

May 27, 2023

Bridge with Richard Ward

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3H	DBL	PASS	4H
PASS	5C	PASS	5S
PASS	6S	ALL PASS	

South could have tried a lazy 4S bid after partner doubled the pre-emptive opening bid. The alternative was to start with a cue bid, indicating a hand with additional values. North also had extras so took a reasonable shot at slam. The final contract was decent. However, its chance of success was severely reduced after West led the two of clubs, an obvious singleton, disclosing two club losers. Undaunted, declarer won the ace of clubs, drew trumps, cashed the ace and king of diamonds pitching a club, then ace and king of hearts and ruffed a heart. Finally came the ten of diamonds throwing another club and hoping that West would be forced to win and give a ruff and discard. This low percentage line happened to work on this occasion but was the only one available in what appeared to be a hopeless situation.

GOONDIWINDI MAY PAIRS [Director – Alan Gibson] 1 Elizabeth Zeller / Alison Dawson; 2 Ivy & John Luck; **B** Mary Simon / Kevin Hamilton-Reen; **C** Leonard Schofield / George Sloss; **CALOUNDRA CONGRESS** [Director – Peter Busch] **PAIRS A** Rosemary Crowley / Richard Perry; **B** Ross Shardlow / Peter Gruyhuysen; **C** Bob Galvin / Ian Pitts; **TEAMS A** Kathy & Warren Males / Sue Ziegenfuss / Tim Runting; **B** Eugene Pereira / Sally Hall / Sue & Andrew Sharp; **BRISBANE BRIDGE CENTRE PAIRS** [Director – Julie Jeffries] **A** 1 Jill Magee / Terry Strong; 2 Maha Hoenig / Janeen Solomon; **B** 1 Lyn Tracey / Richard Spelman; 2 Jenny McGowan / Martin Wu.

The River City Gold Mixed Pairs starts today at the Toowong Bridge Club with a record-breaking entry of 90 pairs including some expert partnerships from interstate.
