

October 15, 2022

## Bridge with Richard Ward

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			2NT
PASS	3D	PASS	3H
PASS	3S	PASS	4H
PASS	PASS	PASS	

After South's strong 2NT opening, North transferred to hearts then bid spades showing at least 5-4 in those suits. North then chose the obvious contract, avoiding 3NT which has no play after a club attack. When West started with the king of spades, declarer thought that there were ten easy tricks: one spade, five hearts and four diamonds. So the ace of spades was won immediately followed by the ace and king of hearts then four diamonds throwing both clubs. A club was ruffed but, unable to reach hand for a second club ruff, the defence won three spades and a heart for down one. The winning line, given the 4-1 trump break, is to start hearts by playing the king then the queen. Because the ace of hearts remains as an entry to hand, it is possible to ruff two clubs in dummy – making one spade, five trumps and four diamonds. Not an easy 'dummy reversal' line to find.

The QBA Festival of Bridge last weekend attracted record numbers from all over the state. [Directors Jan Peach & Alan Gibson] **TBIB QLD OPEN TEAMS:** 1 Zhuqiang Tian / Martin Qin / Charlie Lu / Watson Zhou; 2 Therese Tully / Richard Ward / Peter Evans / Paul Hooykaas; **PLATE** Trevor Fletcher / Dot Piddington / Edward Hahn / Jeff Conroy; **CONSOLATION** Maria Ruttiman / Ann McGhee / George Gibson / Lynne Layton; **REGIONAL** Jan Randall / Don Cameron / Malcolm Allan / Ken Cupples **RESTRICTED** Lilly Jia / Martin Wu / Kathleen Clifford / Wendy Cuthbert; **MOORE AUSTRALIA QLD OPEN PAIRS:** 1 Jenny Hay / Ralph Parker; 2 Ziggy Konig / Justin Mill; **PLATE:** Sarah Strickland / Gary Malinas; **CONSOLATION 1:** Janet Hansen / Diane Morgan; **CONSOLATION 2:** Jane Lennox / Peter Coppin; **REGIONAL** Mearon Geldard / Elizabeth Zeller; **RESTRICTED** Kate McDonald / Michael Gearing.

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