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Bridge with Richard Ward

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
PASS	PASS	PASS	1D
2C	2D	3C	3D
4C	PASS	PASS	4D
PASS	PASS	5C	DBL
PASS	PASS	PASS	

This hand occurred at the Northern Suburbs Teams Congress. The winning team picked up 10 IMP's when Sue O'Brien and Paul Collins reached this excellent 4H contract missed at the other table. This was a volatile hand across the field with mostly red suit contracts being played by North or South. At the featured table, West, a renowned over-bidder, came in with a sub-standard 2-level vulnerable overcall and then, overcome by the beauty of his hand, raised himself to the four level. East, despite having seen partner's bidding before, could stand it no longer and took the plunge to game which South was delighted to double. An impossible defence starting with a spade lead followed later by an underlead of the ace and king of diamonds was predictably not found and, when the club position was revealed, the hand played itself for eleven tricks and +750. At the other table in this match, East-West did not bid at all, defending against a 2D contract which made 9 tricks. West will no doubt point to this hand as evidence of the wisdom of his bidding.

TOWNSVILLE AUSTRALIA DAY CONGRESS: [Directors – Jan Smith & Leigh Owens]
PAIRS 1 Lesleigh Rooney / Phil Rains; 2 Betty Hobdell / Rosemary Glastonbury; **B** Dusk Care / Kay Goodwin; **C** Cathy Crawford / Albert Beric; **TEAMS** 1 John Tredrea / Helen Lovegrove / Charlie Georgees / Russell Woolley; 2 Terrence Sheedy / Errol Miller / John Johnson / Audrey Ledbrook; **B** Phil Rains / Lesleigh Rooney / Devan Mitchell / Jacki Segnanfreddo; **C** Andree Galeano / Sam Bishop / Di Garside / Donna Fitch / Jan Manders
TOOWONG PAIRS: [Director – Alan Gibson] 1 Neville Francis / Tony Hutton; 2 Charlie Lu / Watson Zhou; **B** Jane Doyle / Ted Morriss; **C** Rob Swann / Jane Tagney
TOOWOOMBA PAIRS: [Director - Chris Snook] **RESTRICTED** Michael Doherty / Rod Brilliant; **NOVICE** Roger Green / Tim Porter
