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### Bridge with Richard Ward

Omar Sharif was the star of over 100 films including Dr Zhivago and Lawrence of Arabia. He was also an internationally-renowned bridge player. He once said: "Many games provide fun, but bridge grips you. It exercises your mind which can rust you know. Bridge prevents the rust from forming." And that is why those seeking the highest level of mental stimulation move on to activities such as bridge. With more than 50 bridge clubs in Queensland, many will be starting beginners' lessons in the New Year. Time for you to enrol.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1H	DBL	PASS	4S
PASS	PASS	PASS	

West started with the A-K-Q of hearts. The first declarer ruffed the third heart and drew trumps in two rounds. Next came the ace and two of clubs, West following with three and nine. Placing the king of clubs with the opening bidder, and aware that the contract was assured if clubs broke 3-2, declarer rose with the queen of clubs and was down one. "Unlucky" said South. "Hmmm" said North.

The second declarer found a 100% line which only needed the club king with West. Starting the same way but before touching clubs, the ace and king of diamonds were cashed and then a club was played to the queen which won. Returning to hand with a trump, a second club was played. West played the jack of clubs but was now endplayed, forced either to concede a ruff-and-discard or to lead away from the king of clubs. No matter which option West chose, declarer would have made ten tricks, as would have happened even had West held a singleton club king.

**TOOWOOMBA TEAMS** [Director – Chris Snook] 1 Glenys Clift / Trevor Henderson / Mearon Geldard / Elizabeth Zeller; 2 Deborah & Gary Gibbards / Noreen Weyling / Tony Davidson; **B** Kathy Duke / Oliver Dashwood / Joan Mladen / Dennis Lincoln; **C** Murray Pietsch / Val Shield / Michael Rose-Miller / Andrew Mollison.

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