

2006 Mixed Pairs

The mixed pairs was held as usual at Toowong Bridge Club, and the organizers were buoyed by the slight increase in numbers compared to previous years, as well as the good response to the new event, a one-day Swiss Pairs for Novices.

The usual suspects made it to the 8-table final and quite a few of the pairs took a turn in the lead at some stage throughout the day. In the end Rosa Lachman and Bill Hunt emerged from the pack to win narrowly from Eva and Tony Berger, with Therese and myself in 3rd place. Joan Butts and Kaarel Vohandu won the Plate from Bronwyn Macleod and Terry O'Dempsey, and Robyn Clayton and Alan Smith won the Consolation with Judy Perl and Robert Ashman and Yvonne Kilvert and Geoff Olsen in equal 2nd place.

Due to the particular number of entries, and presumably the desire of the Director, Alan Gibson, to avoid skip rounds, it was a particularly long qualifying on the Saturday, with 66 boards, and only slightly less with 60 boards on the Sunday. Many moans were held about the length of the qualifying rounds in particular, but I for one, prefer not to have any skips when the movement allows it.

Q 1	AJT			On board 1 in the first qualifying round, East picked a good time to open with the weaker minor when she intended to rebid 1NT, and West preferred the known minimum 4-3 fit to 1NT when his red suits were wide open.
Bd 1	9875			
Dlr N	J542			
Vul Nil	64			
K9532		86		It must be unusual to have such a fine suit as AKQx and yet never mention it, but it was the winning action on this hand when 2C was cold and 1NT and 2S were both going off.
JT2		Q63		
9		AKQ3		
KJ85		Q932		
	Q74			Therese led the HA and switched to a spade, but all we could take were 2 spades, 2 hearts and a club for -90.
	AK4			1NT looks easy, but declarer has only 6 tricks in the minors and too much to do on a diamond lead to set up the heart trick. Obviously when East opens 1C and rebids 1NT the diamond lead is easier to find, but what if East opened 1D and rebid 1NT? Now it is likely that 1NT will make.
	T876			
	AT7			Another paradox is that to defeat 1NT South has to lead declarer's best suit.
W	N	E	S	
	/	1C	/	
1S	/	1NT	/	
2C	//			

Q 1	K3			If ever there was a case for cashing the Ace of dummy's known long suit to decide what to lead next, board 2 in the first qualifying round, would provide evidence for it. Especially when the lead chosen was from Jxxx, and into declarer's second suit to boot!
Bd 2	JT7643			
Dlr E	-			
Vul NS	AJT82			
J742		865		My bid of 2C was 4 th suit, and Therese's 2NT rebid showing a club stopper, hinted at a singleton heart. My 3C rebid was intended to show my 6-5 distribution, but Therese only thought I was confirming a club suit, not shown by 4 th suit. The 3NT rebid definitely showed a singleton heart, as Therese could have bid 3H with a doubleton.
AK8		Q95		
A75		QJT32		Having seemingly shown my distribution I passed 3NT, albeit with some reluctance, and West led the S4. Therese won in hand and led to the CJ, which held. Now it was time to run for home and rely on the clubs coming in since another finesse could be taken if need be. 9 black suit winners was +600 and a good score, but the same as in a successful 5C.
Q76		93		Look at what happens if West leads the HA to look at dummy! South is known to have a singleton, thus West can lead the H8 at trick 2 for East to return a diamond, and EW make 6 tricks for -200.
	AQT9			
	2			
	K9864			
	K54			
W	N	E	S	
	/	/	1D	
/	1C	/	1S	
/	2C	/	2NT	
/	3C	/	3NT	
//				

Q 1	64			
Bd 12	AJ95			
Dlr W	5			
Vul NS	AJT982			
AQT2		J8743		
64		T82		
KJT632		874		
4		75		
	K9			
	KQ73			
	AQ9			
	KQ63			
W	N	E	S	
/	1C	/	1H	
/	2H	/	4NT	
/	5H	/	6H	
//				

On board 12 in the first qualifying round, I was tempted by my good club pips and 2 Aces into opening the bidding, and when I raised Therese's 1H response on the next round she momentarily made me doubt the wisdom of the opening bid when she launched into Blackwood.

My 2 Aces and heart support were all she needed, and when the trumps were friendly it was an easy 12 tricks and +1430. If the trumps did not break, it is only necessary to ruff a diamond before drawing trumps.

After my 5H response Therese could have offered me the choice of slams, in case I only had 3-card heart support, but this would not have been a good time to choose 6C unless South was declarer as a spade lead from East skittles the contract.

6NT by South is also cold if declarer reads the position, as West is squeezed on the run of the clubs and hearts, and must come down to a Singleton SA and Kx in diamonds, where a spade exit endplays West for the 12th trick.

Q 1	AKJ43			
Bd 16	A3			
Dlr W	KQJ762			
Vul EW	-			
T96		8752		
KQ62		954		
A		T4		
86432		KT97		
	Q			
	JT87			
	9853			
	AQJ5			
W	N	E	S	
/	2C	/	2D	
/	3D	/	4D	
/	6D	//		

On board 16 in the first qualifying round, I decided not to risk 1D being passed out by opening with a forcing 2C! Normally I do not open 2C with 2 suits unless I am very strong, as it can be difficult to show both suits at a convenient level, but since my second suit was spades, I thought I could handle most situations.

Therese's initial 2D response was negative or waiting, prescribed by the system when you do not hold at least one Ace and King or better, but her 4D raise when I showed my first suit showed something after all.

We do not play exclusion Blackwood, and I did not want to bid 4NT with a void, so I just bid 6D, hoping Therese had at least 1 useful card, and so it proved.

She won the opening lead of the HK in dummy and returned to hand with the SQ to lead the CA to discard the H3, and then could claim 12 tricks.

Q 1	AQJT8653			
Bd 22	8			
Dlr E	72			
Vul EW	73			
9		K72		
T93		A7		
KQ84		AT95		
K9862		AQT4		
	4			
	KQJ6542			
	J63			
	J5			
W	N	E	S	
/	4S	1NT	4H	
		//		

It is often said that you should not "preempt over a preempt", but on board 22 in the first qualifying round I thought that my hand justified breaking this rule. Luckily I survived both the opponents and partner.

In our system Therese could have shown her heart suit by transferring with 2D, planning on raising my 2H response to game, but this would fail if I had any reason to not bid 2H, so she made the preemptive bid.

I knew that my 4S bid was in danger of being misinterpreted, and held my breath (in silence) while Therese considered the possibilities before thankfully passing.

My reasoning was that my hand figured to take a 7 tricks with spades as trumps, but only 1 (or maybe none) if hearts were trumps. Any tricks that Therese had in her hand would add to my tally of 7, so I was likely to be ahead. It was disappointing when dummy went down to see that there were no extra tricks for me and I went 3 down. Still – 150 was a fair score as others were double in hearts or spades at the 3 and 4 level.

Q 1 QJ7
Bd 30 Q973
Dlr E AJ8
Vul Nil T62
 KT86 92
 AK8 654
 K6532 97
 J AK9753
 A543
 JT2
 QT4
 Q84
W N E S
 1D / 1NT //

On board 30 in the first qualifying round, East has plenty of tricks in the 1NT contract, but no way to get to hand to enjoy them. As I have noticed on many occasions, a singleton (or void) in your partner's longest suit is not always an advantage. A small doubleton club would have enabled East to duck a club and possibly get a total of 5 club tricks instead of just 1!

After the 1D opening and 1NT response, East was marked with club length, so that was the one suit that Therese was not going to lead. Her choice of the S3 was ducked to my Jack and I exited with the C6.

East ducked the club, and now had 5 more tricks, as long as she could get to hand.

Therese led another spade, and declarer ducked again and at trick 4 I exited with a spade to Therese's Ace. The DQ would have been best now, but instead Therese led the HJ, won on the table and declarer exited with a diamond to Therese's Ten. Next came the HT, and declarer exited with another diamond and I got cold feet, rising with my DA to cash out for 2 down and +100.

Q 2 KQ9
Bd 10 7
Dlr E AQT74
Vul All AKJ2
 J2 A873
 KQJ96 A5
 62 853
 T765 9843
 T654
 T8432
 KJ9
 Q
W N E S
 / / / /
 / 1D / 1H
 / 3C / 3D
 / 3NT //

On board 10 in the second qualifying round, it was fortunate for our prospects that Therese bid hearts before West had a chance to, and thus averted the killing lead.

Since we had bid 3 suits, East gave no thought to his short heart holding and my lack of interest in hearts and merely led a 4th highest S3, which I won with the SK.

Having escaped what was almost certainly a fatal heart lead, I ran for cover and cashed my 10 tricks for +630.

Conventionally, when your opponents have bid to game without interference and suddenly the hand that is not on lead doubles, the opening leader is expected to lead dummy's first-bid suit.

This convention would have worked a treat here, as a heart lead produces a quick 6 tricks for the defense, and West mentioned that he gave some thought to doubling for a heart lead. However, I would have understood the meaning of the double as well, and maybe EW would have doubled 5D as well, which would have been +750.

F 1 97
Bd 8 Q76
Dlr W T762
Vul Nil Q842
 K QJ854
 AKT982 53
 8 Q54
 AKJT9 653
 AT632
 J4
 AKJ93
 7
W N E S
 1H / 1S 2D
 3C / 3S /
 4C //

On board 8 in the first round of the final, I had a nice looking hand that turned to mush when the bad trump break came to light, as by then I had lost control and I finished 2 off.

The East hand is a clear cut response of 1S when the West hand opens 1H, but is obviously not pulling its full weight when South overcalls 2D, and then the bidding got too high.

From my point of view I had 2 good suits and the King of partner's suit, so I thought that game was likely, possibly even in spades! The pass of 4C was a surprise, and the sight of dummy a disappointment, especially the doubleton heart.

North led a dutiful D7, and I had to ruff the second round. The top club, 2 top hearts and a heart ruff set the suit up, but warned of the bad trump break, and the hand was over.

Oddly, 4C by East can be made, as the DQ is safe from attack and the force does not work.

F 1 AJ3
Bd 10 K93
Dir E A74
Vul All KQJ8
86
Q4 K5
KT863 JT8752
A432 QJ
T97
QT9742
A6
952
65
W **N** **E** **S**
2H 2NT / 3H
/ 3S / 4S
//

On board 10 in the first round of the final, I had 2 chances to beat 4S, and missed them both, with North eventually making 11 tricks instead of 9.

My 2D was a multi, and when South bid 3H as a transfer to spades, it was obvious that my suit was hearts. The 3H bid was not alerted, but Therese had bid 2H as a relay, so it could be argued that we had already bid hearts and that 3H was therefore a cue-bid. This was the first clue I had as to Therese's heart holding as she did not double, therefore implying a poor holding in hearts.

Nonetheless I still led the HJ, won on the table with the HA as Therese played the H4, which unfortunately I knew was low and therefore I thought encouraging. When North finessed to my SK I had another chance to beat 4S by shifting to the DQ, and I did consider this, but alas I led another heart and declarer was home, discarding all of dummy's diamonds on the good clubs.

F 1 AJ97
Bd 11 J6
Dir S 954
Vul Nil AJ86
KQ543 T2
AKQ2 T98743
Q87 KT6
4 T9
86
5
AJ32
KQ7532
W **N** **E** **S**
1S / 1NT /
2H //

On board 11 in the first round of the final, my best option is probably to pass 1S, and hope it makes. However I bid 1NT in the hope that I would get the chance to bid 2H as I estimated that if hearts were trumps, my hand would get a few more tricks than if spades were trumps, and these would add to whatever tricks Therese had for her opening bid.

I got a very pleasant surprize when Therese rebid 2H, and since my dubious response had definitely improved the part-score, I decided not to push my luck and passed.

The sight of dummy caused a few raised eyebrows, and general opinion was that I should have at least raised, but I am unconvinced that is the correct action, even though 10 tricks were easy enough.

The key to 10 tricks was Therese's minor suits, and if they were swapped, 9 tricks is the probable limit of the hand. Therese could even have solid spades and hearts and still NS could win 4 tricks in the minor suits.

F 1 Q8654
Bd 13 KQ
Dir N Q9
Vul All AJT8
AJ7 T932
T2 9763
KJ876 T52
643 75
K
AJ854
A43
KQ92
W **N** **E** **S**
/ 1S / 2H
// 2NT / 4NT
// 5D / 6NT
//

On board 13 in the first round of the final, North bid a dubious 2NT instead of 3C after the 2H response (maybe a hint of Hideous Hog?), and paid the penalty when he next found himself in a no-play 6NT.

When Therese won my lead of the D5 and cashed the SA I thought that my lead had hit the jackpot, but closer examination showed that 6NT could never make unless West unwisely led away from the DK.

However 6C is cold from either hand as it is possible to make the 12th trick by discarding diamonds on the hearts and ruffing the D4.

Without a diamond stop North would have been better to have bid 3C rather than 2NT as his heart holding was very powerful and maybe 4H is a better contract than 3NT.

Possibly South may still end in 6NT, but in slams, every contract requires 12 tricks so there is not the same aversion to minor suits and South may have launched straight into Blackwood after the 3C rebid.

F 1 A6542
Bd 18 A5
Dir E T84
Vul NS A74
 Q8 J3
 Q8 K942
 AK92 763
 T8652 KQJ9
 KT97
 JT763
 QJ5
 3
W N E S
 / 1S / /
 X // X 4S

On board 18 in the first round of the final, I had visions of bad breaks and impending doom when East doubled my 1S opening and West doubled the jump to 4S. My reasoning was that since neither opponent had enough to open the bidding, it could only be distribution that prompted their re-entry into the auction.

Therese's jump to 4S was part of our approach to bidding, in that sometimes it makes (as here), and sometimes it goes down, but the loss should not be high, and the preemptive value may keep the opponents out of a game of their own. My hand should not be light to open in 4th seat.

East led the CK and I played a spade to dummy intending to finesse if East played a spade honour, and was disappointed that neither honour appeared.

It looked like 1 down on a 3-1 trump break as I could still win the next spade in hand and ruff a club, and then enter my hand with the HA to ruff another club.

To my surprize, everyone followed to the 2nd trump and I found that 4SX was cold. Lucky for me that East did not have QJ of trumps alone as I would have lost the second round and bee 1 down.

F 1 Q94
Bd 21 AK97
Dir N A2
Vul N JT73
 AKJ87 T653
 62 5
 QT95 K87643
 A6 95
 2
 QJT843
 J
 KQ842
W N E S
 X 1NT / 2D
 // 2NT 3S 4H

On board 21 in the first round of the final, my 2NT response to the transfer showed 4 hearts and a maximum, so Therese was in no doubt that 4H was worth a shot.

The double of the transfer bid showed 2 suits, 1 of which was spades, which is why East ventured 3S on such a poor suit and minimal values.

Looking at all 4 hands it is amazing that EW allowed us to play in 4H when they have such a good spade fit and the vulnerability in their favour, but maybe they had hopes of beating 4H?

Therese had no trouble in 4H and lost just the 2 Aces for +650. The real test would have come if EW had bid 4S and we had doubled. This goes 2 off, but only if South leads the DJ after cashing just 1 heart (easy since my hand is know to have 4 hearts), and after getting the ruff, leads the CK. It is not always right to lead a side suit singleton when holding only 1 trump.

F 1 875
Bd 29 -
Dir N AQJT93
Vul All T854
 T AQ96
 AT9873 J64
 76542 -
 K AQJ763
 KJ432
 KQ52
 K8
 92
W N E S
 1H / 1C X
 3H 2D X 2S
 / 4H //

On board 29 in the first round of the final, we were told that NS were playing normal style take-out doubles, and that therefore South had shown a good hand when he doubled and then bid another suit after his partner freely bid 2D.

As you can see, South has a mediocre hand, especially in view of the heart bid on his left. Also, in my view, North's explanation of South having a good hand does not ring true with her non-support! She has a void in our suit, 3-card support for spades, and a good side suit, and yet there was not even a token bid at the 3-level.

Therese ruffed the diamond lead in dummy and led a trump, inserting the HT when South played low! She then cashed the CK and entered dummy via another diamond ruff to cash the clubs, noting the fall of the DK. South elected to ruff the first club low, but Therese could overruff, cash the HA, and throw South in with his last trump. South's forced spade return allowed all her diamonds to be discarded for 12 tricks and a well earned +680.

F 2 T5
Bd 1 AQ32
Dlr N AQ3
Vul Nil KQ85
A942 KQJ86
- 964
9762 KJ4
T9643 72

73
KJT875
T85
AJ

W	N	E	S
4S	1H	1S	4H
//	X	/	5H

On board 1 in the second round of the final, Therese picked a good time to ignore the rule that the 5-level belongs to the opponents! The reason was her exceptional trump support and therefore our probable lack of heart tricks. My double indicated defensive tricks, since her 4H jump promised little more than a lot of hearts.

Looking at the EW hands there only appears to be 3 losers in 4S, but there are not necessarily 10 winners on repeated heart leads, which is probably why Deep Finesse does not rate 4S as an EW contract.

EW were able to cash 2 spades tricks, but I won the diamond switch from West expecting an easy time. However, when West failed to follow to the first trump, I cashed the CA and CJ, and then finished drawing trumps to cash the remaining clubs to discard the diamond losers.

That was +450, and a whole lot better than we may have gotten out of 4SX, in spite of DF's pessimism.

F 2 QT865
Bd 5 92
Dlr N 2
Vul NS AKQ85
4 K2
KJ85 AQT643
KJT743 A86
T9 32

AJ973
7
Q95
J764

W	N	E	S
4H	1C	2H	2S
	4S	//	

On board 5 in the second round of the final, EW made it very easy for us by not competing to the 5-level, in spite of their known fit at favourable vulnerability.

My 1C opening promised at least 4 clubs, so the known club fit and singleton in the opponent's suit justified Therese's 2S overcall on such a minimal hand. She hit the jackpot when I raised to game.

I opened 1C rather than 1S as it is very difficult for the opponents to keep you out of the bidding when you hold the top suit, and when I rebid spades at my earliest opportunity, I am known to have an unbalanced hand. Of course, this was not obvious when I supported Therese.

I do not know why EW did not bid the obvious 5H, which can make 10 tricks and is therefore an excellent save, but maybe each thought that the other was weaker than they actually were, or each had visions of beating 4S.

F 2 98732
Bd 8 Q63
Dlr W 2
Vul Nil KQ84
JT654 Q
T2 J875
Q76 JT84
AT2 J975

AK
AK94
AK953
63

W	N	E	S
/	/	/	1D
/	1S	/	2H
/	2NT	/	3NT
//			

On board 8 in the second round of the final, I received a favourable club lead in 3NT and West won the CA and led a spade. That gave me 9 tricks and prospects looked good for 10, provided I could duck some tricks to rectify the count, but the spade position looked dangerous.

Accordingly, at trick 3 I ducked a diamond to West, who quickly came back another spade. and I was at the cross-roads.

If East had the 4th diamond, I could set up the 5th card for the 10th trick, but I could not let West in so that was out. A good option that I missed, was to lead a club and cover West's card, then I could win the return and I would be able to get a complete count of the hand.

What I had failed to notice was the 2nd spade had already squeezed East, and I had 10 tricks all along. I cashed the HK and when I led next to the HQ I felt sure that a finesse of the HT was going to work, but instead opted for 9 tricks to keep par.

F 2 J9
Bd 13 KJ54
Dir N K9
Vul All A7652
AT7432 86
76 A3
63 AQJT85
984 QJ3

KQ5
QT982
742
KT

W	N	E	S
/	1C	2D	2H
3S	3H	/	/
	/	3NT	//

On board 13 in the second round of the final, I missed a valuable inference in the bidding through acting too quickly and luckily did not pay too high a price.

My 2D overcall was intermediate, and if Therese was strong, she would have bid 2S on the 1st round. As it is she is not strong enough to make a forcing bid, so has to pass. The 2H bid from South was a negative free-bid, which is why NS do not get too adventurous.

When she next came in over 3H, I should have realized that she had a long suit and not much more and was relying on my strength for outside tricks. 3S is almost certain to go 1 off, but 3NT could have been horrendous.

As it was I got lucky when the DK was doubleton on-side and I made 8 tricks also for -100. Since 3H was making for -140, this was a bargain.

F 2 QT8
Bd 20 Q42
Dir W KJ9
Vul EW KQT4
AKJ 965432
953 K8
AQT6 5
876 AJ52

7
AJT76
87432
93

W	N	E	S
1NT	/	2H	/
2S	/	3S	/
4S	//		

On board 20 in the second round of the final, EW bid a speculative 4S that should have had no chance, until my lapse in concentration during the play gave declarer a chance, but luckily he did not take advantage of it.

I led the CK which declarer won to cash 2 spades, showing up at least 3 top losers. Unfortunately I missed Therese's discard on the 2nd trump, so although I knew from the bidding that she had a red Ace, I had to guess which one it was after winning the club exit and cashing my SQ.

Since I also knew that Therese had either the DQ or HJ, I chose the D9, as a heart lead if Therese had the DQ allowed declarer a successful guess.

This extra diamond trick allowed declarer to discard a heart on the DA and then run the C8 for the 10th trick. Luckily while I knew that I also had the CT, he did not, and took the 50% chance that the HA was on side and discard a club. 1 down and +100. If I had led a heart, he has to take the club finesse to avoid 2 off.

F 2 QJ76
Bd 21 J62
Dir N Q3
Vul NS KQ43
T95 K84
QT9 K8
KJ4 T97652
T875 J2

A32
A7543
A8
A96

W	N	E	S
/	1NT	/	2D
//	2H	/	3NT

On board 21 in the second round of the final, North opened 1NT with dubious values and paid a heavy penalty when the final contract was wrong-sided.

South may have had some visions of slam if a heart fit came to light, but was happy to subside in 3NT if that was North's choice. The nature of North's values may have made 3NT a better contract than 4H on the 5-3 fit, but not this time.

Since I had nothing better to do I led the DT, without much hope of any gain, but confident of not giving too much away. Declarer took the only hope by ducking in dummy, but when Therese won the DK and returned the DJ, declarer's fate was sealed.

If North had passed, and South was able to open 1H, 10 tricks in hearts would have been easy with South declarer, and 9 tricks in notrumps also available, though an avoidance play was required in spades if West did not lead a diamond.

F 2 AQ9752
Bd 23 9632
Dir S 4
Vul All 76
 KJ6 3
 T5 AKQJ874
 9762 QJ
 KT93 A52

 T84
 -
 AKT853
 QJ84

W **N** **E** **S**
 1S 4H 4S

 //

On board 23 in the second round of the final, we were outgunned and gave up early after forcing South to make a decision at the 4-level. This was just as well as North found a way to go 1 off!
 North's plan appeared to be to discard 1 club loser on the top diamonds and then cross-ruff for 10 tricks, but this plan was bound to come unstuck since Therese was likely to be short in hearts also.
 When I played the QJ on the top diamonds, North could now have taken a spade finesse (taking my only trump), ruffed another heart, and then discarded the last heart on the DT, conceding just 1 spade and 2 clubs.
 Instead, they led the DT and discarded their 2nd club, but now Therese could over-ruff the 3rd heart, and exit with a club, leaving declarer with a spade and heart loser.

F 2 J3
Bd 26 AK753
Dir E 54
Vul All KJ92
 KT84 A975
 Q96 J2
 876 AJ32
 T83 A65

 Q62
 T84
 KQT9
 Q74

W **N** **E** **S**
 / 1H X 1NT
 2S / / 3H
 //

On board 26 in the second round of the final, because West had only bid spades in response to the take-out double, East was reluctant to lead the suit at any time and I was allowed to make 9 tricks.
 Of course the best result for us would have been to let EW labour in 2S, which may have gone 2 off for +200, but at least +100 was available.
 East made a 'safe' lead of the HJ, which I won and led the D5, thinking I may have to lead up to dummy twice. However, to my surprise, East rose with the DA and led another trump.
 One of my spade losers now went on the 3rd diamond winner, and I lost just 1 trick in each suit for +140.
 The looming diamond honours in dummy should have alerted East to the need for a spade switch, but in any case it must be safe to duck the first diamond. The duck also cuts me off from immediate access to dummy for the spade pitch, and lets East decide about leading a spade when a club is led.

F 2 A932
Bd 27 KJ
Dir S AJ3
Vul Nil AJ52
 Q765 KJT8
 974 AQ62
 K95 T64
 K76 T9

 4
 T853
 Q872
 Q843

W **N** **E** **S**
 / 1C / /
 1S / 2S X
 / / 3S /
 / X //

On board 27 in the second round of the final, EW got carried away with the spade fit and bid once too often on minimum hands.
 When Therese came back into the auction with a takeout double after her initial first-round pass, I gave some thought to converting the double to penalties, but decided that it was too close for comfort.
 However, when East unwisely bid 3S over my 2NT, I had no doubt about doubling for penalties.
 Initial trump leads will probably restrict EW to 6 or 7 tricks, but I with 4 trumps I was looking to a forcing defence, so started with the HK! The sight of dummy was a disappointment, but when Therese encourage, I knew that there was no great harm done.
 Declarer won on the table and led a low trump, and I won the SA and led another heart, again won on the table and exiting with a low heart.
 The CQ now will hold declarer to 6 tricks, but with nothing to guide her Therese led the D2, and I won the DJ, DA and exited with a diamond for +300. A trump back by me mat still have netted +500.