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Newsletter for week ending 15 Jul 2018

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

Monday Day Merryl Howell & Ralph Lurie\*\* Brenda Ray & Sandra Mansell

Night Jacqui Butcher & Joanna Williamson Leonie & Peter Silk

Tuesday Day Brenda Glyn & Lynne Dorgan Shan & Mike Rudman

Night Robyn Tuttleby & Sean Tunney Rita Cally & Oliver Goodman\*\*

Wednesday Helen Prohasky & Gundi Weiner\*\* Susan Moore & Christine Urdevics

Friday Brenda Glyn & Lynne Dorgan\*\* Deirdre Fitzgerald & John Barnes

Saturday Sandra Mansell & Tony Meade

Hand of the week Friday 13 Jul Board 12 N-S vul Dealer W

**What a mess**

♠ K7

♥ KQ74

♦ K43

♣ K754

♠ 109 ♠ AQJ62

♥ 10852 ♥ AJ963

♦ 10976 ♦ J8

♣ Q108 ♣ 3

♠ 8543

♥ -

♦ AQ52

♣ A7962

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1♣ 2♣ X 3♥

4♣ - 5♣ =

West Passes and North opens 1♣. East bids 2♣ (a Michael’s Cue Bid showing 5 cards in both majors and 10+ HCP). On East’s bidding South should “know” that North has a club suit, but “just in case” South decides to Double hoping that partner will “understand” that they, South, have 10 HCP and the “other” two suits (ie Clubs and Diamonds).

Although West has insufficient points to make a free bid, they “know” that partner has at least 5 hearts, and therefore using the Law of Total Tricks (ie bid to the level of the combined number of your trumps) they enter the bidding with a bid of 3♥.

North now bids 4♣ and there the bidding should end; however, with 10 HCP and 5 extra points for the Heart shortage, South is likely to raise to the unmakeable 5♣.

Some Norths assayed 3NT which, due to the unfavourable Club break, wasn’t a success; nor were contracts of Hearts or Spades for East – West. The main problem for East-West being the lack of entries to the West hand in order to finesse North. Perhaps West should have passed instead!

The next **Red Point events** will be Tuesday 7th August and Saturday 28th July. No pre-entry needed.

**Sandra and Ian**