Melbourne Bridge Club

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#### Newsletter for week ending 18 February 2018

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

Monday Day Brenda Glynn & Lesley Johnstone\*\* Susi Wardrop & Mercia Nunan

 Night James Grapsas & Philip Evison Leonie & Peter Silk

Tuesday Day Betty & Tom Blom Jenny Goodey & Maritza Byrne

 Night Janet Reynolds & Peter Cork\*\* Roger Taylor & Chris Raisin

Wednesday Joy Millen & Bernadette Chambers\*\* Terrence Staunton & Mike Macrow

Friday Cecile Senior & Gwenda Mealyea Ronella Stuart & Lesley Johnstone\*\*

Saturday Angela George & Suzi Natita Gerda & Eric Thurin\*\*

Hand of the week Monday 12th Feb Board 04 All vul Dealer W

**What is partner trying to say?**

 ♠ K8765

♥ 105

 ♦ KQ1054

 ♣ A

♠ 3 ♠ Q942

♥ AQ98743 ♥ J

♦ - ♦ A762

♣ QJ976 ♣ K852

 ♠ AJ10

 ♥ K62

 ♦ J983

♣ 1043

 N E S W

 3♥

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West opens 3♥. North should probably bid 3♠, but the hand looks a little too weak; double is better as the Diamond fit would then be found; which may propel East-West into the making 5♣. Anyway, the point is that North passed, and 3♥ became the final contract.

What should North lead? Most North’s would lead a “safe” K♦; Declarer would take the A♦ on which they would discard their losing 3♠. Making 10 tricks!

A more cunning North would lead their singleton A♣, then, on seeing Dummy, they should play a spade. Which spade? They need to put partner on lead, so a small spade. A small spade is played from dummy and partner wins the trick. What card should they play next? Should they cash the A♠? Before playing they should carefully consider North’s actions.

The lead of the Ace usually denotes that the leader has the King of that suit, but the King is in Dummy. Why did partner lead the Ace then switch suits? Hopefully this means that the Ace is a singleton! So return a club, partner ruffs, and Declarer is held to nine tricks!

Note: when the J♥ is led from Dummy, South should not cover. In this case “Always cover an honour with an honour does not apply.”

The next **Red Point events** will be Tuesday 6th March and Saturday 24th February.

**Beginners Classes** will commence on Wednesday 21 February at 12.30 pm. These lessons will be repeated on Thursday 22 February at 7.30pm. The classes last for 9 weeks and cost $180. Contact Ian Mansell on 0417 095 921 for further details.

**Sandra and Ian**