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**Bridge with Richard Ward**

It is the essence of bridge life that a high percentage of the deals you play will be part-scores so it makes sense to give these hands just as much attention as the more exciting games and slams. If you get all of your part-scores right in the bidding and play you will find yourself winning lots of teams matches.

 **NORTH**

 ♠ K J 7 **S/ ALL VUL**

 ♥ J 6 5 2

 ♦ 9 7 6

 ♣ 10 9 2

**WEST EAST**

♠ 8 5 2 ♠ 10 9 6 3

♥ 10 7 3 ♥ A Q 8

♦ A Q J 5 4 ♦ 8 2

♣ A 6 ♣ J 8 5 3

 **SOUTH**

 ♠ A Q 4

 ♥ K 9 4

 ♦ K 10 3

 ♣ K Q 7 4

This hand from the 1965 World Championships earned 7 imps for Italy against Great Britain. Both tables opened a strong no trump and played there with both West’s starting proceedings with the queen of diamonds won by South’s king. Both declarers entered dummy by leading to the jack of spades. How to play the club suit was the crucial problem. Pietro Forquet for Italy took the shortest route by leading the ten of clubs, finessing against East’s hoped-for jack. When this forced the ace he was always going to make his contract.

Boris Shapiro for England judged that, with West holding long diamonds, East was likely to hold the ace of clubs and so tried a low club to the queen. When Giorgio Belladonna brilliantly withheld his ace without a flicker, Shapiro crossed back to dummy and played another club: 10-5-K-A. The defenders won four diamond tricks, one heart and three clubs for down two.

Entries for the QBA Festival of Bridge close on 7th October. Comprising teams and pairs, it is ideal for players of all abilities from novices to experts.

**QLD GRADED PAIRS** [Director – Alan Gibson] 1 Evelyne Mander / Joan Jenkins; 2 Neville Francis / Tony Hutton; 3 Pamela & Jim Evans; **B** 1 Winny Chan / Terry Dwerryhouse; 2 Mary Simon / Kevin Hamilton-Reen; 3 Kathy Males / Peter Munro; **C** 1 Jane Tagney / Marge Henry; 2 Lynda Bennion / Midge Spice; 3 Mary-Louis Churchill / Kris Sullivan; **MACKAY PAIRS** [Director – Geoff Taylor] **A** 1 Adrian Lohmann / Don Cameron; 2 Noel Bugeia / Ian Afflick; **B** 1 Janet Hansen / Diane Morgan; 2 Janelle Conroy / Robert Carless; **C** 1 Ming & David Ting; 2 Jan Harris / Mick King