

July 2, 2022

Bridge with Richard Ward

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1H	2D
2H	PASS	PASS	3C
PASS	3D	ALL PASS	

Have you ever wondered why some players always finish at the top of your regular club duplicates? One of the reasons is that they concentrate just as hard when playing part-score contracts as they do with games and slams. Extra tricks in part-scores throughout a session will lead to success week after week. This is a typical bread-and-butter declarer play hand. Against three diamonds, the defence started with three rounds of hearts South ruffing the third. Placing the ace of clubs with East who opened the bidding, our declarer crossed to the ace of spades to lead a club to the king. Then he went to dummy again with a diamond to the jack to lead a second club. This time, East rose with the ace and led a third club. This is the moment of truth. If South had played the queen now, West would ruff this winner and there would be a club loser at the end. Instead he allowed East to hold the trick. Now the defence was powerless as the ten of diamonds in dummy could take care of another club or heart lead. Contract making.

TOOWONG PAIRS: [Director – Alan Gibson] 1 Jan Peach / Oliver Goodman; 2 Charlie Lu / Paul Hooykaas; **B** 1 Vesna & Voyko Markovic; 2 Bronwyn McLeod / Kuldip Bedi; **C** 1 Jasmine Skeate / Paddy Taylor; 2 Kathleen Clifford / Peter Munro; **RESTRICTED** 1 Robin Bishop / David Sydes; 2 Robyn Stevens / Simon Fleming; **B** 1 Carmel Dwan / Sue Gardner; 2 Budi Maher / Chris Maher

The Novice Teams-of-3 for players with 0-50 masterpoints will be held at the Queensland Contract Bridge Club, Woolloongabba on Saturday 23 July from 12 noon. Individuals, pairs or three players can enter and teams will be arranged so as to have an experienced player as captain. Enter through the QCBC website.
