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### Bridge with Richard Ward

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The Tri-Nations Teams Championship between Indonesia, New Zealand and Australia was played online last week. Comprising five categories, Australia won the Open [Sartaj Hans, Peter Gill, Andy Hung (QLD), Nabil Edgton, James Coutts, Liam Milne] and Seniors [Robert Krochmalik, Paul Lavings, Stephen Burgess, Gabi Lorentz, George Kozakos, George Smolanko]. Indonesia won the Women's and Mixed while New Zealand took out the Youth.

Queenslanders from the Toowong Bridge Club featured in the Grand National Novice Pairs results with 2<sup>nd</sup> place North-South going to Arvind Bhasin & Prasad Nettur and 2<sup>nd</sup> place East-West to Lilly Jia & Martin Wu. Meanwhile, winners of the Victor Champion Cup Restricted Pairs were Dianne Hiles & Richard Booth from the Tamborine Mountain Bridge Club.

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|             | <b>NORTH</b>    |                   |  |
|             | ♠ 10            | <b>W/ NIL VUL</b> |  |
|             | ♥ K J 10 9      |                   |  |
|             | ♦ A Q J 5 4     |                   |  |
|             | ♣ J 10 2        |                   |  |
| <b>WEST</b> |                 | <b>EAST</b>       |  |
| ♠ 5 3       |                 | ♠ 8 7 6           |  |
| ♥ 8 7 5 4 2 |                 | ♥ A Q 6           |  |
| ♦ 9 8 3     |                 | ♦ K 10            |  |
| ♣ A K Q     |                 | ♣ 9 7 6 5 3       |  |
|             | <b>SOUTH</b>    |                   |  |
|             | ♠ A K Q J 9 4 2 |                   |  |
|             | ♥ 3             |                   |  |
|             | ♦ 7 6 2         |                   |  |
|             | ♣ 8 4           |                   |  |

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
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| PASS | 1D    | PASS | 1S    |
| PASS | 2D    | PASS | 4S    |
| PASS | PASS  | PASS |       |

This hand was composed by renowned Australian player, journalist and author Ron Klinger. After West starts with her three top clubs ruffed by South declarer knows who holds the diamond king and the ace of hearts. Why? If West had either of those, she would have opened the bidding. So the way home is clear. Lead a heart to the jack losing to the queen. Use the ten of spades as an entry to ruff out East's heart ace and, after drawing trumps, cross to the ace of diamonds then discard two diamonds on the top hearts. Well done. And, yes, West could have defeated the contract with the unlikely shift to a diamond at trick three.

**TOOWOOMBA TEAMS:** [Director – Chris Snook] 1 Tony Hutton / Neville Francis / Watson Zhou / Charlie Lu; 2 Jim Wood / Phil Hale / Pamela & Jim Evans; **B** Annette Scott / Rosemary Thomson / Inta Devine / Helen Blair

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