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Newsletter for week ending 26 Jan 2020

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

Monday Day Janet Reynolds & Peter Cork\*\* Wendy Robson & Mary Reynolds

 Night Barbara Davie & Scott Anderson Jacqui Butcher & David Gunzburg

Tuesday Day Brenda Glynn & Lynne Dorgan Lesley Johnstone & Ronda Cross

 Night Robin Tuttleby & Sean Tunney\*\* G Vermont & Peter Westaway

Wed Night Anne Lyon & John Moran\*\* Ruth Pocock & Sandra Mansell

Friday Ralph Lurie & Richard Gilbert Henry Josling & Steve Curtis\*\*

Saturday Diva Hatfield & Richard Gilbert Eve Tuck & Pamela Hart\*\*

Hand of the week Saturday 25 Jan Board 09 E-W vul Dealer N

**Planning**

 ♠ 74

♥ 4

 ♦ Q1096

 ♣ A96432

♠ AJ92 ♠ 106

♥ KQJ9 ♥ A10862

♦ J2 ♦ 754

♣ Q105 ♣ K87

 ♠ KQ853

 ♥ 753

 ♦ AK83

♣ J

 N E S W

 - - 1♠ -

 1NT - 2♦ -

 3♦ =

After two passes South opens 1♠. Even though West has 14 HCP, because they hold 4 spades, West must Pass. North responds 1NT. East passes and South bids 2♦. North raises to 3♦ and after three passes West lead the K♥, which wins the trick.

On seeing the singleton in Dummy West should shift to a trump. Declarer should win in Dummy and play A♣ and should ruff a club with the A♦. Now a heart ruff and another club ruff with the K♦ sets up the clubs. Trumps should be drawn by playing the 8♦ as the entry to Dummy. 9 tricks!

If you are really lucky, through poor defence you may also make your K♠!

If you draw trumps you will make 1 spade, three diamonds, 1 club and two ruffs for only 7 tricks. Moral: when there are shortages in both your hand and in Dummy consider cross-trumping rather than trying to draw trumps.

It is also important to note that provided you trump the two clubs with the two top trumps you have the vital entry back to Dummy via the 8♦. Should you not do this then you will make only 7 tricks!

**Sandra and Ian**