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### Bridge with Richard Ward

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Not much is written about how to play those awkward hands where the opponents have more trumps than you do. This happens more frequently than you might think.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1H
PASS	1S	PASS	2D
PASS	PASS	PASS	

North would love to bid a non-forcing 3C over partner's irritating 2D bid but that is not available in any bidding system. There is really no option but to pass and hope for the best. The spotlight shifts to West on lead who should find the obvious diamond lead with ease. This would hold declarer to just six tricks. At the table however, the eight of clubs hit the table and declarer was in with a chance. Winning the ace of clubs, she planned to ruff two hearts in dummy and as many spades as she could. Ace of hearts, heart ruff, ace of spades, spade ruff, another heart ruffed, over-ruffed and a trump returned. Whoops! Unlucky! And that was just seven tricks. Curiously if declarer started with spades instead of hearts – ace of spades, spade ruff, ace of hearts, heart ruff, spade ruff – eight tricks would be possible making three aces and five diamond tricks. It's all about timing.

The Summer Youth Bridge day is on Saturday 18 December 10am-3pm at the Queensland Contract Bridge Club, Woolloongabba. Open to players of all abilities aged 6 to 25. Free with pizza lunch included. More information from Michael Gearing 0419 733 930.

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