Melbourne Bridge Club

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#### Newsletter for week ending 23 July 2017

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

Monday Day David Travis & Tony Meade Mim Blomquist & Therese Best\*\*

 Night Joanne Brumby & John Arnold Elly Papas & Maria King

Tuesday Day Betty & Tom Blom\*\* Terence Staunton & Mike Macrow

 Night Robin Tuttleby & Sean Tunney John Enconniere & Mal Ramsay

Wednesday Suzie Long & John Arnold\*\* Patricia & Ron Reeve

Friday Sally Foster & Lesley Johnstone\*\* Florence Gibbons & Joy Mantello

Saturday Angela George & Suzy Narita Terry Morrison & Rita Cally

Hand of the week Saturday 22 Jul Board 18 N-S vul Dealer E

**Decisions, decisions**

 ♠ J108

♥ KJ

 ♦ Q8

 ♣ KQ9872

♠ Q3 ♠ 9654

♥ 105 ♥ Q9862

♦ AK10654 ♦ J3

♣ 1064 ♣ 53

 ♠ AK72

 ♥ A743

 ♦ 972

♣ AJ

 N E S W

 1♣ 2♦

3♦ - 3♥ -

5♣ =

South has 16 HCP and a flat hand which therefore qualifies for a 1NT opening, and yet South chose to open 1♣. Why?

The answer comes from the fact that South has *both majors* as well as the requisite 15 – 17 HCP for a 1NT opening. In response to a 1NT opening North should not use Stayman with a 4-card major without either a) 5 cards in the other major; or b) at least 8 HCP. Therefore, in practise a 4-card major fit can be missed if North has 6 -7 HCP.

Therefore, by opening 1♣ South hopes to find the major suit fit, knowing that partner will respond with a 4-card major with 6 HCP or more, and so the major suit fit can be easily found!

In this case , West pre-empts with 2♦. North bids 3♦ asking for a stopper, and when South shows no stopper, North bids the making 5♣.

The **Melbourne Bridge Congress** will be held on Saturday 12th August (Swiss Pairs) and Sunday 13th August (Swiss Teams). Entry Forms are available online or at the club rooms.

The next **Red point events** will be held on Tuesday 1st August at 7.30 pm and Saturday 29th July at 1.00 pm. All welcome!

**Sandra and Ian**