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Bridge with Richard Ward

At the recent Youth Week in Canberra, Queensland's Kate Macdonald whose ability, achievements, sportsmanship, attitude, contribution and commitment during 2023 was acknowledged by the Helman-Klinger Achievement Award and cash prize. The Masterpoint Award prize also went to Kate. Such recognition is thoroughly deserved. The Summer Festival of Bridge National Open Teams was won by Ben Thompson / Renee Cooper / Peter Newman / Matthew Thomson. The under 750 Swiss Teams was won by Sonya & Shayne Palfreyman / Catherine Chaffey / Jake Andrew.

An easy hand for you today:

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1NT	PASS	2D	2S
3H	4S	ALL PASS	

East transferred to hearts over the strong notrump and West had an easy three-heart bid after South overcalled. West led the king of hearts. Declarer saw that there was little to be gained by ruffing the heart and cashing the ace and king of trumps as that would leave the heart losers exposed not to mention the precarious diamond suit. Consequently, declarer decided to lose a trump trick early, keeping a trump in dummy to protect against a heart continuation. After ruffing the king of hearts lead, a trump was played to the ten and West's jack. As long as trumps were 3-2 there were 11 tricks – four trumps, two heart ruffs and five clubs.

NORTHERN SUBURBS TEAMS [Director – Alan Gibson]: 1 Geoffrey Thomas / Terry O'Dempsey / Tere Wotherspoon / Siegfried Konig; 2 Dewi Eastman / Winny Chan / Sue Ziegenfuss / Tim Runting; **B** 1 Eugene Pereira / Martin Wu / Vesna & Voyko Markovic; 2 Carmel Wikman / Richard Spelman / Margie Knox / Lyn Tracey; **C** 1 John Reiter / Bev Connell / Keith Cohen / Jenny Hays; 2 Stephen Cheshire / Peter Munro / Jamshid Vazirzadeh / Gill Phillipppo.
