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Bridge with Richard Ward

This hand was recently reported by renowned author Barry Rigal in the 2020 Gold Coast Congress Daily Bulletin.

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

The bidding was an uninterrupted 1C – 1S – 1NT – 4S to which West led the four of diamonds. With a potential loser in spades plus one each in the other suits, South resisted the temptation to automatically play the queen of diamonds at trick one. Instead she played low and East would have needed to be clairvoyant to insert the nine. He wasn't psychic so he didn't. After the diamond ace and a heart return, declarer was able to throw a heart loser on the diamond queen as it lost to the king and later, a club loser on the diamond jack. On a hand where many went down, declarer lost just two diamonds and a spade - successfully avoiding the need for a winning guess in trumps.

GOLD COAST CONGRESS IVY DAHLER SWISS PAIRS: INTERMEDIATE Jane & Rick Gryg; **QLD MIXED TEAMS:** 1 Toni Bardon/ Janeen Solomon/ Neville Francis/ Patrick Bugler; 2 Michelle Radke/ Ian Halford/ Sue O'Brien/ Paul Collins; **B** Joan Jenkins/ Jenny Williams/ Alan Boyce/ Peter Nilsson; **DALBY CONGRESS: PAIRS** 1 Elizabeth Zeller/ Carmel Caton; 2 Diane Wenham/ Margaret Keating; **B** Jan & Paul Letts; **C** Bronwyn Hamilton/ Philip Atkinson; **TEAMS** 1 Henry Eastment/ Ian Jesser/ Eileen Josey/ Rod Brilliant; 2 Desley Mundell/ Rosemary Kelley/ Elizabeth Zeller/ Carmel Caton; **B** Pamela Steele/ Dennis Lincoln/ Joan Mladen/ Robert Fulcher; **TOOWONG NOVICE PAIRS:** 1 Jane Whelan/ Robyn Chippindall; 2 Inta Devine/ Gillian Baker; **B** Christine Bolger/ Lorraine Moulds; **C** Debbie Carroll/ Jacinta Lee
