



**Palmerston North  
Bridge Club  
December 2010**

**Editorial**

Welcome to the final Christmas edition of the club newsletter. Look for the first one next year to come about the middle of February.

Club prizegiving is on Friday 10 December and a list of all the winners features below.

Confession – my name is among them. I got to wondering what could be the reason behind this editorial run of good form? The most obvious reason I can think of is that this year I have been producing this newsletter. This involves a constant search for good hands to write up, and a lot of thinking about those hands. If you say in print that 3NT can't make, or whatever, you had better be right or someone is bound to notice and take issue! Deep background thinking improves the bridge, and I am the proof. The moral is obvious - I expect all you readers who wish to improve your bridge, to get your computers or pencils out and get those hands in regularly next year.

Compliments of the season to all members.

Keep safe and see you again in 2011.

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**Club Results for November**

Congratulations to all our winners.

Monday:	Bev Colville/ Bob Lawrence	55.78%
Junior:	Peter Horgan/ Rex Whiterod	59.50%
Snr/Snr Res:	Wayne Burrows/ Ross Quayle	61.35%
Intermediate:	Carolyn Brodie/ Christine Compton	59.06%
Friday:	Jean Grant/ Joyce Macmillan	57.51%

**Christmas Cheer 2010**

Thanks to all who helped with the Christmas Cheer. The clubrooms looked a treat, great decorations. Congratulations to the winners:

1st	Liz Burrows/Sandra Coleman	61.74%
2nd	Bob Hurley/Evelyn Hurley	60.68%
3rd	Margaret Clarke/Dorothy Mackay	60.22%
4th	Wayne Burrows/Amy Thomson	58.63%
5th	Diana Lees/Vivienne Nelson	57.84%

**Trophy Winners 2010**

**Junior Memorial Pairs – Keith Rowland Cup**

1st Helen Muller & Amy Thomson

**Junior Points – Chaunia Milne Tray**

1st Wayne Taylor  
2nd Joan Norrie

**Junior Championships – Bryan Northcott Cup**

1st Peter Horgan & Rex Whiterod  
2nd Sherlie Gaynor & Margaret Metcalfe

**Handicap Pairs – Whitehead Trophy**

1st Margaret Price & Tom Price

**Intermediate Memorial Pairs – John Whibley Memorial Cup**

1st John Ayers & Christine Compton

**Intermediate Points – Jack Cliff Memorial Cup**

1st Bev Nagel  
2nd Dorothy Hodges

**Intermediate Championships – Rod Doherty Tray**

1st Carolyn Brodie & Christine Compton  
2nd John Ayers & Gayle Leader

**Senior Reserve Memorial Pairs – Maude Nash Tray**

1st Stuart Malcolm & Denise Servante

**Senior Reserve Points – Joan Palmer Cup**

1st Denise Servante  
2nd= Stuart Malcolm & Martin Carryer

**Senior Reserve Championships – Culpan Tray**

1st Alistair Hall & Denise Servante  
2nd Sandy Tilbrook & Margaret White

**Handicapped Teams – Stubbs Jewellers’ Cup**

1st Alister Hall, Denise Servante, Jan Whyte, Ken Bateman

**Senior Rotational Teams – Hanna & Rutherford Tray**

1st Evelyn Hurley, Bob Hurley, Jenny Wilson, Alan Doddridge

**Senior Teams – Myra Stubbs Tray**

1st Ross Quayle, Alister Stuck, Wayne Burrows, Liz Burrows, Amy Thomson

**Senior Memorial Pairs – Jack Cliff Memorial Cup**

1st Wayne Burrows & Janice Coleman

**Senior Points – Whitehead Cup**

1st Ross Quayle  
2nd Jenny Wilson

**Senior Championships – Doreen Millar Rosebowl**

1st Wayne Burrows & Ross Quayle  
2nd Bob Hurley & Evelyn Hurley

**Bridge Club Library**

The Club library will close on Friday 10 December for stocktaking. Please return all library books before then. The library will re-open after the New Year.

Thanks

Andrew Brodie

**Robyn’s 3NT**

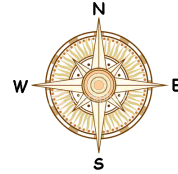
This hand comes from Robyn Anderson via Ray Kemp. Thanks to both of them because, like many bridge hands, it has subtle layers and I needed to study it for a while before I was ready to give my sixpence worth.

The bidding gave little away. Playing Standard American, it went

S	W	N	E
1NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

- ♠ K986
- ♥ J43
- ♦ Q862
- ♣ AJ

- ♠ 10754
- ♥ Q975
- ♦ J95
- ♣ 73



- ♠ A2
- ♥ K108
- ♦ K103
- ♣ 109842

- ♠ QJ3
- ♥ A62
- ♦ A74
- ♣ KQ65

So Robyn was declarer in 3NT. Her story:

*West led her fourth heart and declarer held up for 3 rounds and played the spade J to East’s Ace. (Needing to retain the 3 for later entry to Dummy and the Q for entry to hand).*

*East led back a small diamond which, as the cards lie, makes the contract easy but under leading the King with Queen exposed on table doesn’t look likely and the possibility of West with King who would then cash the remaining heart for one down didn’t appear to be a good option.*

*At the table, the 10 spades doesn’t fall and the contract is down. A deep finesse in spades on that suits first lead is probably the only sensible option.*

The small diamond is a very risky play from East, presenting declarer with a possible easy extra trick. I agree that hoping it is from the King is not a line of play I would like to commit to. Yes the deep spade finesse works, but at the table one needs a reason to take it, because it might not be working!

Ray’s thoughts:

*A headache is communication between the two hands and making sure you collect all your black suit tricks. I think the normal strategy would be to get into dummy via the clubs and play up to the QJ of spades twice, but that doesn’t work if East comes up with the ace of spades second time around and then leads that potentially deadly diamond. Dropping the ten of spades in three*



A spade will set up the queen in dummy. A diamond from the K9 is very unappealing, so Wayne decided upon a heart. But which heart? Only one of them is correct.



If I have both queen and jack then the suit is solid. If declarer has both queen and jack (unlikely but possible) then the lead might cost a trick, but the likelihood is that we have one honour each. If I have the queen then we can lead the suit without conceding any trick but the Ace; but only if the ten is led.

Bob looked at the ten of hearts with some distaste and I think at that moment everyone at the table knew what was coming. Bob played his Jack, I my Queen and Bob ducked in dummy. I returned

my small heart and Bob tried the nine from dummy, but that lost to the King. Now Wayne cannot lead another heart up to dummy's tenace, so he led the nine of diamonds. Bob did the best he could, ducking to my Queen and then dropping Wayne's King with the Ace for one down. Any positive score on our cards was a good result.

This hand was hard-fought, the players showed a good level of skill and there was the element of good fortune as well. Great fun.

Ross Quayle

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