

January 14 2023

Bridge with Richard Ward

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1D	PASS	1S
PASS	2S	PASS	4NT
PASS	5D	PASS	6S
PASS	PASS	PASS	

After the spade fit was found and North disclosed just two key cards in response to the key card ask, the small slam in spades was reached. West led the jack of hearts. East took the trick with the ace and returned a heart to declarer's king. Declarer saw that, if the trumps were at worst 3-1, he could ruff his fourth club in dummy if required. So declarer cashed the ace of trumps at trick two. The 4-0 break complicated things, making the idea of relying solely on the club suit for the extra trick unattractive. It takes some skill to recognise a 'dummy reversal' when you see one but, in this case, dummy can be made high by simply ruffing the two diamond losers. Then there are four spades, one heart, two diamonds, two diamond ruffs and three clubs = 12.

GOLD COAST TEAMS [Director – Alan Gibson] 1 Kerry Wood / Charles Howard / Pam & Jim Evans; 2 Therese Tully / Richard Ward / Neville Francis / Patrick Bugler; **B** 1 Dianne Hillman / Odette Hall / Ruth Young / Dale Wells; 2 Bob Hunt / Jane Swanson / Edward Hahn / Jeff Conroy; **C** 1 Eduardo Besprosvan / Daria Williams / Oliver McCarthy / Darren Brake; 2 Anne Sandeman / Dimity Burke / Joanna Reid / Jennifer Sawyer.

Canberra is the place to be in January with Youth Week, which includes pairs, teams and selection trials, concluding yesterday followed by the multi-event Summer Festival of Bridge over the next two weeks. **AUSTRALIAN YOUTH PAIRS** 1 Andrew Spooner / Jamie Thompson; 2 Lauren Travis / Joshua Tomlin.

The Queensland Open Team Trials Stage 1 will be held on 4th-5th February. Entries from pairs not wishing to continue to Stage 2 are welcome.
