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Bridge with Richard Ward

More than 1500 players from all over Australia, New Zealand, Canada, China, France, Germany, Indonesia, Ireland, Netherlands, New Caledonia, Noumea, Singapore, Tahiti, Thailand, Wales, Scotland, England and the USA are converging on Broadbeach today for the world-renowned Gold Coast International Congress. This is the biggest event in the southern hemisphere by far and is part of the 2024 World Bridge Federation Tour which was launched last year by WBF President, Jan Kamras.

Today's hand comes from the International Bridge Press Association in an article by former editor, John Carruthers. It features the benefits of agreeing that all doubles after partner's initial redouble, showing 10+ high card points, will be for penalties.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
PASS	1S	DBL	RDBL
PASS	PASS	1NT	PASS
PASS	DBL	RDBL	PASS
2C	DBL	2D	PASS
PASS	DBL	ALL PASS	

North-South had this agreement and East-West played that all redoubles were for rescue. Sadly for them this did not help in this case. Once the doubling started there could be no escape for them. They finally subsided in their pathetic 4-3 diamond suit. The defence was brutal: spade to the ten and ace, heart to the ace, heart ruff, club to the ten and jack, heart ruff, club ace, club to the king, heart ruff, spade king. The defence had taken eight tricks and South remained with three natural trump tricks! Minus 1700, down six. Declarer made his ace and a long trump, no more.

ARANA TEAMS [Director – Julie Jeffries]: 1 Neville Francis / Tony Hutton / Pele Rankin / Kim Morrison; 2 Tony Treloar / Peter Evans / Therese Tully / Richard Ward; **B** 1 Eileen Li / Greg Lee / Martin Qin / Bob Ren; 2 Ross Murtagh / Daria Williams / Sonya & Shayne Palfreyman; **C** 1 Barry Koster / Barbara Mackay / Sameer Pandya / Lyn Tracey; 2 Jenny McGowan / Vanessa Brewis / Susan & Andrew Sharp.
