

**MOUNTNESSING BRIDGE CLUB**  
**Windmill Trophy 9<sup>th</sup> November 2006 Commentary by Alaric Cundy**

1	2	3	4
<p style="text-align: center;">♠Q754 ♥J8</p> <p>♠KT      ♦K9765      ♠A632 ♥AQ952      ♣T6      ♥K4 ♦AJT2           ♦Q84 ♣A4      ♠J98      ♣9532 ♥T763 ♦3 ♣KQJ87</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠AQ84 ♥A542</p> <p>♠KT7      ♦A3      ♠53 ♥KJT97      ♣AJ6      ♥3 ♦654           ♦KQT92 ♣95      ♠J962      ♣KQT43 ♥Q86 ♦J87 ♣872</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠Q973 ♥AQ84</p> <p>♠AKT2      ♦J42      ♠64 ♥T32      ♣Q2      ♥976 ♦AT98           ♦K753 ♣93      ♠J85      ♣JT76 ♥KJ5 ♦Q6 ♣AK854</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠K ♥J98764</p> <p>♠T4      ♦952      ♠Q986 ♥52      ♣942      ♥AT ♦KT764           ♦QJ3 ♣A865      ♠AJ7532      ♣KQ73 ♥KQ3 ♦A8 ♣JT</p>
<p><b>Dealer N, Love All</b>  3NT by East / West appears to be uneventful here – all West has to do is to hold off once if clubs are led and then South cannot enjoy the long suit. If the entries to the East hand are used wisely, both a heart and a diamond could be ducked into the North hand, and then an overtrick materialises. 4♥ has chances, but it is more difficult after a club lead. Surprisingly, several EWs failed to bid and made game</p>	<p><b>Dealer E, NS Vulnerable</b>  The East hand is good enough for a light opener of 1♦ and then either EW will play the contract in a diamond part-score, or NS may buy it in 2♠. Neither of those options proved to be very happy for their respective Declarers, and it is no surprise that the travellers were littered with failed contracts.</p>	<p><b>Dealer S, EW Vulnerable</b>  This is a bit of a cruel hand for NS. 3NT should be an almost automatic resting place, but its fate will depend mostly on the opening lead. If the defenders start off leading diamonds then the combination of the four top losers and the 4-2 break in clubs means that Declarer does best to ‘cut and run’ for one off. However, a spade lead gives Declarer the chance to take two tricks in that suit without opening up the club loser.</p>	<p><b>Dealer W, both Vulnerable</b>  At most tables East will have opened 1NT, and S’s natural bid is to double, given the long suit plus the entries. West may or may not rescue, but North surely will. There are only 4 obvious losers in hearts for NS, and with a spot of slack defence that could shrink to 3. On the other hand, EW can make 9 tricks in a minor suit if given the chance. At many tables S hogged the contract in a spade part-score – not a good move.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">♠942 ♥75432</p> <p>♠QJ63      ♦AK8      ♠K875 ♥K      ♣K5      ♥JT96 ♦75           ♦J64 ♣QT9432      ♠AT      ♣87 ♥AQ8 ♦QT932 ♣AJ6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠K62 ♥AJT83</p> <p>♠J8      ♦T874      ♠AT9 ♥Q975      ♣Q      ♥K62 ♦K943           ♦QJ52 ♣AK54      ♠Q7543      ♣T72 ♥4 ♦A6 ♣J9863</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠AK92 ♥A96</p> <p>♠753      ♦A984      ♠QJ8 ♥J543      ♣T4      ♥K7 ♦JT6           ♦Q53 ♣AK6      ♠T64      ♣QJ975 ♥QT82 ♦K72 ♣832</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠KT84 ♥Q975</p> <p>♠J653      ♦J96      ♠A2 ♥J82      ♣K4      ♥T ♦432           ♦AQT87 ♣732      ♠Q97      ♣AQT95 ♥AK643 ♦K5 ♣J86</p>
<p><b>Dealer N, NS Vulnerable</b>  This hand is also a bit cruel for NS. Those who choose to play in the 5-3 heart fit will see any hope of overtricks vanish when the horrible trump position materialises. On the other hand, 3NT from South will almost certainly attract a club lead for an easy ten tricks and the priceless extra 10 points</p>	<p><b>Dealer E, EW Vulnerable</b>  At most tables West would open 1NT and the hand could play there. If North comes into the bidding NS would do well to find the 5-3 spade fit as the least bad option. In practice, the bidding got carried away at many tables and the best scores came from those who either stopped low or who pushed their opponents far too high – apart from one enterprising East who made 3NT+1.</p>	<p><b>Dealer S, both Vulnerable</b>  With the high card points divided 20-20 ambitions by both pairs should have been limited. The most likely making contract is 2♣ by East, but the travellers reveal a spirit of adventure with many failing part-scores in both directions.</p>	<p><b>Dealer W, Love All</b>  I would expect NS to ‘buy’ this contract in a heart part-score. There are four clear losers, and if Declarer can avoid a second spade loser 9 tricks look likely – in fact that is almost automatic because East will keep having to find awkward leads. Some Easts were allowed to play in 3♦, which if undoubled proved to be a cheap option, despite the hopeless Dummy</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">♠76 ♥986</p> <p>♠AKQ95     ♥QJ75     ♠T43 ♥4     ♣J982     ♥AKQT2 ♦AT932     ♦4 ♣64     ♠J82     ♣AKQT ♥J753 ♦K86 ♣753</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠9 ♥65</p> <p>♠JT8     ♥AK972     ♠AK7653 ♥K743     ♣Q9873     ♥J98 ♦J8     ♦Q6 ♣JT64     ♠Q42     ♣K2 ♥AQT2 ♦T543 ♣A5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠K ♥JT73</p> <p>♠96432     ♥JT986     ♠J87 ♥Q95     ♣T73     ♥2 ♦A     ♦75432 ♣J642     ♠AQT5     ♣AK85 ♥AK864 ♦KQ ♣Q9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠K2 ♥K</p> <p>♠QJ9654     ♥JT54     ♠87 ♥J532     ♣KJ8752     ♥T86 ♦6     ♦KQ93 ♣A3     ♠AT3     ♣T964 ♥AQ974 ♦A872 ♣Q</p>
<p><b>Dealer N, EW Vulnerable</b> Perhaps it's easier seeing all four hands but the results on this board rather surprised me. 6♠ by West should be routine, and courtesy of a diamond ruff in dummy or a heart ruff in hand 13 tricks are easy. In practice only one pair bid and made 7♠ and very few pairs made 13 tricks, and so the inferior contract of 6NT scored very well.</p>	<p><b>Dealer E, both Vulnerable</b> Personally, I would pass on the South hand after East's obvious 1S opening. If EW were playing 5-card majors West would try 2S and that might end the bidding. Otherwise if North shows the minor two-suiter, South could show diamond support. East should be held to 7 tricks in spades, but NS can make 10 in diamonds – and a few managed 11.</p>	<p><b>Dealer S, Love All</b> The bidding would often go 1♥ 2♥; 4♥. However, South has four inescapable losers.</p>	<p><b>Dealer W, NS Vulnerable</b> If West is able to open some flavour of a weak 2, then NS's best option is to take the money – Declarer should be restricted to six tricks, but in practice many NSs tried game in No Trumps or in a minor, and with no suit behaving very well any game contract should have failed, though if West takes the first club trick (wrong!) then there are some chances of bringing 3NT home.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">♠T953 ♥J5</p> <p>♠K864     ♥86     ♠Q72 ♥QT3     ♣AKJ53     ♥A74 ♦AKJT9     ♦Q5 ♣T     ♣87642</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠A8 ♥K9862 ♦7432 ♣Q9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠9853 ♥J8</p> <p>♠AT7642     ♥KJT65     ♠J ♥Q5     ♣87     ♥T43 ♦A73     ♦Q942 ♣43     ♣KQT52</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠KQ ♥AK9762 ♦8 ♣AJ96</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠T83 ♥KQ63</p> <p>♠K752     ♥KQT83     ♠J94 ♥J9854     ♣3     ♥- ♦4     ♦9765 ♣A64     ♠AQ6     ♣KQT982 ♥AT72 ♦AJ2 ♣J75</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠A64 ♥J4</p> <p>♠K3     ♥73     ♠T2 ♥97652     ♣AQJ752     ♥AK83 ♦T965     ♦KQJ84 ♣T9     ♠QJ9875     ♣K4 ♥QT ♦A2 ♣863</p>
<p><b>Dealer N, Both Vulnerable</b> There is a battle of part-scores here. 2♦ appears to be straightforward for West, but 2♠ should be more of a challenge – especially if North finds a heart lead and South switches to clubs. 2♣ by North yields 7 tricks despite the terrible club break, but 2♥ by South looks horrid for the same reason.</p>	<p><b>Dealer E, Love All</b> Who opted out of the bidding first here? EW can muster 7 tricks in spades. It looks as if South can assemble nine tricks in hearts but if EW keep off the clubs South can be held to 8 tricks.</p>	<p><b>Dealer South, NS Vulnerable</b> South will seek to show a strong 1NT – but when the 4-4 heart fit materialises, 4♥ is inevitable. I don't think that 4♥ can make given the 5-0 trump split – though one pair succeeded. Some pairs tried 3NT, which makes from the South hand unless West leads a club.</p>	<p><b>Dealer W, EW Vulnerable</b> NS should be playing this hand in a spade part-score. There are four losers unless the defenders fail to set up their diamond trick before the king of clubs is knocked out. The best that NS can do here is to defend 4♥ doubled if it is bid against them, and then defend accurately to obtain the priceless +200 score.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">♠Q5 ♥KJ6</p> <p>♠AJT8743     ♦J9873     ♠K2 ♥97     ♣T72     ♥AQ543 ♦A4         ♦KQ2 ♣K3     ♠96     ♣QJ5 ♥T82 ♦T65 ♣A9864</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠A9754 ♥T5</p> <p>♠QJ86     ♦AJT843     ♠K3 ♥QJ98     ♣-     ♥K73 ♦Q97         ♦5 ♣95     ♠T2     ♣KJT8764 ♥A642 ♦K62 ♣AQ32</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠QT9632 ♥Q</p> <p>♠A874     ♦AJ52     ♠- ♥T75     ♣J7     ♥J9843 ♦T9         ♦Q863 ♣6432     ♠KJ5     ♣KQ85 ♥AK62 ♦K74 ♣AT9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠QJ84 ♥6</p> <p>♠A93     ♦AKJ5432     ♠KT52 ♥KQ852     ♣Q     ♥A ♦QT         ♦876 ♣A64     ♠76     ♣KT952 ♥JT9743 ♦9 ♣J873</p>
<p><b>Dealer N, Love All</b> With everything sitting so well, all that West needs to do to claim two overtricks in 4s is to drop the doubleton queen of spades... The same play also gives 12 tricks in the rather unusual contract of 3NT, which several pairs found. Two pairs bid and made 6♠ and two others came home in 6NT.</p>	<p><b>Dealer E, NS Vulnerable</b> I would open the East hand with 3♣ and then life gets difficult for NS. Many pairs made 11 tricks in diamonds on the NS cards, but game was rarely bid. Duck a spade early and then two spades can be ruffed in the South hand.</p>	<p><b>Dealer S, EW Vulnerable</b> 4♠ is the standard contract on the NS cards, and it should be plain sailing to 11 tricks, courtesy of two diamond discards on the Ace and King of hearts. A few pairs acquired a very good score by playing in 3NT instead. Well, it is pairs...</p>	<p><b>Dealer W, both vulnerable</b> If North is able to make an 'intermediate jump overcall' in diamonds on the North cards then the favourable lie of the diamond suit requires a very disciplined defence to prevent 9 tricks. However, it was not easy for EW to pass out 3D, and hence many of them clocked up the dreaded -200 or worse.</p>
21	22	23	24
<p style="text-align: center;">♠A863 ♥T95</p> <p>♠T42     ♦J6     ♠KQ9 ♥AK732     ♣QJT5     ♥Q864 ♦T85         ♦KQ72 ♣K4     ♠J75     ♣A7 ♥J ♦A943 ♣98632</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠J9 ♥KJ84</p> <p>♠KQ5     ♦2     ♠T873 ♥T63     ♣AQJ652     ♥972 ♦AQ974         ♦JT86 ♣K4     ♠A642     ♣93 ♥AQ5 ♦K53 ♣T87</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠T ♥KJ542</p> <p>♠KJ42     ♦QT2     ♠98765 ♥A     ♣J864     ♥T98 ♦A9653         ♦K84 ♣Q93     ♠AQ3     ♣T7 ♥Q763 ♦J7 ♣AK52</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠K5 ♥3</p> <p>♠AQT8     ♦KT9753     ♠J43 ♥J54     ♣A963     ♥AKT8 ♦A62         ♦QJ ♣KQJ     ♠9762     ♣T874 ♥Q9762 ♦84 ♣52</p>
<p><b>Dealer N, NS Vulnerable</b> This hand looks like a straightforward 4♥ for EW and that's the way it turned out at most tables, many of them clocking up 11 tricks when the Jack of diamonds fell in 2 rounds.</p>	<p><b>Dealer E, EW Vulnerable</b> There were a number of unkind boards for NS tonight, but on this one the gods were with them in 3NT by South when the King of clubs turned up in the right hand. EW had lots of discards to find, and though 11 tricks appear to be routine, some managed 12 and one took all 13.</p>	<p><b>Dealer S, Both Vulnerable</b> NS can make 9 tricks in a heart part-score, and EW can make 9 in spades – set up West's diamonds rather than ruff hearts. However, some NSs bid and made game, though as far as I can see that result requires defensive slip-ups.</p>	<p><b>Dealer W, Love All</b> EW have comfortably enough values for game here, but the cards lie very badly. Win the diamond lead and then knock out the club Ace. The diamonds will now be cleared. Give up a heart into the south hand and take 3 clubs, 3 hearts, 2 diamonds and one spade. Some declarers played on spades, with disastrous consequences.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">♠J84 ♥T92</p> <p>♠KQT92    ♦A962    ♠7 ♥K75       ♣Q92       ♥AQ63 ♦K8         ♥QJ73 ♣A63       ♠A653       ♣KT75               ♥J84               ♦T54               ♣J84</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠6 ♥KJ3</p> <p>♠AJT2    ♦QJ853    ♠KQ954 ♥Q85     ♣T742     ♥T2 ♦K976    ♠873     ♦T4 ♣J8       ♥A9764   ♣A963              ♦A2              ♣KQ5</p>		
<p><b>Dealer N, EW Vulnerable</b>  3NT by EW is routine, and with hearts and clubs both dividing 3-3, the contract is not in any danger and 10 tricks should materialise. A surprising number of Declarers took 11 tricks and one even managed 12.</p>	<p><b>Dealer E, Both Vulnerable</b>  EW have the spades and at many tables they hogged the contract, making 8 or 9 tricks. However, NS could clock up 9 tricks in hearts where EW bid timidly.</p>	<p><b>Dealer S, Love All</b>  Not used</p>	<p><b>Dealer W, NS Vulnerable</b>  Not used</p>