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Bridge with Richard Ward

Some hands have multiple problems both in the bidding and the play.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		PASS	1S
2C	DBL	PASS	2S
PASS	3S	PASS	4S
PASS	PASS	PASS	

When South opens, and West overcalls North, has a choice of either showing a limit plus raise in spades with a 3C cue bid or double to bring the hearts into the picture. On the lead of the club queen South must win with the king. If the club ace takes the first trick to lead spades, the club king will get ruffed away - a nasty fate. The best play in trumps is to cross to the heart king (not the diamond ace) and lead a spade towards dummy. Now West can give partner one club ruff only. Note that If the diamond ace had been played at trick two, East will get TWO ruffs. It would be a pity to have fallen at the final hurdle, wouldn't it?

ANZAC DAY TEAMS [Directors – Jan Peach, Tony Treloar]: 1 Agnes & Barry Kempthorne / Therese Tully / Richard Ward; 2 Charlie Lu / Zhuqiang Tian / Tony Hutton / Neville Francis; **B** 1 Lyn Tracey / Eugene Pereira / Richard Spelman / Davis Zhang; 2 Jenny Williams / Murray Perrin / Evelyne Mander / Joan Jenkins; **C** 1 Jill Dunning / Sue & Andrew Sharp / Sue Ziegenfuss; 2 Carol Findlay / Peter Munro / Jenny Thompson / Gill Phillipppo; **HERVEY BAY CONGRESS** [Director – Chris Snook]: **PAIRS** 1 Maurice Williams / David Priol; 2 June Glenn / Alan Hamilton; **B** 1 Rhonda Chantler / Kevin Chapman; 2 Astrid Korfggen / Lynne Layton; **TEAMS** 1 Sue & David Smith / Rachel Langdon / Kim Morrison; 2 Maurice Williams / Michael Stoneman / June Glenn / Alan Hamilton; **B** Helen Manzau / Judy Zeller / Betty Theodore / Peter Gordon; **C** Lynne Layton / George Gibson / Astrid Korfggen / Janelle Shaw. **QUEENSLAND NOVICE PAIRS** [Director – Julie Jeffries]: 1 Richard Huysmans / Marianna de Jongh; 2 Peter Grinlaubs / Prasad Nettur; **B** 1 Chris & Neil Niemand; 2 Karen Colier / Rowan Ward; **C** 1 Alexandra Mills / Jeremy Lin; 2 Kellie & Giovanni Tesolin.
