

July 23, 2022

## Bridge with Richard Ward

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

<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>
	1D	PASS	1NT
PASS	3NT	ALL PASS	

With eight top tricks in view, the ninth must come from either diamonds or clubs and there are many possibilities. West leads the jack of spades and the questions to contemplate are, which suit offers the best chances of an extra trick and which suit should be attacked first? In diamonds, the 77% line is to duck a diamond all round, then play the ace. Finally, if the king has not appeared lead towards the queen in dummy. In clubs, lead a low club and put in dummy's nine. Next will come the ace of clubs in the hope of seeing an honour so that the 10-8 can force a trick. Failing that, a 3-3 club break will see you home. And the order of plays? Start with the clubs as suggested, keeping the diamond finesse in reserve to the end.

**CAIRNS PAIRS:** [Director – Rebecca Delaney] 1 John Hughes / Peerapen Maslen; 2 David McConachie / Helen Crampton; **B** Jan & Mark Firth; **C** Anna & Donald O'Brien; **MACKAY NOVICE PAIRS:** [Director – Geoff Taylor] 1 Ted Cullinan / Noel Saunders; 2 Mary Rose Ramsden / Carmel Brown; 3 Sandra Morris / Ann Whitmore; **SURFERS PARADISE CONGRESS:** [Director – Alan Gibson] **PAIRS** 1 Tony Hutton / Richard Ward; 2 Jennifer Sawyer / Michael Kent; **B** Ian Murphy / Ian Sandeman; **TEAMS** 1 Robyn Fletcher / Pat Beattie / Eva & Tony Berger; 2 Ralph Parker / Larry Moses / Therese Tully / Paul Hooykaas; **B** Jeff Conroy / Ian Cameron / Jane Swanson / Bob Hunt

Entries are now open for the QBA Festival of Bridge which will be held at the Queensland Contract Bridge Club, Woolloongabba from Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. The Festival comprises three sessions of teams followed by three sessions of pairs with generous prizes at all levels. Enquiries to Kim Ellaway 0412 064 903 or Toni Bardon 0401 082 054

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