

January 31, 2026

Bridge with Richard Ward

Bridge bidding is not all about complicated systems and vast amounts of memory strain. Sometimes it is just a matter of common sense. From the recent Summer Festival of Bridge - you are South, in second seat, all vulnerable holding **S** A1085 **H** 106 **D** AK752 **C** 104.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
PASS	5C	4H PASS	PASS ??

The question you should ask yourself is 'How many hearts does North hold'? Can partner really be missing the ace of spades and ace-king of diamonds (which you hold) as well as having two heart losers to risk this 5-level bid? Just bid six clubs, ready to blame partner if it fails.

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

Brave decisions like this one can win or lose matches, so you need to have understanding team mates if unsuccessful.

KENMORE CONGRESS [Directors – Chris Snook, Sue Holbert]: **PAIRS A** 1 Patrick Bugler / Tim Runting; 2 Eileen Li / Charlie Lu; **B** 1 Maria Mills / Grey Renwick; 2 Jo Neary / Wendy Casey; **C** Lois Munro / Ryan Stevens; **TEAMS A** 1 Therese Tully / Paul Hooykaas / Patrick Bugler / Tim Runting; 2 Ewa Kowalczyk / Michelle Radke / Connie Schoutrop / Bronwyn McLeod; **B** 1 Kathleen Clifford / Oliver Goodman / Sue & Andrew Sharp; 2 Diane McClintock / Margaret Mobbs / Heather Whitely / Chris Williams; **C** Anthony Mills / Stephen Mills / Maria Mills / Alexandra Mills; **TOWNSVILLE AUSTRALIA DAY CONGRESS** [Directors – Bill Bishop, Jan Smith, Leigh Owens]: **PAIRS A** 1 Phil Rains / Bill Redhead; 2 Janelle Conroy / Tex Sheedy; **B** 1 Lydie Martin / Renate Feige; 2 Ian Leach / John Larkin; **C** Jan Nettle / Michelle Joans; **D** Mary Overell / Toni Barrell; **TEAMS A** 1 Janelle Conroy / Tex Sheedy / Diane & Max Holewa; 2 Betty Hobdell / Joan Elliott / Robyn Nolan / Ian Patterson; **B** 1 Kenn Winter / Audrey Ledbrook / Jane Lake; 2 Anto Wilson / Sam Bishop / Ian Leach / Nina Doyle; **C** Garry Bolton / Greg Lawler / Bill Pickering / Jana Zrno.

The **Online Gold Coast 2-event Pairs** are on this weekend starting at 9am each day. Entries close on Thursday.
