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Bridge with Richard Ward

Australian Bridge Federation club games online were introduced in 2020 to afford members the opportunity to play and earn red and green Masterpoints. The ABF has announced that Bridge Base Online revenue of over \$1,000,000 has been returned to clubs between May 2020 and September 2021. Each participating club has received a portion of this revenue to reflect the number of sessions held and the number of participants.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		PASS	1NT
2H	3NT	ALL PASS	

South opened a weak one no trump (12-14 high card points). This encouraged West to overcall two hearts which in their system showed hearts and a minor. North bid a practical 3NT and West led their fourth-highest eight of clubs. Assuming that the heart king and club ace are well placed which seems likely, declarer can count one spade, two hearts, four diamonds and two clubs = nine tricks. At teams scoring most of us would look no further, but, at pairs, every overtrick is valuable and those enticing heart pips should attract declarer's attention. After trick one goes: C8-4-3-J, South is well-placed to lead the queen of hearts, forcing West to cover and hopefully bringing down East's singleton nine or ten. Now there will be eleven tricks for a likely top score.

CALOONDRA PAIRS: [Director Peter Busch] **A** 1 Andrew Dunlop / Stephen Hughes; 2 Anne Young / Amber Noonan; **B** 1 Ross Shardlow / Fay Jeppesen; 2 Glenda Vincent / Kate Balmanno; **CLEVELAND BAY PAIRS:** [Director Jan Smith] 1 Pat Larsen / Bill Bishop; 2 Lyn Joye / Judy Hunt; **B** Pat Leighton / Charlie Georgees; **C** Jo Gillis / Sue Reilly; **HERVEY BAY CONGRESS:** [Director Les Bonnick] **PAIRS** 1 Val Holbrook / Noel Bugeia; 2 David Priol / Maurice Williams; **B** Helen Manzau / Peter Gordon; **C** Diane Scruton / Les Crossman; **TEAMS:** 1 Lyn & Jim Martin / Verna & Steve Brookes; 2 Fay Stanton / Gabrielle Elich / Alison Dawson / Janeen Solomon; **B** Peter Gordon / Helen Manzau / Lydia George / Betty Theodore
