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Bridge with Richard Ward

Bridge is the world's most popular mindsport. More than just a game, Bridge enhances your logical thinking, memory and social skills. It has been described as 'the game for everyone – where mental fitness meets social fun'. Queensland has 55 bridge clubs and over 6000 registered players. To find out when and where beginners' lessons are being held, visit the Queensland Bridge Association website.

A "dummy reversal" is a counter-intuitive declarer-play technique whereby the hand with the trump length is used to trump losers

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	2C	PASS	2H
2S	3H	PASS	4H
PASS	6H	ALL PASS	

It may not seem obvious but the best play for twelve tricks is a dummy reversal. First cash the king and queen of hearts noting the trump loser, then the ace, king of clubs and ruff the two of clubs. After a diamond to the ace, dummy's last club is ruffed then the king and queen of diamonds are cashed. As East has four diamonds, declarer ruffs the four of diamonds and the ace of hearts is the twelfth trick via one spade, three hearts, three ruffs, three diamonds and two clubs. You should note that this plan also succeeds when East has 1-3-(4-5) shape.

REDBANK PAIRS [Director – Alan Gibson]: 1 Paul Collins / Ian Afflick; 2 Kim Morrison / Neville Francis; **B** 1 Ada Krawczyk / Philip Thompson; 2 Janelle & Jim Williamson; **C** 1 Sandra & Dov Berns; 2 Jenny Thompson / Peter Munro; **DALBY CONGRESS** [Director – Chris Snook]: **PAIRS** 1 Diane Wenham / Margaret Keating; 2 Carol Wilson / Anne Kirkpatrick; **B** 1 Naureen & Paul Gearon; 2 Susie & Sandy Fraser; **TEAMS** Joan Mladen / Jim Wood / Judy Zeller / Elizabeth Zeller; 2 Rhondda Dean / John Erlandson / Diane Wenham / Margaret Keating.

COMING UP: QBA Festival of Bridge – Saturday 11 to Monday 13 October - Qld Open Teams then Qld Open Pairs at the Queensland Contract Bridge Club, Woolloongabba. Entries are filling fast.