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### Bridge with Richard Ward

The Barrier Reef Congress was a wonderful event – a full house, marvellous organisation by William van Bakel and his Cairns Bridge Club team and smooth, professional directing. Next year this congress moves to Mackay and you should make every effort to get there.

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

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
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|      | 1C    | PASS | 1S    |
| PASS | 2S    | PASS | 4S    |
| PASS | PASS  | PASS |       |

Back to the age-old theme of stopping to think before playing to the first trick. We all know this but often fail to do it. When dummy appears after West leads the jack of hearts, the simple view is that the contract will make if the ace of diamonds or the queen of clubs is with East. So, without pause for thought, trick one goes: HJ – HK – HA – H8. Back comes the queen of diamonds and down you go. Partner is not amused, saying: 'Did it occur to you to duck the opening lead?'. The light finally dawns but far too late.

**BARRIER REEF CONGRESS - CAIRNS** [Directors – Jan Peach, Julie Jeffries, Peter Busch]  
**PAIRS: OPEN** 1 Geoff Chettle / Simon Hinge; 2 Bill Nash / Jimmy Wallis; **RESTRICTED** 1 Sameer Pandya / John Rivers; 2 Barbara Howard / Lyn Dempster; **NOVICE** 1 Harry Graepel / Sandrine Taillardat; 2 Danny Bowden / Elaine Dickson; **TEAMS: OPEN** 1 Laura Ginnan / Peter Hollands / Mike Doecke / Geoff Chettle / Simon Hinge; 2 Michael Sykes / Jenny Millington / Barry Jones / Fred Whitaker; **RESTRICTED** 1 John Rivers / Peter Lyons / Sameer Pandya / Daria Williams; 2 Barbara Howard / Lyn Dempster / Andrea & Dave Mathieson.

The latest QBA Bulletin is available on the QBA website together with entry details for future events. This includes the River City Gold Mixed Pairs at the Toowong Bridge Club on 27-28 May which had a record entry of 36 tables last year and looks set to exceed this in 2023.

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