Melbourne Bridge Club

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Newsletter for week ending 13 Oct 2019

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

Monday Day Ronella Stuart & Lesley Johnstone\*\* Barbara Lonergan & Toni Slonim

 Night Judy Bell & James Grapsas J Cooper-P Everist=D Gunzburg-H Beames

Tuesday Day Betty & Tom Blom Haddon Storey & Mike Macrow

 Night Janet Reynolds & Peter Cork Peter Westaway & Darcy Funnell

Wednesday Day Michael Terry & Pamela Vallence

 Night Sandra Mansell & Margaret Martin Barbara Muller & Elly Papas

Friday Joy Mantello & Jan Hocking Catherine NG & Rick Gayland\*\*

Saturday Gerda & Eric Thurin

Hand of the week Saturday 12 Oct Board 01 nil vul Dealer N

**Not an easy hand to bid or play**

 ♠ Q8

♥ AQ1053

 ♦ AQ762

 ♣ 10

♠ A105 ♠ 76

♥ K87 ♥ 964

♦ K3 ♦ 1098

♣ AK963 ♣ 87642

 ♠ KJ9543

 ♥ J2

 ♦ J54

♣ QJ

 N E S W

 1♥ - 1♠ 2♣

 2♦ - 2♠ -

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North opens 1♥. East passes and South bids 1♠. West bids 2♣, North bids 2♦, East again passes and South repeats their spades. West passes, what should North now bid?

North has three options: bid 3♦ to show a 5-card suit; ask South if they have a stopper in clubs by bidding 3♣; or, hoping that partner has a six-card suit, raise spades.

Preferably, I consider that North should choose the third option and, taking into consideration the singleton club, North should now bid4♠.

West leads the A♣ and the K♣ which gets ruffed in Dummy. The Q♠ is won by West who end-played into leading either a Diamond or a heart for 11 tricks.

Therefore WEST SHOULD NOT WIN THE SPADE! Now, in order for Declarer to return to hand, they should play a small heart to their J♥. West should take their K♥ and should play a second heart. Declarer wins this in Dummy and ruffs a small heart. The K♠ is won by West who is endplayed into leading either a club or a diamond. If a small diamond this is run to the J♦, West’s other trump is drawn – 10 tricks! If West plays the K♦ this is won in Dummy, then a small diamond to the J♦, and the last trump is drawn – 10 tricks!

The next **Red Point events** will be Tuesday 12th November and Saturday 26th October.

**Breaking news:** the MCC Foundation have decided to sell the MCC KEW site. We therefore have 6 months to find another “home”. Any suggestions will be welcome!

**Sandra and Ian**