



# Clarence Gardens Bridge Centre



## Newsletter June 2026

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

We have our own prepayment scheme, allowing members to pay their table fees in advance. Players then get an email each time they play advising them of their balance, while containing a link to an internet schedule of all their deposits and deductions.

Peoples Choice is now becoming a part of Peoples First, and the BSB code is changing from 805-050 to 677- 000. The account number is unchanged at 102-790-715

Payments can be also be made to the Director on duty, or else online into the following  
Finally, when making an online deposit, please make sure that you give your name.

### The Slamming Makins

The Makins, Cecilia and Kent, recently earned a newsletter entry for the following auction. Well, they've been at it again, with the average number of slams being bid in the Purple section on Fridays going up appreciably due to their presence.

1♠ P 2♥  
6NT P 7NT

The following three boards were all part of a round that I played with Ron Liddy against Pieter Dieperink and Robyn Hargreaves, the previous month's champions. I thought that we had done rather well until I saw what the Makins had gotten up to.

First board:

♠A1098  
♥AQ10754  
♦A5  
♣7  
  
♠KQJ7653  
♥K2  
♦KJ  
♣95

We reached 6♠, a diamond was led, thirteen tricks. Top board? No, the Makins bid and made the Grand Slam! (That's right, missing an Ace!)

### Second board

♠A108632

♥Q107

♦A762

♣-

♠975

♥AKJ843

♦KJ3

♣K

The opposition made life difficult with their 12 card club fit. Making just 11 tricks when the spades divided 3-1. The Makins, needless to say, were in the small slam, going one down. (Justice for the first board)

### Third board

♠AJ3

♥AJ7

♦KJ108

♣Q93

♠974

♥3

♦A52

♣AKJ1076

Partner, sitting North, opened 1NT, 2♣ from East showing the majors, 3NT from me, partner guessed the diamond suit correctly to make an excellent 12 tricks.

And, at the Makin table? Undaunted, after Cecilia's 1NT opening Kent bid 6NT, making when his partner found the ♦ Queen. What can one do?



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

## 2026 Rotary Congress

The annual Rotary Congress fundraiser was held at Unley on May 31st, with all proceeds going towards Polio Research and cure.

There were 35 tables in play, with more than \$6,000 raised. The winners over the winners over the four different sections were:

### ROTARY PAIRS - A GRADE

- 1 Therese Demarco & Sue Lusk
- 2 Attilio De Luca & Zoli Nagy
- 3 Axel Johannsson & Kate McCallum

### ROTARY PAIRS - B GRADE

- 1 Brian & Carolyn Leach
- 2 Dennis Reynolds & Carmel Thompson
- 3 Louis Kent & Josh Tomlin

### ROTARY PAIRS - C GRADE

- 1 Mary Drikas & Phil Thomas
- 2 Melinda Andrews & Alison Bullock
- 3 Ray Dohnt & Barbara Young

### ROTARY PAIRS - D GRADE

- 1 Judith Cross & Leanne Goodes
- 2 Mike Nordstrom & Sue Park
- 3 Angy Henn & Ruth Sladek

On the very first board of the tournament, second seat, all vulnerable, one of our top players picked up:

- ♠K5
- ♥10
- ♦AKQJ9743
- ♣J4

East in front of him opened 1♠, so our player tried 3NT - he would have eight diamonds to cash as soon as he won the lead. West doubled, everybody passed.

## 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

The full deal:

♠QJ32	
♥6	
♦85	
♣1098765	
♠54	♠A10987
♥AKQJ987543	♥J2
♦2	♦106
♣K	♣AQ32
♠K5	
♥10	
♦AKQJ9743	
♣J4	

The result? Down nine, making no tricks at all. The defenders carefully took their eight tricks, ♣King, then across to East's ♠Ace for the rest. At least it was matchpoints.

## Director!

The following incident occurred at Unley during a teams event. I'm sharing it with you to show that directing isn't all about movements, revokes, and leads out of turn.

Dlr: West	♠K107432	
NS vul	♥AQ109	
	♦J9	
	♣6	
♠-		♠965
♥J42		♥K875
♦AQ2		♦653
♣AK10974		♣QJ3
	♠AQJ8	
	♥63	
	♦K10874	
	♣82	

The auction

W	N	E	S
1♣	2♠	P	P*
3♣	3♥	P	3♠
P	P	P	

\* hesitation, not acknowledged – player claims he always hesitates.

The jump 2♠ overall was described as weak so the subsequent 3♥ call, vulnerable against not, was a surprise. East-West claimed that South hesitated for some time before his initial pass, which was denied.

My ruling: The hesitation is very likely to have occurred – having such excellent spade support and an outside King is certainly worth thinking about. Therefore North’s 3♥ call was disallowed, since very few players of that standard would make such a bid.

However, should North have correctly passed, South will certainly find a 3♠ call, so there has been no damage and the final contract stands.

East, having worked out that they make 4♣, then claimed that he would have made such a call. I asked why, since he was in the pass out seat, didn’t he?

### An Introduction to the Scoring Process

You have keyed your scores into the Bridgemate, these are then forwarded to the server, then to a database on the computer, and finally to the scoring software

First of all for the following seven table example the program ranks the scores on each board, as per the following example. There are seven scores so top is six, bottom is zero

NS	EW	contract	NS Score	EW Score	NS pts	EW pts
1	1	Passed In	0		2	4
2	3	1NTS	120		4.5	1.5
3	5	2HE	200		6	0
4	7	2SS	110		3	3
5	2	3NS		200	0	6
6	4	1NTN	120		4.5	1.5
7	6	2DE		90	1	5

You will see that a score is duplicated, so the pairs concerned have shared the ranking points.

The points for each pair are then totalled, divided by the maximum available then displayed as a percentage,

It doesn’t matter that some pairs have played more hands than others, say through not having a sit-out. A pair’s score is determined by totalling the matchpoints for the boards actually played, then dividing by the maximum obtainable.

Also, there will be occasions when some boards have been played more than others. It’s important that each board has the same worth, so those with lesser number of scores have their matchpoints factored up using an obscure computer-only formula.

Hands that are passed in are included in this calculation, the score of zero being ranked against the others on that board.

A board that is taken away from a table is ignored, unless the director awards, say, 60%/40%, because one pair is more at fault than the other.

## Let's Play a Hand

♠AK  
♥KJ7  
♦J1086  
♣AQ72

♠5  
♥AQ4  
♦A542  
♣KJ1086

Your contract is 6♣ on the lead of the ♠Jack. It doesn't look good initially, however looking more closely you see that, provided trumps divide at worst 3-1 you can always make your contract, by discarding a diamond on dummy's ♠King, drawing trumps in two or three rounds, and taking your three heart tricks, finishing in hand.

Your situation now:

♠-  
♥-  
♦J1086  
♣Q  
  
♠-  
♥-  
♦A54  
♣86

If a defender has a singleton honour, or KQ doubleton, your contract will always make.

The opponents have five diamonds between them. If the diamond honours are divided then playing the ♦Ace followed by a small diamond, presumably won by the doubleton honour, will give you a diamond discard in hand and a ruff in dummy, for your contract.

What if one hand has both diamond honours? To make your contract you need to lead low from hand towards dummy's ♦Jack, end playing that person. This line of play will also work if West has a doubleton honour, and plays that card.

So, which line of play is it to be? You know that you can make your contract, but how?



## VALE ELIZABETH JONES

(Elsie Elizabeth Horne born 17/12/1940)  
From a village in England, Liz married Terry and followed him to Tripoli, Libya, where he had been posted, beginning a life of adventure far from home. They returned to England then after 10 years chose to emigrate to South Australia, taking up work at the Mount Gunson copper mine, some 50 kilometres from Woomera. In time, they settled in Adelaide, where they went on to run a café in the heart of the city.

Lizzie was a cherished friend, whom I have known since she and Terry came to play at Clarence Gardens in 2003. Over the years, she became a much-loved part of our community, sharing not only her

enthusiasm for bridge but also her warmth and companionship.

Liz and Terry always partnered each other at bridge, they had been together since she was 16 and were constant companions. In later years she played with Margaret, Ingrid, Ross and Fiona, always enjoying the game and the drink after. She went on all the Bridge congresses, Barossa, McCracken, Clare and Barmera as well as trips away for Hand and Foot, a game we played often Sundays morning through to evening. Liz and I also shared a memorable trip touring India together, a delightful holiday filled with laughter and fun.

Liz had a passion for Association Croquet and encouraged many of her bridge friends to take up the game. She was also a devoted armchair sportswoman, especially when it came to tennis, when you dare not disturb her. A constant in her life was her love of jigsaw puzzles, always set out on her specially made board, a pastime she continued to enjoy even in her final days. She was a keen gardener, her backyard was like a beautiful organised jungle.

Liz was very proud of her family, two sons, four grandsons and two great grandsons, she often said, with a smile, that she would have loved to have a girl somewhere along the way.

Liz passed away at Mary Potter Hospice on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May. I will miss her.

Sue Phillips

## Monthly Placegetters

### Monday May Pairs

- 1 Glenda & John Marshall
- 2 Jackie & Warren Ward
- 3 Genevieve Donnelly & Terry Healey

### FRIDAY MAY PAIRS

- 1 Peter Dieperink & Robyn Hargreaves
- 2 Genevieve Donnelly & Terry Healey
- 3 Varn Treleggan & Bronwyn Vale

### FRIDAY PINK MAY PAIRS

- 1 Irma Ryan & Greg Staker
- 2 Ken Stone & Peter Tuck
- 3 John Hickey & Glenn Trenwith

## Raising Partner's Suit Overcall

The requirements for a simple overcall are much less than what is needed for an opening bid – a decent suit should get a mention wherever possible, even if the player has just eight or so high card points. You may not win the contract, but your defence will often be much better.

So, having a near to opening hand opposite partner's overcall, and support, doesn't mean that there is a game on your way. However, you do need to be able to properly tell your partner what you have got.

With this in mind the better players invariably play cue raises, using the opponent's suit to show that support is genuine, with values.

Therefore, after the opposition 1♦ opening and partner's 1♠ overcall, the following support calls are available:

- 2♦ - three card support, 10+ points
- 2♠ - three card support, at most 9 points
- 3♦ - four card support , 10+ points
- 3♠ - four card support, at most 9 points

Unprotected honours in the opener's suit should be discounted

## Changed Starting Time

From May 1<sup>st</sup> Clarence Gardens Bridge Centre sessions start at 12:40, with players seated by 12.30

Late arrivals will only be included at the Director's discretion.

If you are running late, please phone or text.