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#### Newsletter for week ending 15 April 2018

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

Monday Day Janet Reynolds & Peter Cork\*\* Suzy Narita & Deidre Kerr

Night Brenda Glynn & Alison Lyall Ros Nichol & Helen Gammon

Tuesday Day Yvette Walsh & Pia Bengsten Lesley Johnstone & Ronda Cross\*\*

Night Janet Reynolds & Peter Cork Rita Cally & Oliver Goodman\*\*

Wednesday Jill Tremonti & Mary Buchanan Patricia & Ron Reeve\*\*

Friday Richard Gilbert & Steve Gapper\*\* Steve Curtis & Henry Josling

Saturday Helen Pearce & Sue Beaurepaire Helen Kremer & Gordon Smyth\*\*

Hand of the week Saturday 14 April Board 14 nil vul Dealer E

**If there is a high trump outstanding then ignore it**

♠ QJ72

♥ QJ97

♦ AJ762

♣ -

♠ 8 ♠ K105

♥ K1065 ♥ A3

♦ 93 ♦ KQ1054

♣ Q109532 ♣ J64

♠ A9643

♥ 842

♦ 8

♣ AK87

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1♦ 1♠ -

4♠ =

East opens 1♦. South calls 1♠ which North raises to game.

West leads 9♦ won in Dummy by the A♦. Should Declarer now try to cross-ruff the diamonds and clubs?

The answer is a definite NO. Trying to ruff the diamonds *first*, relies on them breaking 4 – 3; but what if they break 5 – 2? Trying to ruff the third round of diamonds means you *could* be over-ruffed; therefore a better technique is to play the Q♠ and finesse East for the K♠.

Holding the 10♠ East should cover the Q♠. Declarer now plays a spade to the J♠ and, leaving the 10♠ outstanding, Declarer should *now* cross-ruff the diamonds and clubs; and will therefore lose only two hearts and a trick to the 10♠

The next **Red Point events** will be Tuesday 1st May and Saturday 28th April.

**Sandra and Ian**