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## Bridge with Richard Ward

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If you are looking for a new interest and have never tried bridge, why not sign up for some lessons and give it a go? See [gldbridge.com.au](http://gldbridge.com.au) to find your nearest bridge club. There is no reason why people of all ages cannot participate. The beauty of this game is that you can start playing with no experience at all and no partner initially. Then, before you know it, you will be seduced by one of the best games on offer and you will have joined the welcoming bridge community.

This hand from the USA 2018 Trials was reported in A New Bridge Magazine (UK) – available free online – and featured a number of international superstars.

♠ K 9 7 6 3                      W/EW vul  
♥ K J 5  
♦ 7 5  
♣ 6 4 2

♠ J 8 2                              ♠ 4  
♥ Q 9 7 6                          ♥ A 10 8 4  
♦ 3                                    ♦ A Q J 6 4 2  
♣ Q 9 8 7 3                        ♣ J 5

♠ A Q 10 5  
♥ 3 2  
♦ K 10 9 8  
♣ A K 10

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Weinstein	Zia	Levin	Pszczola
pass	pass	1D	1NT
pass	2C	pass	2S
pass	4S	all pass	

1NT showed a strong balanced hand and 2C was Stayman (asking for a major suit). Others might get to 4S via an alternative route, after a transfer bid of 2H by North followed by a “super-accept” bid showing four-card support. But the play’s the thing. You need to make this, after West leads the D3 taken by East’s DA and the DJ (a subtle suit-preference card indicating some heart values) returned. Up went the diamond king and down went the contract. West ruffed and declarer could not avoid the loss of two more tricks, -50.

If declarer withholds the DK and subsequently plays West for the HQ, he will lose only three tricks, a losing club going on the master diamond.

Redland Graded Pairs results: A Grade 1 John Mills/ Ralph Parker 2 Jill Magee/ Terry Strong; B Grade 1 Jan and Ian Argent 2 Dot Piddington/ Trevor Fletcher; C Grade 1 Aijun Yang/ Sameer Pandya 2 Paul Elkington/ Trevor Rayfield.

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