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Bridge with Richard Ward

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	PASS	PASS	1H
DBL	RDBL	1S	PASS
PASS	2H	PASS	4H
PASS	PASS	PASS	

North's redouble as a passed hand showed just less than an opening bid and South passed one spade in the unlikely event that one spade doubled could prove profitable. When North returned to hearts, bidding the heart game was a clear decision. West led the queen of spades and South needed the clubs to break 3-3 whilst preventing East from gaining the lead. With this in mind, the ace of spades won the first trick, trumps were drawn followed by the ace of clubs. West, foreseeing the endplay threat looming, dropped the queen of clubs! Well done. Now there was no hope as East could win the third club. South congratulated West on a fine defence while North was quick to point out how South had mis-played the hand. Some partners are like that. See below for the winning line.

CABOOLTURE SPRINGFELLOW TEAMS [Director – Steve Murray]: 1 Lyn & Jim Martin / Sue O'Brien / Paul Collins; 2 Adrienne Kelly / Peter Busch / Ken Dawson / Geoff Olsen; **B** 1 Barbara & Warren Holmes / Janice & Edgar Beckett; 2 Debbie & Gary Gibbards / Vesna & Voyko Markovic; **C** 1 Helen Tyler / Lesley Heap / Stina & George Barnulf; 2 Noela Hamilton / Robyn Smith / Rhonda Niven / Christine Thomas; **TOOWONG NOVICE PAIRS** [Director – Julie Jeffries]: 1 Merle Thomas / George O'Brien; 2 Gill Homan / Sue Wallace; **B** Peter Moritz / Dean Wolfenden; **C** Julia Marler / Erika-Jane Baigent; **ATHERTON SPRING PAIRS** [Director – Jo Neary]: 1 Anna Monks / Fred Whitaker; 2 Carol Hocking / Patricia Bruce; **B** Kate Gargan / Patricia Ottone; **C** Helmet Geyer / Sandrine Manning; **SURFERS PARADISE TEAMS** [Director – Alan Gibson]: 1 Edward Hahn / Alan Race / Ann Liu / Usher Zeng; **B** Joan Jenkins / Joyce O'Brien / Valerie & Peter Robbins; **C** Anne Cosgrave / Linda Richards / Annette Grimsdale / Sew Yoon Yap-Giles.

To make four hearts, simply duck the opening lead altogether. This allows for a club discard later with East never gaining the lead.
