

## 2017 Moreton and Bribie Teams by Richard Wallis

My first venture to the Moreton and Bribie Bridge Club on Bribie Island was on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June for the annual Swiss Teams. My partner was Lyn Carter, and our teammates were Tony Hutton and Malcolm Carter, and the Swiss Teams finished up as a battle between the top 3 seeds.

It would have been nice to report that we came out on top, but alas, the Afflick team (Ian Afflick, Geoffrey Hart, Richard and Ryan Touton) won from Ward (Richard Ward, Lindy Vincent, Sandy Johnson and Toni Bardon), with the Carter team in third place by a very narrow margin above fourth.

The very nice club rooms easily accommodated 28 tables for the Pairs on Saturday (won by Carter/Hutton), although only 26 teams entered for Sunday this year. As well as the usual assortment of cakes and biscuits throughout the day, the club supplied lunch and also brought in Pizzas during prize giving at the end of play for those able to stay.

Although we did not star, the day was very enjoyable, and all our matches were played in good spirit, with a fun element, whether it was a win or a loss.

<b>M 1</b>	AQ64			On board 8 in the first match Lyn showed fine declarer skills, aided by her intuition, to land her game contract.
<b>Bd 8</b>	T5			
<b>Dlr W</b>	J762			We were playing 2/1, and my 1NT response was not completely forcing, so Lyn's 2H rebid was not a minimum, and when she showed her 5/5 in the majors I could not be sure that my minor suit honours were useful, but went for the game bonus anyway.
<b>Vul Nil</b>	AQ2			
K9732		J5		
AKQ94		J72		
A9		QT543		
4		K93		
	T8			North set the alarm bells going by leading the HT, which Lyn won in hand to consider the implications and concluded that spades were best attacked by leading towards dummy.
	863			
	K8			North won the SQ and led another trump and Lyn was at the cross roads, since if the CA was on side, the diamond loser could be discarded using the HJ as an entry.
	JT8765			
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	
1S	/	1NT!	/	Another spade towards dummy was won by North, a fatal switch to the D2 and after a correct guess (low in dummy), and a squeeze, Lyn had 11 tricks for +450 versus -140 at the other table for 8 Imps.
2H	/	2S	/	
3H	/	4H	//	

<b>M 2</b>	AJ5			On board 14 in the second match I thought about opening the East hand with 1S, but 10 HCPs and no Aces pointed to a pass. However a 1S overcall on the next round was automatic.
<b>Bd 14</b>	AJ86			
<b>Dlr E</b>	K96			
<b>Vul Nil</b>	J32			As a passed hand South had an easy 2H response, and North went all the way to game, which is a bit pushy with nothing extra except 4-card support in trumps.
862		KQ974		
T9		75		
AJT85		Q73		
Q94		K85		
	T3			Lyn led the S6, and South rose with the SA and drew trumps before exiting with a spade hoping for something good to happen, but I simply cashed the top spades forcing declarer to ruff and there was nowhere for declarer to go and 8 tricks were the limit so that was +100.
	KQ432			
	42			
	AT76			
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	As 1 spade must be lost anyway, declarer is better to duck the spade lead and force me to switch! A diamond is safe but a club is not.
/	1C	1S	2H	This is what Tony did at the other table, and East made the fatal switch to the C5, which gave up the suit for 3 tricks and Tony was able to win the DK and pitch a diamond for 10 tricks and 11 Imps.
2S	4H	//		

<b>M 3</b>	3		
<b>Bd 22</b>	T873		
<b>Dir E</b>	KQ		
<b>Vul EW</b>	AT9764		
AT765		KQ84	
K42		Q	
72		AJ9543	
KQ8		32	
	J92		
	AJ965		
	T86		
	J5		
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
		1D	1H
X	3H	4S!	/
/	5H	/	/
X	//		

On board 22 in the third match I got carried away with my good distribution and my apparent confidence probably led to North bidding 5H when 4S was passed around to her.

I did not want to double in the immediate seat, so passed and left the decision to Lyn, and of course she did double, and led the D7.

The reason Lyn doubled 1H instead of bidding 1S is because we were playing Negative Free bids, and with game values, she is too strong for a 1S response following the overcall.

I won the DA and returned the D9 in case Lyn could ruff, and declarer won in dummy and led the S3, which I won with the SQ and led the DJ in case Lyn had just the singleton J or Jx in trumps.

Declarer lost his way somewhat and only ended up with 8 tricks, for +500, which could easily have been just +300.

At the other table EW did not bid so confidently, so Tony and Malcolm were not inclined to sacrifice over 4S, and -620 at their table was 3 Imps away.

<b>M 4</b>	KJT63		
<b>Bd 26</b>	AJ4		
<b>Dir E</b>	T62		
<b>Vul All</b>	74		
A98542		-	
32		KT985	
AKJ		8754	
52		JT83	
	Q7		
	Q76		
	Q93		
	AKQ96		
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
		/	1C
1S	1NT	/	3NT
//			

On board 26 in the fourth match Lyn was alerted by North's 1NT response about the spade stack, but South's jump to 3NT eliminated any other bidding on her part.

I am not sure if I would have led a singleton spade, but with the void, I had no choice, so I led the HT, won by declarer with the HJ. Declarer next led to the SQ, which Lyn won and returned a heart, which after some thought declarer played the HA and ran the spades, hoping for a 3-3 club break.

When the clubs did not break, that was 1 off and +100. After the non-diamond lead, declarer can make 9 tricks by the double dummy play of a double club finesse, but of course he did not.

At the other table South passed the 1NT response, and West did not heed the warning of the 1NT bid and rebid their spade suit. After 1NT, Malcolm's double of 2S was for penalties, and this silly contract went 3 off for +800 and 14 Imps.

<b>M 5</b>	Q94		
<b>Bd 7</b>	Q532		
<b>Dir S</b>	T6		
<b>Vul All</b>	QT32		
JT		52	
9		AK872	
QJ532		K9874	
K8765		J	
	AK8763		
	JT6		
	A		
	A94		
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
			1S
2NT	3S	5D	5S
//!	/	6D	X
/			

On board 7 in the fifth match Lyn showed the minors over the 1S opening bid and I had exceptional support, and some defence.

I expected that 5D was a possible sacrifice to a 4S contract, but I had no way of knowing how much defence my hearts could develop, even if I got a heart lead, and I made the mistake of jumping to 5D in front of the opener.

South went again with 5S rather than doubling my 5D bid and I was up the creek with only haze as to our prospects in 5S. I foolishly went again with 6D, a contract South had no doubt about doubling.

The doubleton spade and singleton heart were a reality check as that meant 5S had no chance, and 6DX was 3 off for -800.

My big mistake was not making a lead-directing bid of 4H over the 3S response, before bidding 5D over 4S. Then when South rebid 5S (if she still did), I would feel happier about passing and waiting for a heart lead. At the other table the contract was a sensible 5DWX, so we lost 7 Imps

**M 5** 9532  
**Bd 8** 5  
**Dlr W** K9876  
**Vul Nil** J98

Q87 AK64  
 AJ96 87  
 54 QJT2  
 A764 KT3

JT  
 KQT432  
 A3  
 Q52

**W** **N** **E** **S**  
 1NT / 1D 1H  
 X // / 2H

On board 8 in the fifth match I made a 1D opening and South made a simple 1H overcall, over which Lyn made a slightly heavy 1NT bid, and South unwisely rebid her heart suit.

Lyn knew what to do with this bid and 2HX was the final contract. Lyn led the D5 which declarer won in hand and exited with the SJ. Lyn won the SQ and led the D4, which declarer won on the table to lead a heart to the King and Ace.

I was in on the spade switch and led the DQ, ruffed with the HT and Lyn discarded, as otherwise she would have to open up the club suit. Now declarer had to lead clubs and there was no way to get a club trick, so the contract only made 5 tricks for +500. South can make 6 tricks in hearts by winning the DA on the table and running the C8!

At the other table East opened with a weak 1NT, Tony showed his hearts, and West invited game with 2NT, declined by East, and Malcolm led the H5, leading to 9 tricks and -150, but 8 Imps to us.

**M 6** A76542  
**Bd 9** J74  
**Dlr N** 963  
**Vul EW** 8

K8 QJT9  
 32 AQT98  
 AKT87 2  
 J653 Q94

3  
 K65  
 QJ54  
 AKT72

**W** **N** **E** **S**  
 3D 2D! / 2S!  
 / 3NT //

On board 9 in the sixth match North opened with a Mullti-2D, and South bid 2S, which showed preference for hearts!

Lyn came to life with 3D, and since I had good stops in both majors, I bid the obvious 3NT.

South surprized me by leading the CA, but dummy was a welcome sight, and he switched to the S3, won by North, who returned a spade to dummy.

Since South had indicated a preference for hearts over spades, and proved to have only 1 spade, I did not look to hearts for my 9 tricks and finished 1 short for -100.

After winning the SK on the table, I can give myself a better chance by finessing the HT, but of course South can duck.

At the other table West got carried away in diamonds and 5DWX was a terrible contract, 4 off and +1100 for 14 Imps.

**M 7** T9  
**Bd 17** AKT  
**Dlr N** T9763  
**Vul Nil** K82

J5 KQ743  
 42 Q7  
 QJ52 AK8  
 AJ963 T75

A862  
 J98653  
 4  
 Q4

**W** **N** **E** **S**  
 X / 1NT 2D!  
 3NT // 3S /

On board 17 in the seventh match I upgraded my hand to 15-17 due to the decent 5-card suit, and opened 1NT, which came back to haunt me!

South got their system wrong for a strong 1NT and bid 2D, thinking it was both majors (as it is for a weak 1NT) instead of DONT, showing diamonds and a major.

Lyn doubled to show points, and North raised diamonds, consistent with their bidding agreement.

Over 3D, I was happy to be in game, hoping Lyn had something in hearts, obviously South's second suit, so I bid my 5-card suit and with only 2 spades, Lyn bid to 3NT.

South led the H5 and when dummy tracked it was obvious that South did not have the hand described by North.

When I had gone 3 off for -150, South explained his mistake and the Director was called even though I knew there was no redress. -150 was not much different to -140 available in 3HS, and still 6 Imps away.

<b>M 7</b>	653		
<b>Bd 23</b>	QT3		
<b>Dlr S</b>	T3		
<b>Vul All</b>	J8743		
J9		T72	
A976		K854	
KQJ652		A9874	
6		A	
	AKQ84		
	J2		
	-		
	KQT952		
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
1D	/	2C	1C
3H	/	4H	2S
/	/	X	4S
			//

On board 23 in the seventh match I was interested in game in diamonds when Lyn overcalled 1D, so I cue-bid clubs to show at least a limit raise, and then changed direction when Lyn showed her heart suit.

South was not finished yet and rebid 4S over my 4H, and when this came around to me, I doubled, which became the final contract.

Lyn led the DK and when South dummy tracked and South ruffed the DK, I knew we were in trouble.

Since spades broke 3-2 it was an easy 10 tricks for South and he quickly claimed +790.

At the other table EW also reached 4H, and Tony did not know what was making, so elected to pass, which turned out to be the wrong decision but could have averted a disaster.

An unlikely diamond lead from North will defeat 4HW, but in practice it made for -620 and 16 Imps away.