Melbourne Bridge Club

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Newsletter for week ending 08 Dec 2019

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

Monday Day R Stuart-L Johnstone=J Reynolds-P Cork Jude Adams & Terry Clair\*\*

 Night Virginia Holloway & Honey Wong Susan Moore & Christine Urdevics

Tuesday Day Margot O’Brien & Mim Blomquist Jenny Head & Joanna Williamson

 Night Jeff Pitt & Lester Steele\*\* Rita Cally & Oliver Goodman

Wed Night Betty & Tom Blom\*\* Pippa Devlin & Sheila Axelson

Friday Ronella Stuart & Heather Smith\*\* Diva Hatfield & Suzy Narita

Saturday Diva Hatfield & Richard Gilbert\*\* E Neesham-G Foley=I Mansell-T Clair

Hand of the week Saturday 07 Dec Board 04 All vul Dealer W

**Careful play necessary!**

 ♠ J942

♥ 10

 ♦ K10

 ♣ KJ9654

♠ KQ3 ♠ A108

♥ AK764 ♥ QJ953

♦ 5 ♦ Q9762

♣ 10873 ♣ -

 ♠ 765

 ♥ 82

 ♦ AJ843

♣ AQ2

 N E S W

 - - - 1♥

3♣ 4♥ =

West opens 1♥. North tries 3♣ and East leaps to game in hearts.

North leads a small club, ruffed in Dummy. If Declarer plays two rounds of trumps they will end up with a club loser. Therefore Declarer can only afford to draw only one round of trumps! However, before they do so, they should play a diamond, losing to North.

North should now lead a trump in order to stop Declarer from trumping their losing clubs.

Declarer should now cross their fingers and should play three rounds of spades before instituting a cross ruff.

3 spade tricks, 4 club ruffs and 4 diamond ruffs plus one round of trumps = 12 tricks! If Declarer draws one round of trumps before playing a diamond, South should win the Diamond lead and should lead a trump thereby denying Declarer the opportunity to take 12 tricks.

**Christmas closure SUPERVISED PLAY**: Last session 20th December. Recommence 13th January! Tuesday Night Closure 24 and 31 Dec

**Sandra and Ian**