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Bridge with Richard Ward

The game of bridge in Queensland has been played in various forms as far back as the early 1900s with some small bridge clubs opening in Beaudesert, Maryborough, Chinchilla and Toowoomba. Apart from that, bridge was confined to homes as a social activity. The Queensland Bridge Association was formed in 1934 combining with the Brisbane Bridge Club in 1937. In 1957, the Toowoomba Bridge Club came into being, Queensland's first country club, under the guidance and expertise of Dr. George McCutcheon who was a leading light both there and in Dalby. He was also the convenor of the inaugural Gold Coast Congress in 1961. The Toowoomba Bridge Club has continued to thrive and recently published its history, 1959-2022. Written by Glenys Cliff and her editorial team of Tim Porter, Ngaire Wills and Bruce Hinchcliffe, this handsome volume contains a treasure trove of historical data and photography and makes a significant contribution to the Queensland and Australian bridge archives.

This Bridge World loser-on-a-loser hand comes from the fertile imaginations of Tim Bourke (Australia) and David Bird (UK)

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

North-South find their way to the heart slam after a strong 2C opening, some cue bids then a key card ask. After winning the opening club lead and cashing the two red aces, declarer wants to avoid the risk of the spade finesse. Crossing to dummy's seven of hearts, the jack of diamonds is played whilst throwing the losing club. Note that, if instead the king of diamonds had been played first, followed by the jack throwing a spade, East would be able to ruff a diamond to defeat the slam.

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