had no visions of making such a contract so set about minimising the damage by ruffing the opening lead in dummy, then leading a diamond to my ten and opponent's Jack.

My LHO started thinking, a good sign. A heart continuation would have ruined everything, instead he exited with the spade King, won by my Ace. I took my ♣King, dummy's ♣Ace, club from dummy, East's Queen, my ♦9, West overruffed by the ♦Ace.

A spade was led to my Queen, I played my ♦King, small diamond from West, ♦Queen from East, contract! The full deal

♠105	
♥-	
♦87653	
♣K109643	
♠K92	♠J764
♥A9753	♥KQ96
♦AJ2	♦Q4
♣J2	♣Q87
♠AQ83	
♥J1042	
♦K109	
♣A5	

It was a teams match, at the other table the contract was a pedestrian three clubs, going one down.

## Signals

Signalling to partner while you are defending is a must, it's just a matter of how complicated you want your agreements to be.

The simplest are attitude signals, reverse signalling being the norm. So, if partner leads a suit and you want to encourage, you play your lowest, otherwise the highest that you can afford.

Similarly, when discarding an initial low card says that you have a holding in that suit, an intermediate high card says look elsewhere. So, you can encourage the lead of a particular suit by either discarding a low card in that suit or instead parting with a high card from elsewhere. (A more complicated version of this is to play that a low odd discard encourages that suit, low even the lower outside suit, high even the other).

Occasionally you will be leading a card, knowing that partner is going to ruff it, and you want the right suit returned. You achieve this by leading a low card for a lower outside non trump suit, high card for the other.

There will be occasions when, on declarer's lead, you need to give partner the count, i.e. the number of cards you have in that suit. An instance could be when declarer is playing No Trumps, and dummy has a solid suit missing the Ace, no outside entries. Should partner play his Ace on the second or third round? The common agreement here is that an initial low card shows an even number, high card for odd.

There are of course several other permutations of this. Some pairs play high to encourage, and high with an even number. Some also give suit preference signals while following to declarer's lead, anything other than bottom to the top suggesting values in a particular suit. There was even a set of signals that were banned, since they couldn't be read by the opponents until too late – they used the rank of a card that partner knew they had, but declarer didn't, to determine the signals in use.

So, it's up to you and your partner. As a minimum I recommend you play what is laid out in the second and third paragraphs above.

## GLENELG GNOT Qualifying

I directed the Glenelg Bridge Club's GNOT qualifying on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>. The top three teams were each to receive free entry to the State Final on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The event took the form of Swiss Teams with five matches, each of eight boards. Gold masterpoints, 0.32 for each match won, were awarded. Clarence Gardens will be holding their own event on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

The team of Clarence Gardens regulars in Rosemary Moten, Cynthia Brinkman, Paul Acfield and Graeme Stucley were the winners and will be representing Glenelg in the State Final.

The winners had built a substantial lead coming into the final round and were hoping for an uneventful session. This was not to be.

*Board 17*

Dlr Nth	♠Q	
Nil vul	♥KJ4	
	♦742	
	♣KJ10632	
♠K		♠A107532
♥62		♥Q6
♦AJ109863		♦KQ5
♣Q84		♣97
	♠J9864	
	♥A109873	
	♦-	
	♣A5	

What do you on the South hand with a passed partner after East opens a weak two spades? You could bid, hoping there is a game your way, despite all those spade losers or else you could pass, expecting them to go down a few Contracts varied widely from five hearts by North South making an easy 12 tricks to various diamond and spade contracts by East West, and notably five spades doubled down five.

*Board 18*

Dlr East	♠98743	
Nth-Sth vul	♥A98	
	♦K863	
	♣10	
♠AK1065		♠-
♥765		♥K102
♦J1092		♦AQ
♣4		♣AKJ98652
	♠QJ2	
	♥QJ43	
	♦974	
	♣Q73	

East invariably opened 2♣, partner responds 2♠, 3♣ by opener, what next? 3NT is the only making game contract, 5♣ on the marked heart lead being quite unpleasant.

*Board 20*

Dlr West	♠872	
All vul	♥AJ108	
	♦Q84	
	♣A64	
♠6		♠A4
♥Q76532		♥94
♦-		♦AJ9652
♣KQ10973		♣J85
	♠KQJ10953	
	♥K	
	♦K1073	
	♣2	

West has a six-six-one shape, partner having little support for either suit and a six card suit of their own, while South has spades all to himself. The values are with North South, if West gets too excited it could be expensive.

*Board 24*

Dlr: West	♠Q94	
Nil vul.	♥AQ	
	♦KQ109543	
	♣Q	
♠K1087652		♠-
♥7		♥J653
♦-		♦AJ76
♣K542		♣AJ873
	♠J3	
	♥K109842	
	♦82	
	♣1096	

Last hand of the day, with plenty of fireworks. 4♠ makes easily, 6♠ doubled didn't on the lead of the ♥Ace (well done Martin Walton, would have made on a diamond lead), and 5♦ doubled went down three, four, or five tricks.

Results are at [bridgeinthecity.net.au/SABF/2026/glenelggnot.htm](http://bridgeinthecity.net.au/SABF/2026/glenelggnot.htm)