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Bridge with Richard Ward

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

The bidding: 3D – 3NT hoping to make plenty of diamond tricks. West led the automatic queen of spades and declarer could count only seven tricks if hearts were played immediately. Or, if the queen of diamonds was played at trick two and it held the trick, that would be eight tricks - still not enough. So declarer played the queen of diamonds and overtook it with dummy's king. As East could not afford to win with this with ace, this held the trick. Declarer now used this entry to dummy to take the winning club finesse and then came home with two spades, four hearts, one diamond and two clubs. Phew!

NOOSA PAIRS [Director – Peter Busch]: 1 Diana Stagg / David Harris; 2 Alison Dawson / Ken Dawson; **B** 1 Lesley Power / Susan Lee; 2 Elizabeth Van Vugt / Julie Scott; **C** 1 Ann Quarmbly / Jean Coffey; 2 Kerry Rutter / Julia Caldwell; **SUNSHINE COAST CONGRESS** [Director – Peter Busch]: **PAIRS** 1 Toni Bardon / Jim Wallis; 2 Lynn & Jim Martin; **B** 1 Kerry Rutter / Carmel Dwan; 2 Brian Pridham / Sarah Huntington-Wynne; **C** 1 Peter Zanki, Linda Lee; 2 Jill Mazengarb / Geoff Johnston; **TEAMS** 1 Jackie Hendrix / Paul Jenkins / Mark Harnack / Fay Stanton; 2 Susie Warren / Di Rogers / Murray Perrin / Gabrielle Elich; **B** 1 Janelle Shaw / Astrid Korfgan / Lynne Layton / George Gibson; 2 Sarah Huntington-Wynne / Charlene Frederiksen / Jenny Hays / Keith Cohen; **SURFERS PARADISE CONGRESS** [Director – Julie Jeffries]: **PAIRS** 1 Elizabeth & David Ward; 2 Beverley Welch / Eduardo Besprosvan; **B** 1 Daisy Booth / Diana O'Ferrall; 2 Gillian Hibbard / Jenni Cover; **TEAMS** 1 Jenny McGowan / Michelle Radke / Bronwyn Macleod / Terry O'Dempsey; 2 Bijan Assaee / John Rivers / Linda Norman / George Topfner; **B** 1 Elaine Hennig / Judith Woodward / Dot Piddington / Jennifer Sawyer; 2 Chris Leivers / Ernie Scott / Mary Simon / Kevin Hamilton-Reen. **QBA TEAMS-OF-3** [Director – Tony Treloar]: **A** Anthony Read / Janet McKeough / Catherine Mahoney / Kim Ellaway; **B** Jane & Luke Geutjes / Nat Kay / Jill Magee; **C** Ruth Desses / Julie Richardson / Heather Meinecke / Maria Mills.
