Melbourne Bridge Club

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Newsletter for week ending 27 May 2018

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

Monday Day Jenny Goodey & Lesley Johnstone\*\* Lauraine & Jack Smit

Night Judy Bell & Joan Bowden Elly Papas & Honey Wong

Tuesday Day Judy Jones & Jan Hocking Flora Dickson & Ian Mansell

Night Janet Reynolds & Peter Cork Rita Cally & Oliver Goodman

Wednesday Helen Prohasky & Anita Davis Pippa Thornton & Pamela Hart\*\*

Friday Savina Bianchi & Rex Fox Diva Hatfield & Suzy Narita\*\*

Saturday Diva Hatfield & Richard Gilbert Elizabeth Neesham & Geraldine Foley

Hand of the week Saturday 25 May Board 26 All vul Dealer E

♠ 863

♥ 9654

♦ A105

♣ K64

♠ Q2 ♠ K109754

♥ Q1073 ♥ J

♦ J83 ♦ Q762

♣ A872 ♣ 95

♠ AJ

♥ AK82

♦ K94

♣ QJ103

N E S W

- 1♣ -

- 1♥ 4♥ =

**A difficult contract to make**

The first consideration is whether or not East should open the bidding with a weak 2♠ bid? Personally I consider that East is a little too weak to do so and therefore they should pass.

South opens 1♣, and after North responds 1♥, South jumps to game.

East leads a small spade. Declarer inserts the J♠ which loses to West’s Q♠ and a spade is returned to Dummy’s A♠. Now, when Declarer cashes the A♥ and East drops the J♥, Declarer should take stock: they have already lost a spade, the A♣ is a second loser, if West holds the ♥Q107 how can Declarer avoid losing 2 heart tricks?

The technical term is via an “elimination and a throw in”. Watch the magic! South now plays on clubs, West can take their A♣ at any time but Declarer takes three club tricks and discards a small diamond from their hand. Then A♦ K♦ and a diamond ruff. Now Declarer tries to trump the 8♠ with the 8♥. Unfortunately, West over-trumps with the 10♥ and now has to lead from the ♥Q7 with the ♥96 in Declarer’s hand and the ♥K2 in Dummy – contract made!

**Play of the Cards – Elementary** Ian intends to conduct a series of lessons on **Play of the Cards** in the coming months. The first is scheduled for Thursday 31st May at 12.30 pm - it will be repeated 7.30pm. The lesson will last for approximately 2 hours and will cost $25.00. If interested, please write your name on one of the posters around the room. **Please note that this is a repeat of the Elementary lesson held in 2014**. A similar lessons for more experienced players will be scheduled for later in the year.

**Beginners Classes** will commence on Thursday 07 June at 12.30 pm. They will be repeated at 7.30pm. The classes last for 9 weeks and cost $180. Contact Ian Mansell on 0417 095 921 for further details.

The next **Red Point events** will be Tuesday 5th June and Saturday 30th June.

**Sandra and Ian**