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Bridge with Richard Ward

This hand was played at the Barrier Reef Congress in Mackay last weekend. It featured previous teams winners from interstate sitting North-South in one match and East-West in the other.

NORTH		E/ NS VUL
♠	7	
♥	A 5 4 3 2	
♦	-	
♣	Q J 9 5 4 3 2	
WEST		EAST
♠	10 4 3 2	♠ Q J 9 6 5
♥	K 9 8	♥ 10 7 6
♦	9 8 3	♦ A 7 4
♣	A K 10	♣ 7 6
SOUTH		
♠	A K 8	
♥	Q J	
♦	K Q J 10 6 5 2	
♣	8	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	OPEN ROOM		
		PASS	1D
PASS	1H	1S	2D
2S	PASS	PASS	3NT
PASS	PASS	PASS	
	CLOSED ROOM		
		2S	3D
4C	PASS	PASS	5D
PASS	PASS	PASS	

In the Open Room, South's 2D bid was a one-round force and, when West raised spades, South just bid what he thought he might make after a spade lead, despite having no idea about the clubs situation. So that was nine safe tricks without taking the heart finesse.

In the Closed Room East, mindful of the favourable vulnerability, started proceedings with a weak 2S bid, usually a 6-card suit. After South's normal 3D bid, West made the expert call of 4C, the suit he wants led in defence, always prepared to sacrifice in spades if doubled (for - 500). North-South could no longer play in 3NT and, with only 10 tricks available in diamonds, that won 12 imps for the experts.

BARRIER REEF CONGRESS - MACKAY

PAIRS: Open 1 Toni Bardon / Yolanda Carter; 2 Liz Silvester / Greer Tucker; 3 Therese Tully / Richard Ward; **Restricted** 1 Geoff Saxby / Sameer Pandya; 2 Pamela Steele / Dennis Lincoln; 3 Mary Simon / Kevin Hamilton-Reen; **TEAMS: Open** 1 Richard Trollope / David Christian / Gabrielle Elich / Fay Stanton; 2 Geoff Chettle / Justin Mill / Simon Hinge / Greg Lewin / Peter Hollands / Laura Ginnan; 3 Lyn & Malcolm Carter / Nathan van Jole / Tony Hutton; **Restricted** 1 Lorna Shuttlewood / Doone Mitchell / Faye Wright / Christine Nice; 2 Sameer Pandya / Geoff Saxby / Sumant Handa / Eugene Pereira; 3 Debra & Eric Goodchild / Ming & David Ting

QLD NOVICE PAIRS: 1 Dianne Hiles / Richard Booth; 2 Judy Wallace / Jan Flanagan; **B** 1 Martin Wu / Lilly Jia; 2 Geeta & Arvind Bhasin; **C** 1 Jenny & Keith Sanders; 2 Vanessa Brewis & Malcolm Corney