Melbourne Bridge Club

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Newsletter for week ending 02 Dec 2018

**North - South** **East - West**

Monday Day Kath McInerney & Colleen Lansbury Jude Adams & Joe Buckley

Night Joanne Brumby & John Arnold Helen Prohasky & James Grapsas

Tuesday Day Margot O’Brien & Mim Blomquist Ian Mansell & Mike Macrow

Night Robin Tuttleby & Sean Tunney Rita Cally & Oliver Goodman\*\*

Wednesday Eve Tuck & Chris Lamb\*\* Suzie Macfarlane & Ian Mansell

Friday Margot O’Brien & Mim Blomquist\*\* Lucy Zammit & Rex Fox

Saturday Gerda & Eric Thurin Mary Church & Sally Marshall\*\*

Hand of the week Saturday 01 Dec Board 18 N-S vul Dealer E

**Dropping the singleton king**

♠ KQ1096

♥ Q108742

♦ Q

♣ 4

♠ 52 ♠ -

♥ K ♥ J953

♦ J9763 ♦ 8542

♣ J10952 ♣ AKQ63

♠ AJ8743

♥ A6

♦ AK10

♣ 87

N E S W

- 1♠ -

4♣ - 4NT -

6♠ =

East passes. With 20 HCP and a six-card spade suit, what should South call? How about opening 1♠?

West passes and North, with a 5-card fit and 13 TP, should consider 4♠, but with such a distributional hand what about considering 6♠?

North should therefore trot out Gerber, and when South shows three Aces 6♠ is the requisite contract.

Just suppose there is a club lead, East wins and the second club is ruffed in Dummy. Trumps are drawn and three rounds of Diamonds are taken. How should Declarer play the Hearts?

Missing the K♥ and the J♥ leading the Q♥ from Dummy is a no-brainer, for if the Q♥ is covered by the K♥ Declarer still has to lose a trick to the J♥, so the only way to make the contract is to play the A♥ and hope that the K♥ is singleton – contract made!

**Christmas closure:**

Monday night supervised 17 Dec to 7 Jan (both dates inclusive)

Tuesday morning Supervised 18 Dec to 8 Jan

Tuesday night Duplicate 25 Dec and 01 Jan

Wednesday night Supervised 19 Dec to 09 Jan

Friday morning Supervised 21 Dec to 12 Jan

**All other Duplicate sessions will run as normal**

**Sandra and Ian**