Melbourne Bridge Club

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#### Newsletter for week ending 11 March 2018

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

Monday Day Joan Smurthwaite & Ann Perrott\*\* Ann & Erik Larson

Night Jacqui Butcher & Joanna Williamson Christine Urdevics & Susan Moore

Tuesday Day Louise Buckle & Sandra Mansell Peter Brown-Greaves & Patrick Little

Night Janet Reynolds & Peter Cork Henry Josling & Steve Curtis\*\*

Wednesday J Arnold-S Long=S Kinnear-B Wawn S Moore-C Urdevics=P Thornton-P Hart

Friday Sally Foster & Lesley Johnstone Henry Josling & Steve Curtis\*\*

Saturday Angela George & Suzy Narita\*\* Elizabeth Neesham & Geraldine Foley

Hand of the week Saturday 10th Mar Board 28 N-S vul Dealer W

**Decisions, decisions!**

♠ 4

♥ Q98532

♦ AK10

♣ KQ7

♠ AQ753 ♠ K862

♥ 6 ♥ K

♦ J98542 ♦ Q76

♣ A ♣ 98632

♠ J109

♥ AJ1074

♦ 3

♣ J1054

N E S W

1♠

X 4♠ =

When holding a 5 card major and a 6 card minor, you should always open with the major suit. Your partner is not really interested in a minor suit game and if you make a reverse bid, partner will assume your distribution is 5/4 and hold 16 HCP.

Therefore, on this hand, West should open 1♠, North doubles, intending to rebid Hearts, but East should immediately bid 4♠ since, on the distribution of East’s hand, a contract of 4♥ by North/South looks a certainty. How much better to gazump your opponents by jumping to game!

A contract of 4♠ is likely to be one or two down and, even doubled, gives North/South a maximum score of +300, instead of the +620 they would make in a game in hearts. AND, since there is no likelihood of a club lead, a spade return and a club ruff (18 February newsletter) most North/South’s made +650!

The next **Red Point events** will be Tuesday 3rd April and Saturday 24th March.

**Subscriptions will remain at $50 for 2018/19.** They can be paid in cash to the Director, by cheque made out to MCC Kew Foundation (give to the Director); by Credit Card at the office downstairs or by phone 9817 3936 *please ensure you get a receipt with your name on it and give it to the Director so that the paperwork can be completed:* or by Direct Debit to Bridge Direction 313-140 19212454. Please ensure your name is in the details of the deposit so that the paperwork can be completed.

**Sandra and Ian**