



# Taieri Bridge Club: January 2015

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## 1 Holiday diversions

To entertain you here are a couple of hands that never arose in play but are interesting for the way declarer makes or fails in their contract.

	♠ A8432	
	♥ K63	
	♦ A84	
	♣ K3	
♠ T	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>N</span><span>E</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>W</span><span>S</span> </div> </div>	♠ 97
♥ T5		♥ QJ984
♦ J		♦ KQT952
♣ QJT98764		♣ void
	♠ KQJ65	
	♥ A72	
	♦ 763	
	♣ A2	

The bidding is simple. South opens 1♠, West overcalls 4♣, North bids 4♠ and everyone passes. But the play will surprise you. West leads ♣Q, dummy covers and East ruffs. You have lost one trick and there appears to be no way to avoid losing a heart and two diamonds due to the mirroring of the North-South hands. But consider what happens if South follows to the first trick with ♣A!

South can win the return, draw trumps and play off the three top red suit winners. This leaves West only with clubs and now

declarer gives the lead to West by playing his remaining club. Two tricks lost now. West is forced to play a club and now declarer refuses to ruff but discards a heart from one hand and a diamond from the other. Three tricks lost but now the remainder can be taken on a cross-ruff. Isn't that magical?

My second hand is called "The Mississippi Heart Hand":

	♠ void	
	♥ 765432	
	♦ 8765432	
	♣ void	
♠ AKQ	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>N</span><span>E</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>W</span><span>S</span> </div> </div>	♠ JT98765
♥ AKQJT9		♥ void
♦ void		♦ void
♣ AKQJ		♣ T987654
	♠ 432	
	♥ 8	
	♦ AKQJT9	
	♣ 432	

In a heart contract by West the declaring side can only take 6 tricks. When West trumps she has fewer trumps than North and so cannot afford to draw trumps (if she does play out her trumps North will have an extra one left, will ruff the next lead and take the rest with diamonds). If West leads a black card then North trumps and leads another top diamond, keeping trump control. So West, for all his wonderful cards, takes 6 tricks only.

## 2 Club news and comments

**Tournament Dates** Some have changed: Alexandra All Grade Pairs 8B tournament is now on Sunday 15th March, Oamaru Open Pairs 5A has swapped to 16th May, Te Anau Open Pairs 8B has swapped to 23rd May, Balclutha Open Pairs 8B Tournament is now on 20th September.

**New committee members** We wish to welcome Judith Smeijers and Eve Beardsmore onto the committee and look forward to their input into the future running of the Club. Eve is the club's new vice-president.

**Wednesday start time** A reminder to Wednesday night members of the earlier start time of 7.15 pm. As usual please be seated 10 minutes before start of play.

**Monday night substitutes** Don't forget that you may now have one substitute for competitions but if you play on Monday nights and you are playing in a competition that asks for less than 30 rating points then this rule still applies to the substitute.

**Call for volunteers** We are looking for more volunteers to learn the important jobs of Directing, the computer and the bar. Please put your name on the list at the club.

**New Countdown store** The Bridge Club is looking at making a submission about the new Countdown as we wish to protect our carpark and are worried about the possible noise from the proposed fans in the back of the supermarket on Church Street.

**Lessons** We are looking at having more lessons for learners towards the end of February. Please spread the word!

**2014 Trophy Prize Winners: Wednesdays New Years**  
Pairs: Donna Ruwhiu and Kristin Collins, Ray Howes Memorial: Robert Cowan, Freidel wAtson Pairs: Eve Beardsmore and Estelle Maxwell, Autumn Pairs: John Wolken and Keith Spence, Mosgiel Woollen Plate: Eve Beardsmore, Winter Pairs: Dale Cameron and Irene Morrison, Presidents's Pairs: Freda Almond and John Wolken, Noel Kerr Memorial: Keith Spence, Spring Pairs: Nancy Hawker and Frank Gradon, Christmas Pairs: Frank Gradon and Keith Spence, Holiday Pairs: Jean Young and Judy Robertson, Championship Pairs: John Sheehy and Robert Cowan, Mosgiel Borough Cup: Robert Cowan.

**2104 Trophy Prize Winners: Mondays New Years Handicap**  
Pairs: Robin Gillespie and Judith Hinton, Three Night Individual: Michael Rombouts, Autumn Handicap Pairs: Mary Hibbs and Peggy Rowe, Chatsford Pairs: Barbara Wilkes and Joy Martin Frew, Beryl Bishop Trophy: Claire Rombouts and Michael Rombouts, Winter Handicap Pairs: Pam Wood and Alex Ansett, Brookland Village Pairs: Barbara Wilkes and Shirley Bosworth, Mabel Porteous Trophy: Pat Scanlan, Janefield Handicap Pairs: Joy Martin Frew and Frank Gradon, Spring Handicap Pairs: Pam Wood and Irene Morrison, Christmas Handicap Pairs: Robin Gillespie and Colleen Fletcher, Championship Pairs: Claire Rombouts and Michael Rombouts, Alf Tulk Trophy: Michael Rombouts.

**2014 Trophy Prize Winners: Saturday Bert Matthews**  
Trophy: Ans Smeele

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