

March 13, 2021

## Bridge with Richard Ward

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<b>NORTH</b>		
♠	6 5 3	<b>N/ ALL VUL</b>
♥	A Q 5 4	
♦	A K J 5	
♣	4 3	
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>
♠	K Q J	♠ 10 9
♥	9 8 7 2	♥ J 10
♦	9 6	♦ Q 10 8 4 3
♣	K 9 7 5	♣ Q 10 6 2
<b>SOUTH</b>		
♠	A 8 7 4 2	
♥	K 6 3	
♦	7 2	
♣	A J 8	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1D	PASS	1S
PASS	1NT	PASS	2C
PASS	2H	PASS	3NT
PASS	4S	PASS	PASS
PASS			

South's 2C bid was 'checkback Stayman' asking about partner's major suit holdings. North showed four hearts and then three spades to reach the good spade game. West started proceedings by leading the king of spades. If trumps were breaking 4-1 the contract would need a miracle in hearts and diamonds so our declarer assumed that they were 3-2 and set about trying to ruff a club loser in dummy. He ducked the spade king and won the spade ace over the queen. Then he crossed to dummy with a heart and led the club 3-2-J-K. When West now drew dummy's remaining trump, there was no way to avoid losing two spades and two clubs. Declarer had failed to see the possibility of a 'dummy reversal'. After winning the ace of spades, he held three more trumps in his hand which meant that he could trump all of dummy's losers (one heart and two diamonds) and had the entries to do this. West would be powerless, able to trump in with his top spade whenever he liked.

**QLD OPEN SELECTION TRIALS STAGE 1:** **NS** 1 Peter Evans/ Paul Hooykaas; 2 Greer Tucker / Pele Rankin; 3 Eileen Li / Watson Zhou; **EW** 1 Edward Hahn / Tony Berger; 2 Neville Francis / Murray Perrin; 3 Tony Hutton / Malcom Carter; **Non-Contenders** 1 Sunil Mukherjee / Mary Ryan; 2 Janeen Solomon / Ron Clark; 3 Jan Peach / Michelle Radke

**TOOWONG NOVICE PAIRS:** **A** 1 Elizabeth & Tony Thorne; 2 Rod Wilson / Leith Cameron; 3 Robin Bishop / Jane Tagney; **B** 1 Chris Green / Steve Bennett; 2 Sandy & Susie Fraser; **C** 1 Jenny McGowan / Vanessa Brewis; 2 Karen Gosney / Malcolm Corney

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