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### Bridge with Richard Ward

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If you like brainy challenges and games, you'll love bridge! Come and learn the basics of the world's best mind sport. Summer Bridge Lessons for players aged 10 to 25 will be held at the Queensland Contract Bridge Club from Monday 12 – Thursday 15 December 9.30am-11.45am each day. Check the Qld Bridge Association website or contact Michael Gearing directly on 0419 733 930.

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

In a teams match after a simple 2NT-3NT sequence West began with the two of spades. The first declarer could see no better option than to play for a 3-3 break in diamonds. Given the lead it was unlikely that the spade suit would oblige and there were insufficient entries to dummy to lead low to the heart K-Q twice. So the ace of spades was followed by the ace, king and a third diamond. West cashed a diamond and continued with spades. Later, although a heart to the king won, now there was no way to forge a ninth trick. Declarer had overlooked one additional chance involving dummy's ten of hearts. If the jack of hearts was with West, then a low heart towards dummy at trick two would establish a second heart trick. The moral of the story is to be aware of the power of non-honour cards.

Sixty teams from all over Australia will be converging on Brisbane shortly to compete in the Grand National Open Teams Final. There will be fifteen Queensland teams and all will be hoping to survive past the opening knockout rounds against some expert teams from the other states.

**TOWNSVILLE NOVICE TEAMS** [Director Charlie Georgees] 1 Reg Burton / Anto Wilson / Fred Cole / Robert Mischlewski; 2 Jeff Stephens / Terry Hughes / Liz Johnson / Judith Threlfall; **NORTHERN SUBURBS IMP PAIRS** [Director Alan Gibson] 1 Lyn & Jim Martin; 2 Murray Perrin / Tim Runting; 3 Ian Afflick / Paul Collins; **B** 1 Krystyna Homik / Frank Hymus; 2 Denise Hartwig / Chris Snook; 3 Tere Wotherspoon / Oliver Goodman

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