Melbourne Bridge Club

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Newsletter for week ending 23Feb 2020

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

Monday Day Joan Smurthwaite & Ann Perrott Terry Morrison & Elizabeth Neesham\*\*

 Night Sally Foster & Carolyn Maher Jenny & Peter Head

Tuesday Day Brenda Glyn & Lynne Dorgan Wendy Slade & Peter Brown-Greaves

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

Wed Night Louise Leatham & David Hill\*\* Jan Downing & Helen Gammon

Friday Liz Jones & Pippa Thornton Henry Josling & Steve Curtis\*\*

Saturday Helen Kremer & Gordon Smyth Sally Marshall & Mary Church\*\*

Hand of the week Monday 17 Feb Board 06 E-W vul Dealer E

**A difficult hand to bid, but easy to make**

 ♠ 32

♥ K96543

 ♦ 76

 ♣ 842

♠ A10976 ♠ J854

♥ A107 ♥ QJ

♦ Q8 ♦ AKJ42

♣ A76 ♣ K5

 ♠ KQ

 ♥ 82

 ♦ 10953

♣ QJ1093

 N E S W

 1♦ - 1♠

* 2♠ - 4♣
* 4♥ - 5♣
* 5♠ - 6♠

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With 15 HCP and a 5-card diamond suit, East has two options: open 1♦ or 1NT? Personally, the doubleton QJ♥ seems a little useless for a 1NT opening, so I would open 1♦.

South passes and West responds 1♠. North passes and when East raises to 2♠, as West I would trot out Gerber and when I find out that we have all the Aces and are missing two kings, I would take a stab at slam!

If North leads a heart there are no problems. On any other lead you play two rounds of spades, win the likely heart return with the A♥ and discard my two hearts on the diamonds. 12 tricks!

Sandra is running a special lesson on “Play of the Cards – defensive and declarer play” on Tuesday 3rd March 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm. Cost $25.00. This will be repeated on Thursday 5th March at 7.30 pm. If interested please write name on one of the notices around the clubrooms.

**Annual Subscription:** $50 is due by 31 March.

The next **Red point events** will be Saturday 29th February at 1.00 and Tuesday 03 March starting at 7.30pm.

**Sandra and Ian**