



## AUSTRALIA DAY POSER

### SIX POINTS CAN GO A LONG WAY!

**Submit your answers by email to the club by this 31 January. Correct answers from members with fewer than 700 masterpoints will be drawn from a hat and the winner will receive a bottle of bubbly.**

♣ T9  
♥ QJ54  
♦ 872  
♣ K743

♣ AQ2  
♥ AK62  
♦ AK  
♣ AQT8

The dealer is East with no-one vulnerable:

The bidding proceeds:

East	South	West	North
2C (game force)	Pass	2D (less than 7HCPs)	Pass
3NT (25-27HCPs) balanced	Pass	??	

You are West with a balanced hand and a maximum for your 2D denial bid with all your honour cards “working” but holding no Aces and only 1 x King.

You are playing Gerber over previous NT bids.

(1) Would you make any other bid than pass and, if so, what?

You are East in 6NT and you receive the 9H lead. How do you play

(2) the club suit and

(3) the spade suit

to maximise your chance of making 12 tricks?

**Solution**

- (1) 4NT quantitative bid by West asking East to bid 6NT with upper range.
- (2) Club suit: Play AC or QC. When North plays the 9C, play the other top honour from hand. When North shows out, finesse South for the JC by running the 10C.
- (3) Spade suit: Take the double finesse by running the 10S from dummy (higher probability of winning 2 x spade tricks.)

Note: extra brownie points for recognising entries to dummy have to be handled carefully.

The full hand played on Saturday, Dec 28.

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