

April 29, 2023

### Bridge with Richard Ward

This hand was reported from the European Championships held in Tromsø, Norway in 2015.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			PASS
PASS	1H	2C	2H
3C	3H	DBL	PASS
3NT	DBL	ALL PASS	

A few decades ago players were taught that, with a strong overcalling hand, it was necessary to double first and then bid your suit. Today, two-level overcalls have become stronger and stronger so East's 2C bid here does not raise any eyebrows. The subsequent double was not for penalties and West, encouraged by his heart stoppers, went for the big 3NT prize. North doubled, planning a surprise attack in diamonds but hopes were dashed when dummy appeared with that suit well covered. Two spades, two diamonds and five clubs later East-West were writing down +550. South was quick to point out that an opening heart lead would have been successful.

### CLEVELAND BAY DIGGERS CONGRESS [Directors – Leigh Owens. Jan Smith] **TEAMS**

1 Ian Patterson / Betty Hobdell / Phil Rains / Lesleigh Rooney; 2 Bill Redhead / Cathy Crawford / Gladys Tulloch / Barbara Hospers; **PAIRS** 1 Ched Twyman / Leigh Owens; 2 Betty Hobdell / Ian Paterson; **B** Judith Threlfall / Bill Redhead; **TOOWONG NOVICE PAIRS** [Director – Julie Jeffries] 1 Peter Fagan / Kerry Barridge; 2 Althea Crowley / Jacqui Dudurovic; **B** Lou Stanley / Ann Welsh; **WARWICK APRIL PAIRS** [Director – Chris Snook] 1 Pamela & Jim Evans; 2 Ivy & John Luck; **B** Vesna & Voyko Markovic; **ANZAC DAY TEAMS** [Director – Jan Peach] 1 Terry Strong / Jill Magee / Watson Zhou / Charlie Lu; 2 Tim Runting / Patrick Bugler / Alan Gibson / Brian Patterson; **B** Barbara Kent / Ross Murtagh / Jack Rohde / Lex Ranke; **C** Louise & Stephen Bennett / Debbie Carroll / Jacinta Lee.

Players holding fewer than 100 masterpoints in February are encouraged to enter the QBA Novice Pairs at the Sunnybank Bridge Club on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

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