

April 22, 2023

## Bridge with Richard Ward

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An easy hand for you this morning requiring just a small amount of foresight:

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
PASS	3NT	ALL PASS	1NT

West led the jack of hearts. Declarer could count six top tricks. If the diamonds were 3-2, any play would succeed. However, if diamonds were 4-1, the best chance for extra tricks in diamonds was that East had the ace of diamonds. The ace of hearts won in dummy and a low diamond was played towards hand. East could not afford to rise with the ace because that would concede nine tricks. When the king of diamonds won, declarer crossed back to dummy with a club and led a second diamond. When East was forced to duck this as well, the queen of diamonds won and all that remained was to play a spade – making one spade, two hearts, two diamonds and four clubs.

**TOWNSVILLE PAIRS** [Directors – Jan Smith, Leigh Owens] 1 Ched Twyman / Pat Larsen; 2 Betty Hobdell / Judy Hunt; **B** 1 Donna Fitch / Di Garside; 2 Devan Mitchell / Kim Holl;  
**NORTHERN SUBURBS PAIRS** [Director – Alan Gibson] 1 Kim Morrison / Tony Hutton; 2 Jenny Hay / Ralph Parker 2; **B** 1 Barry Koster / Barbara Mackay; 2 Tere Wotherspoon / Terry O'Dempsey; **C** 1 Peter Lyons / Warren Males; 2 Darren Brake / Paul Brake; **GYMPIE CONGRESS** [Director – Steve Murray] **PAIRS** 1 Brett Middelberg / Ines Dawes; 2 Vesna & Voyko Markovic; **B** 1 Maureen Wright / Prunella Adams; 2 Jennifer Hollingworth / Carolann Verity; **TEAMS** 1 Patrick Bugler / Tim Runting / Lyn & Jim Martin; 2 Tim Ridley / David Harris / Rosemary Green / Sam Halvorsen; **B** 1 Eugene Pereira / Sally Hall / Vesna & Voyko Markovic; 2 Ann McGhee / Glenys Tipler / Mary & Graeme Allan.

Entries are pouring in for the popular River City Gold Mixed Pairs which will be hosted by the Toowong Bridge Club on 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May.

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