

Bridge with Richard Ward

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
PASS	PASS	1H (!)	DBL
3H (weak)	PASS	PASS	3S
PASS	4S	ALL PASS	

The heart lead was won by East. After ruffing the heart continuation, declarer saw that trumps could not be drawn until the diamonds were established. This would lead to defeat on the above layout because there would then be no way of stopping the defence cashing two heart tricks. So, declarer played the king and ace of diamonds, avoiding the dangerous diamond finesse as West might win and give East a diamond ruff. Now the ace of clubs was cashed before exiting with a diamond. West had no successful options. If hearts were continued, declarer would ruff the heart and then crossruff the red suits: seven spades, two diamonds, one club. If, instead, West, exited with a trump, declarer would simply draw trumps and cash two more diamonds: five trumps, four diamonds and the ace of clubs.

NOOSA TEAMS [Director – Peter Busch]: 1 Jackie Hendrix / Kate Courts / Paul Jenkins / John Rivers; 2 Joanne McCarthy / Gayna Ryan / Kathryn Male / Diane Quigly; **B** 1 Leisha McMenamin / Meredith Bunn / John Royle / Judy Foreman; 2 Graeme Lean / Brett Waring / Margo Solomon / Kim Mikolic; **REDLAND PAIRS** [Director – Alan Gibson]: 1 Kuldip Bedi / Martin Qin; 2 Charlie Lu / Zhuqiang / Tian; **B** 1 Jennifer Troughton / Sheila Parsons; 2 Jan Kinross / Rosemary Floquet; **C** 1 Rick Webster / Martin Murray; 2 Kit Duncan / Trish Wright; **DALBY CONGRESS** [Director – Chris Snook]: **PAIRS** 1 Debbie & Gary Gibbards; 2 Ian Halford / Terry O'Dempsey; **B** 1 Rebecca Knight / Jenny McAinsh; 2 Terry Sheedy / Mark John Hunt; **TEAMS** 1 Michelle Radke / Bronwyn McLeod / Ian Halford / Terry O'Dempsey; 2 Rod Brilliant / Bill Redhead / Ian Jesser / Jim Wood.

Keith McDonald, President of the Australian Bridge Federation and the Queensland Bridge Association for 18 years, has died aged 75. Keith leaves a distinguished and impressive legacy of steady leadership in the game. His contribution to players, clubs and the broader bridge community will endure. Vale.
