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Bridge with Richard Ward

The details of the replacement event for the much-loved Gold Coast International Congress are now available at MyABF online. The inaugural Brisbane Gold Congress will be held at the Voco Brisbane City Centre from 30 January 2027. Entries open on 1 July and are expected to fill quickly.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1S	PASS	2H ¹
PASS	2S	PASS	3H ²
PASS	4H	ALL PASS	

1 game force; 2 6-card suit

West led the ace of clubs and declarer could count ten tricks provided the hearts broke 3-2: one spade, five hearts and four diamonds. To prevent a club ruff, West switched to the queen of hearts won with the ace. The king of trumps came next before diamonds were played hoping to get rid of a club loser on the fourth round of diamonds. Unfortunately, West ruffed the third diamond with the master trump and cashed two more club winners to defeat the contract. This contract should have made. Can you see how? See below.

CAIRNS EASTER CONGRESS [Director – Rebecca Delaney]: **PAIRS** 1 Peerapan Maslen / Tony Lusk; 2 Gideon Azar / William Van Bakel; **B** 1 Sue Hosie / Margaret Azar; 2 Cobie & Simon Van Kruistum; **C** 1 Robyn Boase / Joan Norrie; 2 Tony Fletcher / Mark Ryan; **TEAMS** 1 Melissa Pressley / Jane & Rick Gryg / Lesley Fraser; 2 Peerapan Maslen / Brian Tierney / Michael Byrne / Tony Lusk; **BRISBANE BRIDGE CENTRE EASTER CONGRESS** [Director – Chris Snook]: **PAIRS** 1 Meta Goodman / Ivy Luck; 2 Kate Macdonald / Paul Gosney; **B** 1 Sonya & Shayne Palfreyman; 2 Margaret Giebels / Mick Fawcett; **C** 1 Judith & Neil Hansen; 2 Lynn Kelly / Judith Bennett; **TEAMS** 1 Neville Francis / Ralph Parker / Patrick Bugler / Tim Runting; 2 Jasmine Skeate / Paul Gosney / Jill Magee / Terry Strong; **B** 1 Margie Knox / Carmel Wikman / Sue & Andrew Sharp; 2 Cathleen Clifford / Charles Page / John Rivers / Sameer Pandya; **C** 1 Jane Tagney / David Sydes / Marg Henry / Malcolm Corney; 2 Clive Carter / Rod Wilson / Patricia Tan / Rob Swann.

Declarer's error came at trick two. If the queen of hearts is allowed to hold this trick there is no defence. Check it out.
