Melbourne Bridge Club

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Newsletter for week ending 02 Nov 2019

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

Monday Day Yvette Walsh & Pia Bengsten Suzy Narita & Deidre Kerr\*\*

 Night Francis Toeng & James Grapsas Sally Foster & Toni O’Doherty

Tuesday Day Shan & Mike Rudman Patricia & Ron Reeve

 Night Darcy Funnell & Peter Westaway Luke McNamara & Phil Cohen

Wednesday Day Diva Hatfield & Suzy Narita=Angela George & Helen Kremer

 Night John Arnold & Mike Macrow\*\* Ruth Pocock & Tony Meade

Friday Sally Foster & Lesley Johnstone Terry Morrison & Rita Cally\*\*

Saturday Judith Herman & Judith Davey Eve Tuck & Pamela Hart\*\*

Hand of the week Saturday 02 Nov Board 07 All vul Dealer S

**Decisions decisions decisions**

 ♠ KQ106

♥ K92

 ♦ Q642

 ♣ 97

♠ AJ97532 ♠ -

♥ 103 ♥ A864

♦ 5 ♦ J98

♣ KJ5 ♣ Q86432

 ♠ 84

 ♥ QJ75

 ♦ AK1073

♣ A10

 N E S W

 1♦ 2♠

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 5♥ X =

South opens 1♦. West has 7 spades and 9 HCP. What should they bid? Technically, West should bid 3♠, but at adverse vulnerability and with such a lousy spade holding 2♠ is the preferable bid.

Now the spotlight shines on North. They have spades covered, 10 HCP, and a four card fit with partner. Pass is not the best decision as West can make 7 tricks if in spades. 2NT is probably a good decision (provided East leads a spade, but what if they lead a club? 2NT is 1 down!) North cannot double as that would show 4 hearts; therefore by elimination 3♦ is the “best” response.

West leads the A♠ and another spade which East ruffs. A club return is won by the A♣. Trumps are drawn and the 10♣ and a small heart are discarded on the top spades. Now Declarer loses only one heart for an overtrick!

The next **Red Point events** will be Tuesday 12th November and Saturday 30th November.

**Cup Day November 5th.** We will be having our usual Cup Day Tournament starting 11.00 am. Cost $30.00 (includes lunch, cup sweep ticket, and bubbly). If interested please write names on one of the notices around the clubrooms in order to assist with catering – thanks.

**Sandra and Ian**