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Newsletter for week ending 24 Nov 2019

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

Monday Day Janet Reynolds & Peter Cork Diva Hatfield & Geraldine Foley\*\*

 Night Francis Toeng & James Grapsas Sue Powell & Maria Murphy

Tuesday Day Yvette Walsh & Pia Bengsten Mim B;omquist & Judy Jones

 Night Judith Giddings & James Hearne\*\* Belinda Pearson & Margaret Forster

Wed Night Frances Toeng & Ray Carbuhn Libby Paterson & Nola White\*\*

Friday Maggie Kelly & Rex Fox Diva Hatfield & Suzy Narita

Saturday Diva Hatfield & Richard Gilbert\*\* Joanne Heywood & Helen Sewart

Hand of the week Saturday 23 Nov Board 03 E-W vul Dealer S

**Back to the future!**

 ♠ J85

♥ 6543

 ♦ Q987

 ♣ Q6

♠ Q92 ♠ 10743

♥ KQ72 ♥ 109

♦ AJ32 ♦ 1065

♣ J2 ♣ K984

 ♠ AK6

 ♥ AJ8

 ♦ K4

♣ A10753

 N E S W

 1♣ -

 1♦ - 1NT =

Many moons ago, the “main” bridge system was known as 1♣ 1♦ “Bust”.

Since our 1♣ bid says nothing about having clubs, it becomes a “waiting” bid that forces Partner to bid their 4-card major if they have 6+ points. This is a good tactic when Opener has 4 cards in both major suits, and is looking for a complementary suit in Partner’s hand. Forcing a response gives Opener a chance to respond with their best contact bid.

Partner’s response:

If they have 6+ points – bid 4-card major

Else, bid 1♦ = bust hand.

On this Hand, South opens with 1♣. West (with two 4-card suits) should probably “Double” but is afraid of Partner responding with 1♠, and so Passes. Normally North would Pass, but playing 1♣ 1♦ “Bust” North bids 1♦ to “warn” South that they have less tan 6 HCP (Note: this should be alerted). Now South can place the contract: 1 NT or 2♣ are both making contracts. Does this “prove” anything? Not really!

The last **Red Point event** for the year will be Saturday 30th November.

**Wednesday Daytime Bridge: future sessions are cancelled.**

**Sandra and Ian**