

December 9, 2023

Bridge with Richard Ward

The Australian Bridge Federation has recently undergone a change in its governance structure, appointing an Executive Director to the Board. President Allison Stralow has welcomed New South Wales player, David Fryda to this position as he helps to guide the ABF with the strategic challenges for the future development of our game.

Sixty teams from all over Australia converged on the Queensland Contract Bridge Club to compete in the finals of the Grand National Open Teams. It has been South Australia which has dominated in recent times, but not this time. Sydney had three teams in the semi-finals, Adelaide was the fourth, and the winners were SYDNEY 2 (David Wiltshire / Ellena Moskovsky / David Beauchamp / Sophie Ashton / Matthew Thomson) from SYDNEY 5 (Yumin Li / Peter Jeffery / Andrew Peake / Giselle Mundell) 181-84. Best Queensland teams were BRISBANE 4 (Lech Kaszubski / Sheila Parker / Terry O'Dempsey / Ralph Parker) and BRISBANE 1 (Lauren Morgan / Tony Treloar / Sarah Strickland / Peter Evans / Michael Gearing / Ben Leung).

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

The bidding: 2C: 2D, 2NT:3NT. West led the five of spades, East played the ace and declarer paused to consider the problem of how to enjoy dummy's diamonds. The only hope was that West had led from a five-card suit, for then there would be a spade entry to the dummy after unblocking the diamonds. So declarer followed with the queen of spades at trick one. East returned the jack of clubs but declarer was in charge, winning the ace. The diamonds were unblocked and a low spade ensured the contract.

REDLAND DECEMBER TEAMS [Director – Chris Snook]: 1 Patrick Bugler / Neville Francis / Tony Hutton / Ralph Parker; 2 Ivy & John Luck / Jill Magee / Terry Strong; **B** 1 Timothy Freeman / Stanis Davey / Annie Henderson / Lynda Wealleans; 2 Richard Spelman / John Rivers / Lyn Tracey / Eugene Pereira.
