Melbourne Bridge Club

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#### Newsletter for week ending 03 December 2017

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

Monday Day Yvette Walsh & Pia Bengsten\*\* Patricia Cox & Marilyn Hunter

Night John Osmond & Peter Head Katheryn Bailey & Michael Bugler

Tuesday Day Betty & Tom Blom\*\* Jenny Goodey & Maritza Byrne

Night Anne Lyon & John Moran\*\* Luke McNamara & Phil Cohen

Wednesday Mike Macrow & Terrence Staunton Pam Hart & Pippa Thornton\*\*

Friday Sally Foster & Lesley Johnstone Catherine Ng & Roger Kenna\*\*

Saturday Rosette Wittner & Shirley De Winter Elizabeth Neesham & Geraldine Foley\*\*

Hand of the week Saturday 03 Dec Board 02 Dealer E N-S nil

**On getting to the right contract**

♠ QJ1093

♥ A7632

♦ 53

♣ 4

♠ 6 ♠ 8754

♥ K984 ♥ 103

♦ J109842 ♦ 7

♣ A5 ♣ Q863

♠ AK

♥ QJ

♦ AKQ6

♣ KJ1097

N E S W

- 2♣ -

2♦ - 2NT -

3♠ - 4♠ =

East passes. With 23 HCP South opens 2♣. West passes and North denies having an Ace + King by bidding 2♦. After East passes South shows their (reasonably) balanced hand and their 23 HCP by bidding 2NT.

West passes and North faces a dilemma. With 6 HCP there is enough points for game. How to get there? With 5 – 5 in the major suits does North use Stayman or should they bid 3♠, and when partner denies having three spades then should they bid 4♥ thereby indicating 5 – 5 in the majors and enough points for game? Personally, I consider that they should take the latter course.

Interestingly, with a doubleton AK♠ and a doubleton QJ♥, over North’s 3♠ bid, South should reason thus: North has long spades and since I have only the top two honours, I possibly don’t have an entry to North’s long spades, and the doubleton QJ♥ isn’t really a stopper for No Trumps, therefore raising to 4♠ should be the winning bid!

We have two “spare” red point sessions and have decided to use them on Friday 15th December and Monday 18th December. There is no additional cost for participating in a red point event.

**Important news:** The MCC have announced that MCC Kew will be open for all of 2018!

**Christmas closure: Supervised Play 18th December to 12th January (inclusive). All Duplicate sessions will run apart from the sessions on Monday 25th December and Monday 1st January.**

**Sandra and Ian**