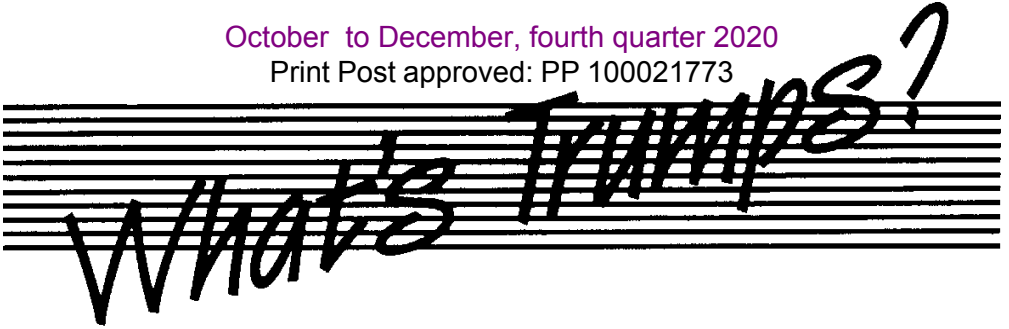


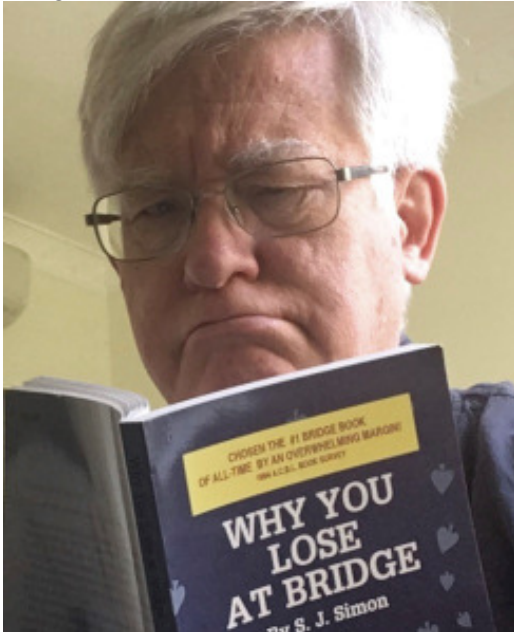
October to December, fourth quarter 2020

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CELEBRATION!

As this newsletter goes to print, Australia is celebrating minimal COVID cases. However, given ongoing restrictions against buffets, Trumps is celebrating its 32nd Birthday in a more low key way than usual, with drinks and bbq on Saturday 10 October alongside our normal supervised (morning) and open (afternoon) sessions. We also have gold points (and IMPs scoring) on Friday afternoons and evenings for five weeks from 9 October, and lessons are about to start. And meanwhile in the Interclub at the end of September, Rob Holgate (left) and Neil Williams won the top category – luckily Rob's pregame reading on losing at bridge, and Neil's Number 19 table did not adversely affect their performance!



Red Points

There are **Red Masterpoints** (or Gold points) on **Friday afternoons (1.20 for 1.30pm)**. Most are walk-in duplicates. Occasionally **RED Points** are offered on Wednesday afternoons on BBO, including **RED Points on BBO 1.30pm Wed 14 Oct to celebrate Trumps birthday.**

Gold Points

Fridays 1.20/7pm for 5 weeks from 9 October to 6 November. **GOLD masterpoints**, no extra charge. Runs like an ordinary duplicate, but with IMPs scoring, like teams. Winners to the Honours Plaque.

32nd Birthday

Saturday 10 October. BBQ and drinks offered at no extra charge, alongside our usual morning supervised & afternoon open games.

**Melbourne Cup**

Tuesday 3 Nov at 1.20pm. Champagne, nibbles, sweeps, hat prizes, TVs, lots of fun. Members \$20, visitors \$25. Bookings essential, places limited! (Normal sessions for morning and evening. This year our cup extravaganza is timed to coincide with the normal afternoon session, rather than run all day.)

**Spring Teams**

Sunday 8 November, 10am - 5.15pm. **Red Points** and cash prizes. \$40 per player, includes lunch.

Day Xmas Party

Sunday 6 December. 12.30pm lunch and drink, then 1.30pm duplicate. \$25/\$35 including bridge. Winners on ratings.

Night Xmas Party

Friday 18 Dec at 5.30 for 5.45pm, Taste of India, \$35 (subsidised for members, \$30) includes dinner and a drink. Followed by 7 for 7.15pm duplicate \$15 (mems \$12). Please book. Winners on ratings.

Regular program for 2020 ends Thursday 24 December (morning runs full session, afternoon is short, and no night). See **Trumps Festival of Bridge** booklet for details of the program from that time, including Festival events 26 December 2020 to 1 January 2021. Format of the Festival has not yet been confirmed; it is likely we will have some online tournaments, as well as our usual face-to-face events.

Holidays



2020 started with a bang with a South Pacific cruise on the Celebrity Solstice (above) but after that auspicious start, the holiday scene fizzled out!

We had a great vacation lined up at the Fairmont Resort (below) in Leura in March, but COVID crashed the party. We resolved to go anyway if we could (with those who still wanted to), but the nation locked down and it was all off!



We could have run Canberra in September and a few were keen, but no-one had deposited and our Victorian friends could not attend, so we announced that would not be held.

Would you like to holiday in 2021? Maybe the Fairmont early in the year? If so, would you like pure holiday or a big congress included? Let us know your preferences!

Win a book!

Bidding forum problems for the next issue of *What's Trumps* appear below. A prize goes to "closest match to Ron's &/or Derrick's answers" (Andrew Morrison won last issue). Matchpoint scoring; experienced opponents. You are South. Email your answers to [Derrick:trumps@trumps.net.au](mailto:Derrick.trumps@trumps.net.au)

1) North Deals, Nil Vulnerable

♠ QJ
♥ K 10 5 4
♦ A 8 6 4
♣ 10 4 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♦	3♠	?

2) West Deals, EW Vulnerable

♠ AKJ
♥ Q 7 6 5 3 2
♦ —
♣ Q 9 5 4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
2♣	2♦	Pass	?

3) North Deals, NS Vulnerable

♠ 6 4
♥ A 10 9 8 3
♦ A 10
♣ K Q 8 7

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♦	1♥	?

4) West Deals, Nil Vulnerable

♠ QJ 4
♥ 10 9 8
♦ Q 4
♣ AQ 9 6 5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	2♦	Pass	?

Unmasked!

Some players have asked why we have free masks available for players at Trumps.

This is thanks to a kind gift from the Dongbei Business Associates. Dongbei is the North-East region of China (or literally East-North, as in **Shandong** or “Mountain East” province of China, and **Beijing** or “North capital” of China).

This association of business people originating from the North-East or China donated thousands of masks and other supplies. We were pleased to accept these, on condition that they accepted some beginner bridge books and agreed to learn the game!

While we insist on all players following protocols such as sanitising, masks are optional - but do feel free to take one of these complimentary masks if you would like to wear it during play! See the video on our website for details of other procedures at Trumps during these “interesting” times.



Serious 3NT (for serious partnerships) by **Derrick**

After having established an eight-card or longer major suit fit, it is unlikely you would want to change tack and play in notrumps. In the early 1980s, leading player and theorist Eric Rodwell decided that a bid of 3NT in such auctions would be better used not to offer a choice of games, but rather to show strong slam interest – the Serious 3NT. (Many players invert this, playing Non-Serious 3NT.)

Often in a possible slam auction it is important to know whether a control bid (cue bid, showing ace or other control in that suit) promises extra strength. This is particularly the case when neither partner's strength has been well defined.

For example, partner opens 1♥ and you respond 2NT, Jacoby (showing 4+ support and 13+ Total Points) with each of the hands below. Partner bids 3♠, showing a singleton or void in that suit. What are your plans with each of the following?

♠ A 9 7	♠ A 9 7	♠ A J 9 7
♥ Q 10 8 7	♥ A 10 8 7	♥ A K Q 5
♦ A Q 10 9	♦ A Q 10 9	♦ Q 10 9
♣ 7 6	♣ 7 6	♣ 7 6
Bid 4♦	Bid 3NT	Bid 3NT

Opposite partner's spade shortage, the first hand is a highly suitable minimum, and would like to cue 4♦ to show slam interest – as long as partner will not expect more. The second hand is even better, and would like to show that. The third hand is also strong, but with nothing to cue below the safety of game level, how does it show slam interest? Answer: the last two bid 3NT to show serious interest in slam.

When does Serious 3NT apply?

For many players, the most useful application will be the one already mentioned: in a Jacoby 2NT auction.

However, the convention is particularly helpful if playing "2-over-1". In this system, responder's 2-level new suit is a game force (GF), which eliminates the need to jump to show strength – but Serious 3NT is then invaluable in game versus slam decisions.

The Serious 3NT also applies in other situations where the major suit fit is guaranteed, and a game forcing bid has been made at the 3-level.

Principle: 3NT is Serious if an eight-card major fit has been set and the auction was already game forcing.

Possible exceptions: some pairs agree not to play Serious 3NT if either partner had bid a natural 2NT, and many exclude auctions where the opponents have bid (not doubled).

Possible additions: some pairs agree that 3NT is Serious any time the bidding is at the 3-level and a certain major fit has been established.



Eric Rodwell

Is 3NT in the following auctions Serious?

1♠ 2NT (Jacoby)

3♥ (0-1 hearts) 3NT

3NT here is Serious. The major fit and game force had been set.

1♥ 1♠

3♥ 3NT

This is a normal, natural 3NT; no fit had been established.

1♠ 2♥

3♣ 3♦ (4SF)

3♥ 3NT

After fourth suit forcing, 3♥ showed a doubleton (not fit), so 3NT is natural

1♥ 1♠

2♣ 2♦ (4SF)

2♠ 3♥

3NT

The 2♠ bid showed delayed support, but if 3♥ showed fit and GF (recommended), 3NT = Serious

1♠ 2♥

3♥ 3NT

*If 3♥ is GF (e.g. in 2/1), strength has not been limited so 3NT needed as Serious. (Others **may** add this situation.)*

1♠ 2♥

2♠ 3♠

3NT

If 3♠ is GF with fit (e.g. in 2/1), 3NT is Serious. (If 3♠ invitational, 3NT natural.)

1♦ 1♥

1♠ 3♠

3NT

3♠ was not forcing; it limited the hand so it is not necessary or "standard" to play 3NT as Serious (but many play it after all these major fit auctions)

How the Serious 3NT operates

The general approach to control (cue) bidding is "up the line", i.e. show the cheapest control first. The same principle applies to the Serious 3NT: if you bypass it, you deny being strong enough to bid it.

Say you are playing 2-over-1, and partner opens 1♠, you respond 2♥, and partner raises to 3♥ (forcing). Partner's raise covers a wide range of hands – a classic situation where the Serious 3NT will be useful to untangle the game versus slam question:

♠ A	♠ —	♠ 10 9
♥ Q10 8 7 6	♥ A Q10 8 7	♥ A Q 6 5 2
♦ A K Q J 9	♦ A K Q 10 9	♦ A Q 10
♣ 7 6	♣ 7 6 4	♣ 7 6 2

Cue up the line, 3♠ (not Serious 3NT) with the first hand. Many prefer not to cue shortage in partner's suit, and would bid 3NT Serious (rather than 3♠ cue) with the second hand. The last hand is minimum but with some useful cards, and cues 4♦, comforted that partner knows this is not a serious slam try.

You open 1♠, partner responds 2♦ GF, and you raise to 3♥, forcing. Partner cues 4♣. Where to now?

♠ K J 10 8 7	♠ K Q 10 8 7	♠ A K Q J 10
♥ A 10 8 7	♥ A 10 8 7	♥ A K 6 5 2
♦ A J	♦ A Q	♦ 6
♣ 7 6	♣ 7 6	♣ 7 6

Partner's 4♣ is non-Serious (bypassed 3NT) so the first hand signs off in 4♥. The second hand is stronger, and cues 4♦ (diamond control and slam interest) The last hand uses 4NT (or 4♣ if playing Kickback) to find out how many aces partner has.

Again you open 1♠, partner bids 2♥ GF, and you raise to 3♥, but this time partner bids 3NT (Serious):

♠ K J 10 8 7	♠ A 10 8 7 6	♠ A K Q 10 3
♥ A 10 8	♥ K Q 4 3	♥ K 10 6 5 2
♦ A 3 2	♦ A 3	♦ 6
♣ 7 6	♣ 7 6	♣ K 6

The first hand respects partner's 3NT and cooperates with a 4♦ cue, but will pass a 4♥ signoff. The second hand cues 4♦ and (over 4♥) persists with 4♣. The last hand launches directly into Blackwood.

How Serious must you be?

To use the Serious 3NT, you should typically be at least a king above a sound minimum for your bidding to date.

Consider also what you need from partner; the Serious 3NT suggests you are interested in slam if partner has a suitable but fairly minimum hand:

YOUR HAND

♠ A 7 6 2
♥ AK 7 5 2
♦ 10 9
♣ 6 2

1♥

2NT 3♠

?

PARD'S

♠ 8
♥ QJ 8 6 4
♦ AK 4
♣ AK 9 8

Partner showed a singleton or void in spades. As little as A-K and A in partner's minors will make 6♥ a good bet, so despite being minimum for your Jacoby 2NT, you have a comfortable Serious 3NT – and this spurs partner to ask for keycards and perhaps bid 7♥, knowing you have extras.

Consider the auction with these hands:

YOUR HAND

PARD'S HAND

♠ K Q J
♥ 7 5 3 2
♦ Q J 9
♣ K Q J

1♥

2NT 3♠

?

♠ 8
♥ QJ 8 6 4
♦ AK 4
♣ A 10 9 8

This time your Jacoby 2NT is stronger in high cards, yet it is soft and miserable opposite partner's heart opener with short spades. Sign off in 4♥, or bid 4♣ (Italian style cues, first or second round control). Your failure to bid 3NT Serious will prevent partner from venturing beyond 4♥ (and even that goes down if hearts misbehave).

Partner opens 1♠, you respond 2♥ GF and partner raises to 3♥:

♠ QJ	♠ 7 6	♠ 7
♥ KQ1076	♥ KQ1076	♥ AQ10762
♦ AK32	♦ AK32	♦ AQ1032
♣ 7 6	♣ QJ	♣ 7

Bid 3NT Serious on the first hand (Q-J useful in partner's suit) and third hand (great shape, great suits).

System considerations

The frequency and usefulness of Serious 3NT is high if playing 2-over-1 Game Force. After responder forces to game by shifting at the 2-level, the raise to 3-major should guarantee a fit (so 3NT is Serious).

After starting with a 2-over-1 game force bid, even supporting the major at the 2-level is best played as guaranteeing a fit (rather than mere tolerance). Rather than control bid straight away over this, it makes sense for opener to further describe shape:

WEST HAND

♠ AK 4 3 2
♥ A
♦ 10 9 8 2
♣ A 5 2

1♠ 2♦ 3♣ 3♥

EASTHAND

♠ QJ 5
♥ 6 5 4
♦ AK
♣ KQ10 9 8

Partner showed a singleton or void in spades. As little as A-K and A in partner's minors will make 6♥ a good bet, so despite being minimum for your Jacoby 2NT, you have a comfortable Serious 3NT – and this will spur partner with that actual hand to ask for keycards and perhaps bid 7♥, knowing you have extras.

In Strong 2♣ auctions, raising to 3-major (as distinct from giving preference) is assumed to show a fit:

WEST HAND

♠ AK 4 3 2
♥ A
♦ 10 9 8 2
♣ A 5 2

2♣ 2♥ 2♠ 3♠ 4♣ 4♥ 4♠

EASTHAND

♠ QJ 5
♥ 6 5 4
♦ AK
♣ KQ10 9 8

With a spade fit found, it is recommended that 3NT by West would be Serious, not choice of contracts. West's 4♣ cue was Non-Serious (in the context of 22+), so East stopped in game.

Serious 3NT is useful for advanced partnerships. If you adopt it, agree some simple rules as to when it applies. ♣♥

Bidding Forum

Moderated by Alex Kemeny

You are South in these hands. Choose your call then compare with the experts. Trumps Standard and Pairs scoring in all four.

On our panel, Derrick Browne and leading world bridge authorities Barry Rigal and Ron Klinger are joined by Nick Fahrer from The Bridge Shop and NSW representatives Nick Hughes, Nicoleta Giura, and Tina Zines.

If you'd like the chance to win a book, next quarter's problems are on page 3.

1) South Deals, Both Vulnerable

♠ A 6 2
♥ 9
♦ A J 5
♣ A 9 8 6 5 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1♦	2♦	?

CALL	VOTES
2♥	3
2♠	1
3♣	3

As is usually the case, most of this edition's hands are from recent sessions at Trumps.

Zines: 2♥. A matter of partnership agreement. I play 3♣ natural non-forcing and 2♥ (Texas style) showing limit or better values with a club suit.

Yes, great idea. As your opponent is showing both majors, you are not ever interested in bidding those suits Hence 3♣ and 3♦ are non-forcing. To force and show clubs (the lower possible suit) you bid the lower of their suits (hearts here). 2♠ here would show diamonds and be forcing for one round.

Rigal: 2♥. Here I play the highest cubid below partner's suit is a raise, the other cue bid is the fourth suit invitational plus, fourth suit is non-forcing (6-10 or so). So 2♥ is clubs and I will do that and see what happens next. No need to jump or set diamonds yet.

That's a similar approach.

Browne: 2♥. With East having shown both majors, I bid 2♥ here to show clubs (while 2♠ would show diamonds; both of these show over 10 points, while 3♣ or 3♦ would show lesser hands).

Giura 2♠. When they show two suits, we show stoppers. So partner will know what to do with sa Qx, AQx, QTxxxx. Kx. 3♦ would be my second choice, but if West bids 3♠, partner won't know what to do with this hand.

And that's yet another approach. As you can see, the Michaels cuebid from an opponent gives your partnership a lot of options. Have you discussed the possibilities with your partner?

Hughes: 3♣. Too early for masterminding

Fahrer: 3♣. Natural and forcing.

Klinger: 3♣. Natural, forcing. Yes, we could collect a useful penalty, but we might equally have a slam available, perhaps a grand slam. The penalty from 2♥ or 2♠ doubled might not even compensate for game our way.

Our last three panellists obviously prefer to use 2♥ or 2♠ as stopper-showing, but want to show the clubs first.

4, AJ8, KT843, KQJT was in partner's hand, meaning we can make 7♣, 7♦ or 7NT.

2) East Deals, NS Vulnerable

♠ J 4 2
♥ A K
♦ K Q 10 8
♣ Q J 3 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	?
	2♦ = Transfer to Hearts		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	2♥	?
	CALL	VOTES	
	Pass	7	

Browne: Pass. Sure, it could be right to play in the 5-2 heart fit, e.g. if partner has two small spades, but I would not do it. Correcting to 4♥ would be more tempting after a similar auction starting with a 2NT opening, in which case partner will often be so weak as to have no entry to the hearts unless they are trumps.

Fahrer: Pass. Although I have seen research that advocates bidding 4♥ with two honours doubleton.

Giura: Pass. Definitely.

Nick predicted what actually happened at the table here:

Hughes: Pass. I guess they took five spade tricks when 4♥ was cold. Too bad. With xx, QJxxx, xx, AKxx partner would have bid 3♣, getting us to 4♥.

I prefer to play a 3♣ rebid from responder as showing slam-interest, but each to his own.

Klinger: Pass. As partner has at most 3 points in hearts, partner will have 7+ points elsewhere. We might fail, of course, but so might 4♥. We could be making 3NT opposite xxx, Jxxxx, Axx, AK or similar with 4♥ hopeless. And 4♥ could be fine with xx, QJxxx, Axx, Kxx with 3NT down. The field will be in 3NT. While 4♥ could be right, there is insufficient evidence to suggest 4♥ will be better.

Rigal: Pass. I think passing is mainstream. Hard to explain bidding 4♥ unless you know partner's hand. As a general rule if you don't want to play hearts facing three don't transfer, use Stayman.

Zines: Pass. Don't want to second-guess partner's hand. I just pass, hoping 9 tricks are within closer reach than 10 on a 5-2 semi-fit.

After this auction, what would you lead against 3NT from AK8, T96, A9763, T6? If a top spade or diamond, your side takes 6 tricks. If something else, 3NT makes 11 tricks.

3) North Deals, Nil Vulnerable

♠ Q
♥ K Q 9 7 2
♦ 10 6 4 3 2
♣ K Q

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♥	2♠	3♠
4♠	Pass	Pass	?
	2♠ = Weak		
	3♠ = Strong raise of hearts		

CALL	VOTES
5♥	4
Pass	2
Double	1

Fahrer: 5♥. Double with a ten card fit out of the question.

Rigal: 5♥, clearly. No defence (imagine our hearts were five small - that's how good they are on defence). Second choice: can't think of one. Partner's pass was forcing of course. Even if partner had doubled 4♠, I may have bid 5♥.

With defensive cards and/or good spades, partner would have doubled 4♠.

Browne: 5♥, though with a sinking feeling that this contract and 4♠ might each be destined for defeat. Still, if partner can't double their 4♠ contract, I can't either, given that my heart honours will be useless in defence.

Some panellists didn't like the 3♠ bid last round.

Giura: Pass. I would have bid 4♥ immediately.

Hughes: Double. Don't like 3♠ much with this offensive hand. Prefer 4♥, leaving partner to decide what to do over 4♠. After my 3♠, partner might have been thinking about bidding at the 5-level but decided not to, thinking that I had a more balanced hand that wanted to defend 4♠ doubled. Having backed myself into a corner, I will accept the -590 if they happen to make.

Zines: 5♥. Would have preferred 4♥ the first time, suggesting a distributional hand with minimum defence. Now I not very happily guess to bid 5♥.

3♠ was probably chosen because opposite as little as Axx, Axxxx, x, Axxx, we can make 6♥.

Klinger. Pass. I have bid my hand with 3♠. Partner has elected to defend. Why should I over-rule partner?

I think partner, who held a thin T8, AJ643, AJ9, JT6 opening, has passed the decision to you, rather than explicitly saying "we should defend".

Both 4♥ and 4♠ make, but nothing higher. So our side (with 23 points) had to sacrifice in 5♥ against their making 4♠!

4) North Deals, Nil Vulnerable

♠ A Q 3
♥ Q J 10 6
♦ K Q J 7 5
♣ J

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	?

4♣ = At least KQxxx in clubs

CALL	VOTES
4♦	1
4NT	6

Browne: 4♦. Ideally I would like to be able to bid 4♦, if we are playing "last train" (where there is only one bid available below the signoff bid (4♥ here) that bid shows slam interest)

The convention was both devised by World Champion Jeff Meckstroth and named by him after the Monkees song "Last Train to Clarksville".

Alternatively, 4♦ could be a control bid but not promising specifically the ace (if partner knows I may cue the king or singleton).

I don't want to go straight Blackwood, for fear this could push us too high if partner has KJ, Kxxxx, x, KQxxx. But you don't want to sign off because partner will then pass with x, Axxxx, Ax, AQxxx, in which case we miss slam.

Klinger: 4NT (or 4♠ if that is Roman Keycard Blackwood). Partner could have enough for a slam x,AKxxx,Ax,KQxxx. We could be too high in 5♥ opposite KJ,Kxxxx,x,KQxxx. In general, optimism pays.

Hughes: 4NT Blackwood, then maybe 6NT if partner shows three keycards.

Giura: 4NT Roman Keycard Blackwood. Obviously partner is interested in slam, maybe has a void in spades or diamonds (when Blackwood is not suitable). If partner has: x,AKxxx,Ax,AQxxx we'll find 7♥.

Fahrer: 4NT. Roman Keycard for Hearts

Rigal 4NT, unsophisticated but what the hell, I've done worse.

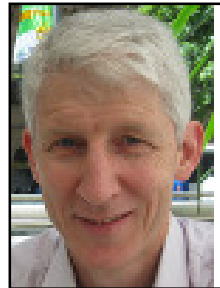
Zines: 4NT. A lot of values outside partner's suits downgrades this hand, but on a good day, I'll try keycard, subsiding in 5♥ opposite only two, and choose 6NT over three to protect my spade tenace (AQ). I hope partner's singleton is spades, else he may go down on a spade lead in 5♥.

6♥ can be made, partner holding J4,AK852,3,AQ943. But in the 2020 Open Interstate Teams Selection, only one out of 17 declarers in 6♥ was successful. Spades were 4/4 with the king onside and that hand also held KT652 in clubs. The other defender held six diamonds.

How the panel voted:

	1	2	3	4
Zines	2♥	Pass	5♥	4NT
Klinger	3♣	Pass	Pass	4NT
Hughes	3♣	Pass	Dbf	4NT
Giura	2♠	Pass	Pass	4NT
Fahrer	3♣	Pass	5♥	4NT
Browne	2♥	Pass	5♥	4♦
Rigal	2♥	Pass	5♥	4NT

♠♥♦♣



Alex Kemeny

ABF Promotions

Here are Home Club members who achieved a new rank in the **ABF Masterpoint Scheme in the last nine months.**

If you're on the list, we have a certificate for you. You may even claim a small reward with it.

Silver Life:

Neil Williams

Bronze Life:

Patricia Armstrong

Colleen Kelly

Life:

Lydia Gibbs

Peter FitzMaurice

*** National Master:**

Alex Kemeny

Kevin Murray

National Master:

Kerry McKay

Gail McKenzie

*** State Master**

Christine Algie

State Master:

Barry Feyder

Margaret Mahoney

Note: To achieve any of the ranks listed above, you need to play some red point events. At Trumps, this primarily means Wednesday afternoons, Sunday congresses and our Easter and Summer Festival of Bridge.

Regional Master:

Tim Bestelink

Warrick Birch

Ingrid Graves

Bill Higgins

Mary McBean

Simon Moore

****Local Master:**

Graham Blackman

Heather Hyde

Dave McLeod

*** Local Master:**

Jan Bloom

Steve Jappy

Deirdre Manning

Bryan Meagher

Nurhan Parker

Nola Rose

Peter Titley

Sue Wannan

Local Master:

John Boyd

Mark Hetherington

Libby Kelly

Catherine Jones

Pauline Plunkett

Janet Shean

Pat Veitch

Club Master:

Penny Boyd

Jill Butler

Angela Jones

Suzanne Kluver

Pamela McGaw

Jennifer Nicholas

Andrew Parsons

Graduate Master:

Wendy Bagot

Sue Dickinson

Martie Harris

Di Kendler

Ian McGaw

Bruce Milthorpe

Pip Pritchett

Florence Szukut

Pamela Terry

Player of the Month

Each month, we take the average of your best **SIX** scores in **OPEN** matchpoint sessions to decide the month's top achiever

Sep	Anne Morris	64
Aug	Anne Morris	65
Jul	Marika Kruppay	64
Jun	Gill Chambers	62
May	–	
Apr	–	
Mar	Judith Oliver	59
Feb	Helena Canaris	62

Most Improved Rating

Those who boosted their ratings by the most, in recent months (since March!):

1	Gill Chambers	2.26
2	Debbie Cambridge	1.78
3	Margaret Stevens	1.78
4	Maureen Collins	1.71
5	Sue Luby	1.63
6	Yvonne Bartels	1.62
7	Marjorie Thomas	1.54
8	Jeanette Beaumont	1.51
9	Enid Taylor	1.36
10	Marjorie Nicklin	1.31

2020 Local Masterpoint Race

(MPs won at Trumps regular sessions)
Standings at 1 July 2020

1	Judith Oliver	10.64
2	Kerry Boytell	10.01
3	Eric Lippey	9.58
4	Cia Benecke	6.78
5	Carolyn Greenwich	6.35
6	Vivienne McDonald	5.47
7	Shirley Ferrier	5.28
8	Sue Robinson	5.14
9	Kevin Murray	4.99
10	Meg Cornelius	4.98

Top rated as at 1 Oct 2020

Members who have played 13 times in the last six months are rated.

1	Barbara Gassmann	61.96
2	Vivienne McDonald	61.54
3	Sue Robinson	61.42
4	Elizabeth Neil	60.81
5	Marjorie Thomas	60.22
6	Meg Sharp	60.11
7	Keran Smith	59.20
8	Anne Morris	59.18
9	Cia Benecke	58.88
10	Judith Oliver	58.67
11	Marika Kruppay	58.44
12	Meg Cornelius	58.32
13	Sue Luby	58.27
14	Maureen Collins	58.08
15	Margaret Stevens	58.07
16	Marjorie Nicklin	57.99
17	Ann Fitzpatrick	57.78
18	Sue Allen	57.42
19	Yvonne Bartels	57.11
20	Ted Davis	56.63
21	Patricia Gordon	56.20
22	Gill Chambers	55.83
23	Colleen Kelly	55.37
24	Gay Suters	54.60
25	Maggie Campbell	54.16
26	Jeanette Beaumont	53.67
27	Kate Jarrett	53.34
28	Graham Blackman	52.96
29	Evelyn Ciocco	52.78
30	Maureen Punch	52.71
31	Usha Modi	52.17
32	Enid Taylor	52.16
33	Pat Veitch	51.86
34	Barbara Tootill	51.41
35	Sanae Kambara	51.07
36	Jenny Kidd	51.01
37	Felicity Duivenbode	50.59
38	Nettie Lambert	50.52
39	Lilly Wilson	50.27
40	Frances Harridge	50.24

Bridge city and north!



Bridge at the Royal Automobile Club at Circular Quay is held 10.30am to 2.30pm Tuesdays. It is a small supervised game, great value at about \$35 including beverage and luncheon main course. Please book.



9.30am Thursdays at the Monash Country Club at Powderworks Rd, Ingleside, join Elizabeth Neil for a supervised duplicate.

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Beginners' Bridge	\$14.95
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- Landy
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- Preempts
- 2-over-1 Game Force
- Redoubles
- and more

We also have a range of other bridge books, software, cards and bridge accessories for sale.

Timetable

Open Duplicates

	Morn	Aftern	Night
Mon	9.50*	1.20*	
Tues	9.50*	1.20*	7pm*
Wed		1.15*	7pm*
Thurs	9.50*	1.20*	
Fri	9.50*	1.20*	7pm*
Sat		1.30	

*These games start with a short talk.

Red/gold points 1.20pm Fridays.

Supervised

Mon	9.50*	1.20*	7pm*
Tues	9.50*		
Wed	(lessons)		
Thurs	9.50*		
Fri	(lessons)		
Sat	10am*		

*Supervised games start with a talk.

We run normal sessions on most public holidays, but there is a special program at year end and Good Friday / Easter.

Relaxed bridge 10.30am Tues at **RAC**, Circular Quay; 9.30am Thurs at **Monash** Golf Club, Ingleside.

Online duplicates on BBO

Wednesdays 1.30pm, Thursdays 10am and 7pm, and Saturdays 1.30. BB\$3.

Online FunBridge Individuals

“Start-of-week” to 4pm Tuesdays.

“Mid-week” to 4pm Thursdays.

“Weekend” to 9am Mondays.

(No charge, except if you need to buy deals. Password Trumps)

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Full page \$200, ½ \$120, ¼ \$75, eighth \$50; Insert (max A5 size) \$175.

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of Trumps membership

- A quarterly bulletin of news, views and tips
- Save \$3 on duplicate sessions at and lessons at Trumps
- Reciprocal membership rights at Warringah Bowls Mosman Bridge Group, Social Bridge, Turramurra, Killara & Narrabeen
- Special events for members
- 10% discount at Taste of India (under new management!)
- Members' phone book
- We pay your ABF fees if we are your home club (\$10 extra).

Rights and duties

- We cater for players of all levels
- Use the suggestion box in the main foyer
- Greet your opponents
- Let us know if you are available as a "fill-in" player, to be called in at the last moment (as our guest) if we are short
- Post mortems should never hold up play
- Support those who support bridge! *Australian Bridge* magazine (also in novice edition) and the Bridge Shop. We recommend: Bendigo Bank (it supports the community – including bridge), Warringah Bowls Mosman, A Taste of India, Trans Restaurant, Thai Kanteen, Hotel Mosman, Lok Lok Dumpling Bar, Waterbrook Bowral, and Baytree Greenwich.

Website www.trumps.net.au

Lessons

Beginner lessons

10am Wednesdays from 14 October (to 11 Nov), or **7pm Thursdays from 15 October** (to 12 Nov)

You know what a great game bridge is, so please spread the word to your friends. Five two-hour lessons. We run a special offer for beginners: \$99 for the course, including textbook, two free supervised sessions, and the joining fee for Trumps membership. Main teacher Derrick Browne.

Improvers' Bridge

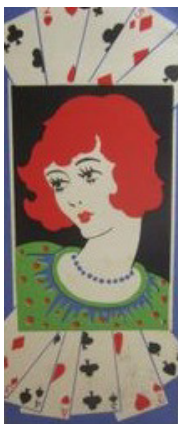
10am Fridays from 16 October (to 4 Dec). Consolidate the basics and build confidence. Topics include decision-making, Stayman, suit openings and Blackwood; responder shifts; rebids; overcalls; doubles; preempts. There is also a card play tip each week. \$12/\$15 per lesson plus \$16 includes text.

Sunday Workshop

1pm Sunday 25 October. Will include Checkback, but exact format (whether we do simple 2C Checkback, or Two-way Checkback; and whether we include another topic such as Sacrificing) will depend on participants, so feel free to put in your requests. \$15/\$20. Includes practical play, with analysis. With Derrick.

Mentoring

If you are an enthusiastic intermediate, perhaps wanting to move out of the supervised room, let us know if you would like a mentor to help you on your way. We will advise you if there is someone we think compatible. No charge, except you pay the table money for both of you. Usual practice is that you will have completed the Intermediate course, and agree a maximum of four weekly sessions.



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