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Bridge with Richard Ward

NORTH
♠ Q 8 6
♥ A 7 5
♦ A Q 5
♣ 9 7 4 2

N / ALL VUL

WEST
♠ 2
♥ J 9 8 3 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ K Q J 6

EAST
♠ J 10 9 4
♥ 6
♦ J 9 7 3
♣ 10 8 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A K 7 5 3
♥ K Q 10 4
♦ K 10 4
♣ A

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1C	PASS	1S
PASS	1NT	PASS	2D[1]
PASS	2S	PASS	4NT
PASS	5S[2]	PASS	6S
PASS	PASS	PASS	

1 game forcing enquiry 2 two key cards + spade queen

When West discarded a heart on the second round, declarer had a trump loser. The trick was to avoid a heart loser as well. Declarer needed East to have at least one heart and not be able to discard a singleton diamond. So, the ace of hearts was cashed and a low heart played towards the king-queen-ten-twice. As the cards lay, each time, if East ruffed, the trump trick would be wasted on a heart loser, so the defence was powerless.

TBIB QLD FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE [Directors – Bill Bishop, Jo Neary, Sue Holburt, Tony Treloar]**: JOAN MCPHEAT OPEN PAIRS** 1 Michael Gearing / Heath Watkins; 2 Rachel Langdon / Nik Moore; **B** Kathleen Clifford / Oliver Goodman; **C** Robin Bishop / David Sydes; **REGIONAL** Karin Le Roux / Adrian Lohmann; **REG BUSCH OPEN TEAMS** 1 Neville Francis / Magnus Moren / Sanmugaras Kamalarasa / Ralph Parker; 2 Sonya & Shayne Palfreyman / Ann Liu / Usher Zeng; **B** Eugene Pereira / Barry Koster / Ada Sung / Ping Xie; **C** Sue Sherrell / Joshua Davis / Merle Thomas / George O'Brien; **REGIONAL** Peerapan Maslen / Helmut Geyer / Michael Byrne / Tony Lusk.

ATHERTON TROPICAL SPRING CONGRESS [Director – Jo Neary]: 1 Josephina Burrie / Joel Eskinazi; 2 Peerapan Maslen / Tony Lusk; **B** Lynn Viegel / Linda Scott; **C** Joan Crawford / Jan Pease; **CABOOLTURE SPRINGFELLOW TEAMS** [Director – Steve Murray]: 1 Kim & Ray Ellaway / Toni Bardon / Yolanda Floris; 2 Lyn Tracey / John Morris / Sue & Andrew Sharp; **B** Margie Knox / Carmel Wikman / Robyn Clark / Joan Jenkins; **C** Dianne McColl / Jean Kennedy / Christine Pozzi / Andrew Mayne; **TOOWONG NOVICE PAIRS** [Director – Julie Jeffries]: 1 Gillian Hibbard / Tricia Esdaile; 2 Kit Duncan / Trish Wright; **B** Dianne Russ / Karen Hornsby; **C** Michele Fleming / Kim Storie,