July 15, 2023

**Bridge with Richard Ward**

**NORTH**

♠ 9 7 4 3 **S/ EW VUL**

♥ 6 5 4

♦ 8 4 2

♣ K 6 2

**WEST EAST**

♠ J 8 6 2 ♠ A K Q

♥ A K Q 10 2 ♥ J 9 7 3

♦ - ♦ A K 7 6

♣ Q 8 7 5 ♣ A 9

**SOUTH**

♠ 10 5

♥ 8

♦ Q J 10 9 5 3

♣ J 10 4 3

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| **WEST** | **NORTH** | **EAST** | **SOUTH** |
| **OPEN ROOM** | | | |
|  |  |  | 4D |
| DBL | 5D | 6NT | PASS |
| PASS | PASS |  |  |
| **CLOSED ROOM** | | | |
|  |  |  | 3D |
| DBL | 4D | DBL | PASS |
| 4H | PASS | 4NT | PASS |
| 6H | PASS | 7H | PASS |
| PASS | PASS |  |  |

In the Closed Room, North-South probably thought their bidding was sufficiently outrageous to keep their opponents out of the grand slam but they were wrong. Thirteen tricks in hearts is not difficult but twelve tricks is the limit in no trump. The choice of opening, four diamonds, on the South hand would not occur to most, indeed any, of us. Nor would North’s raise to five diamonds. These international experts play at a level far different to the rest of us.

**BUNDABERG CONGRESS** [Director – Julie Jeffries] **PAIRS** 1 Malcolm Saunders / Adrian Lohmann; 2 Jan Randall / Don Cameron; **B** Carol Black / Rhonda Chantler; **C** Marie & Selby Downing; **TEAMS** 1 Maurice Williams / David Priol / Nikki Riszko / Andrew Struik; 2 Ann McGhee / Mattie Baljet / Michael Stoneman / Marcel Hoevenaars; **B** Judy Zeller / Hugh O’Malley / Trevor Galletly / Selwyn Nitschke; **LOCKYER PAIRS** [Director – Alan Gibson] 1 Hema & Shanaal De Zoysa; 2 Tere Wotherspoon / Ziggy Konig; **B** Elizabeth & Tony Thorne; **REDLAND PAIRS** [Director – Chris Snook] **UNDER 500** 1 Michael Macrossan / Paula Lennon; 2 Sonya & Shayne Palfreyman; **NOVICE** 1 Louise & Stephen Bennett; 2 Jacqui Dudurovic / Althea Crowley.