

September 15, 2018

Bridge with Richard Ward

The Australia-Wide Open Pairs attracted over 3000 players. Best in Queensland were Margaret Azar/ Sonja Ramsund from Malanda; Lynn Bain/ Frank Spurway from Sanctuary Cove; David Rubin/ Keith Cohen from Moreton-Bribie; and Steve Woodrow/ Harold Rienstra from Redcliffe.

Last weekend there were no fewer than five different events, such is the healthy state of bridge competition across Queensland. At Kenmore, a novice event resulted in a win for Carolyn North/ Jane Whelan followed by Naomi and Peter Visscher and Bronwyn Shimmin-Clarke/ Aijun Yang.

Out west at Dalby, the pairs was won by Eileen Josey/ John Churchett from John Erlandson/ Will Higgins with Majella and Floyd Wilson winning the B grade.

The Surfers Paradise Bridge Club conducted a two-day event. Results in the pairs were:

A grade: 1. Tony Hutton/ Richard Ward; 2. Angela De Marr/ Felicity Wilkes **B grade:** George Gibson/ Lynn Layton. In the teams Sheila and Ralph Parker/ Ivy and John Luck won from Fred Whitaker/ Michael Sykes/ Jill Magee/ Terry Strong.

At Noosa, the teams went to Geoff Olsen/ Maureen Jakes/ Lyn and Jim Martin from Patrick Bugler/ Neville Francis/ Chuan Qin/ Charlie Lu. The B grade was won by Rob Anderson/ Judy Vickers/ Mary and Graeme Allan.

S/EW

♠ A 10 5 3 2	
♥ 5 3	
♦ A 8 4	
♣ Q 3 2	

♠ 8	♠ 9 6
♥ K Q J 10 7 4	♥ 9 8 6 2
♦ K J 6 2	♦ 10 9 7
♣ 7 5	♣ J 8 6 4

♠ K Q J 7 4
♥ A
♦ Q 5 3
♣ A K 10 9

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1S
2H	3H	pass	4C
pass	4D	pass	4NT
pass	5S	pass	6S
all pass			

4C and 4D show controls in those suits. South then asks for **key cards**, North **showing two**, and bids the slam. West leads the HK. Declarer **pauses** to count tricks – ten **top winners** and **ruffing dummy's** second heart **brings** the total to 11. Given the **overcall**, it **appears highly likely** that West has the DK so the contract **appears to depend** on **guessing** the club **layout**. Declarer draws **trumps** in two rounds and ruffs a heart. Then comes **CA**, across to **dummy's CQ** then a low club towards the **CK-10**. East **plays** the **C8** and the critical moment has arrived. The truth is **that, provided** the DK is with **West**, the contract is now cold **provided** declarer **plays** the **C10**. If this **wins**, there are 12 tricks. If it **loses**, West will be **end-played** to lead **away** from the DK or **give** a ruff-and-discard. If East had shown out on the third **club**, declarer would have **simply played** **CK** then **C10** allowing West to win whilst **throwing** a diamond, once **again end-playing** West. An **elegant** solution.
