Melbourne Bridge Club

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Newsletter for week ending 01 Mar 2020

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

Monday Day Janet Reynolds & Peter Cork Angela George & Pamela Hart\*\*

Night Marjie Courtis & Simon Hardie Alicja Gizinski & Barbara Muller

Tuesday Day Des Fielding & Seng Tan Shan & Mike Rurman

Night Janet Reynolds & Peter Cork Denise Rozner & Carolyn Hart

Wed Night Joy Millen & Bernadette Chambers\*\* Jacqui Butcher & David Gunzburg

Friday Shan & Mike Rudman Robin Tuttleby & Dot Cassidy\*\*

Saturday Diva Hatfield & Richard Gilbert Sue Kinnear & Brian Wawn

Hand of the week Tuesday 18 Feb Board 20 All vul Dealer W

**On reaching the right contract**

♠ 9

♥ A42

♦ K987642

♣ 85

♠ AJ74 ♠ Q1053

♥ J7 ♥ Q10865

♦ A5 ♦ -

♣ KQ1072 ♣ A964

♠ K862

♥ K93

♦ QJ103

♣ J3

N E S W

1♣

2♦ X 5♦ 5♠

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With 15 HCP and a 5-card club suit, West has two options: open 1♣ or 1NT? Personally, the two doubletons seem a little useless for a 1NT opening, so West should open 1♣.

North jumps to 2♦ and East, determined to show their 5-card heart suit, bids 2♥. Now, when South jumps to 5♦, West will Double and the resultant score of 500 is little compensation for the 650 available in 5♠. What went wrong?

Answer: East was too fixated on their 5-card heart suit! In actual fact East has tolerance for both majors thus bidding hearts is selfish – East should Double and the spade fit will be found!

Key point: when you have a 5-4 holding in the unbid suits show this by Doubling rather than bidding the 5-card suit as partner may have a fit in your 4-card suit!

Sandra is running a special lesson on “Play of the Cards – defensive and declarer play” on Thursday 5th March at 7.30 pm. Cost $25.00. 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 28th March at 1.00 and Tuesday 03 March at 7.30pm.

**Sandra and Ian**