

September 26, 2026

Bridge with Richard Ward

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1H
PASS	2C	PASS	2D
PASS	3D	PASS	3NT
PASS	5D	ALL PASS	

North did well to remove the failing three no trump to five diamonds. West started with a trump and, when dummy appeared, declarer saw that the best plan was to set up the club suit. As this required both minor suits to behave and three entries to dummy, declarer took the trump lead in hand with the ace. Next came the ace of clubs and a club ruff. After throwing one of dummy's spades on the ace of hearts, declarer drew trumps with the king and queen and then gave up a club to East's king. The defenders could cash one spade but then dummy would be high. Declarer took one heart, four trumps, a ruff and five clubs. Notice how spectacularly the contract would have failed if declarer had attempted to ruff two clubs in hand. This would see declarer lose trump control and East would make his jack of diamonds which would be followed by an avalanche of spades.

QBA TEAMS-OF-3 [Director – Jo Neary]: **A** 1 Judy Hapeta / Ann Dujela / Frances Brown / John Gough; 2 Linda Wealleans / Ada Krawczyk / Frances Burke / Christine Newbery; **B** 1 Sue Sherrell / Julie Navruk / Jenny Thompson / Tony Treloar; 2 Kit Duncan / Trish Wright / Peter Robinson / Richard Ward; **C** 1 Tracy Martin / Belinda Cunningham / Patrick Johns / Robyn Clark; 2 Helen Tomlin / Laura Tomlin / Greg Tomlin / Kate Macdonald; **SURFERS PARADISE CONGRESS** [Director – Julie Jeffries]: **PAIRS** 1 Tony Hutton / David Smith; 2 Abby Wanigaratne / Carmel Martin; **TEAMS** 1 Jenny Michael / Val Holbrook / Margaret Pisko / Trish Anagnostou; 2 Ivy & John Luck / Connie Schoutrop / Ewa Kowalczyk; **HINCHINBROOK CHALLENGE PAIRS** [Director – Bill Bishop]: 1 Jan Smith / Leigh Owens; 2 Jenny Cawt / William Van Bakel; **B** 1 Sandy Mollenhagen / Korma Byrne; 2 Kate Gargan / Patricia Ottone; **C** 1 Jenny Buckworth / Rhonda Murdoch; 2 Rita Carbone / Danny Benedetto.
