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### Bridge with Richard Ward

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The World Championship Teams, the Bermuda Bowl, will be held in Marrakech in August 2023. To make the Australian Open Team, players must first have performed to a high standard in our national events and then competed in a total of 360 hands over six days against Australia's best. An event of this length requires both skill and stamina. Maintaining focus throughout and avoiding the negative partnership distractions when the inevitable poor result occurs requires a level of mental fitness which few of us possess. Results next week.

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

South opened a strong 2C and, over partner's 2D waiting bid, bid 3NT indicating 25-27 high card points. That was enough for North who went directly to 6NT to which West led the jack of spades-queen-king-ace. Had West held the king of diamonds there would have been no story here, so declarer planned to take diamond finesses for twelve tricks, Starting with the king of clubs then the queen. When West followed to the second club, declarer recognised that it was now perfectly safe to overtake the queen with the ace as East showed out. This far-sighted play provided three entries to dummy to take the three necessary diamond finesses.

**CENTRAL QUEENSLAND TEAMS** [Directors - Jan Smith & Leigh Owens] 1 Noel Bugeia / Val Holbrook / Terrence Sheedy / Errol Miller; 2 Jan Randall / Don Cameron / Adrian Lohmann / Malcolm Allan; **B** Debra & Eric Goodchild / Ming & David Ting; **C** Carol & Ian Gaskell / Bill Pickering / Debbie Ludkin; **QUEENSLAND SENIOR PAIRS** [Director - Peter Busch] 1 Richard Wallis / John Gough; 2 Therese Tully / Richard Ward; **B** 1 Noreen Weyling / Tony Davidson; 2 Fay Jeppesen / Annette Hyland; **TOOWOOMBA TEAMS** [Director – Chris Snook] **RESTRICTED** 1 Davis Zhang / Donald Patterson / Lilly Jia / Don Weerheim; 2 Trudy Dunne / Robert Fulcher / Hema de Zoysa / Hugh Robinson; **NOVICE** 1 Michael Walsh / Kerry Gibson / Pauline Curin / Aino Jaatinen; 2 Alison Eising / Helen Kemp / Philip Atkinson / Havah Nielsen

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