

January 8, 2022

### Bridge with Richard Ward

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The Gold Coast International Congress is going ahead in February and entries are already pouring in. In the expectation of probable social distancing space restrictions, organisers may be forced to close entries early, in which case preference will be given to those players who have fully paid.

The first State Championship for 2022 will be the Seniors Teams at the Sunshine Coast Bridge Club on 29-30 January, Players need to register (free) on myABF for entry to all state events this year.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			2D
PASS	2H	PASS	2NT
PASS	3H	PASS	3S
PASS	3NT	ALL PASS	

The bidding: 2D either a weak 6-card major suit or strong and balanced; 2H pass or correct; 2NT big hand; 3H transfer to spades; 3NT choice of games. South did well with his balanced hand not to return to spades which has little chance, especially with heart leads which is what West chose against 3NT hoping to find partner's suit. South won this and played the king and queen of spades. On the queen, West followed in tempo with an imaginative and cost-free jack! Declarer, seeing an opportunity to lead twice from dummy towards his diamonds, overtook the spade queen with the ace and suddenly realised that he had accepted a losing option, reducing his spade winners from five to three.

The next Summer Youth Day will be held at the Toowong Bridge Club on Sunday 16 January from 10am. Free with pizza lunch included. Information from Michael Gearing 0419 733 930.

**GOLD COAST TEAMS:** [Director – Alan Gibson] 1 Watson Zhou / Charlie Lu / Terry O'Dempsey / Richard Fox; 2 Therese Tully / Richard Ward / Paul Hooykaas / Peter Evans; **B** 1 Jane Swanson / Bob Hunt / Edda & Tom Strong; 2 Barry Koster / Jan Peach / Kim McDonald / Robin Webcke; **ADDITIONAL MASTERPOINT AWARDS BRONZE LOCAL** Marge Henry; **CLUB** Lilly Jia

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