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Bridge with Richard Ward

Charlie Lu and Watson Zhou from Brisbane were convincing winners of the TBIB Open Swiss Pairs at the online Summer Festival of Bridge. The Mixed Pairs was won by Adelaide's Felicity Smyth and Justin Williams, from Sydney's Arlene Dalley and Ashley Bach with Brisbane's Jill Magee and Terry Strong third. The Seniors Teams went to Ian Thomson, Peter Buchen, Ron Klinger, Andy Braithwaite, Arjuna De Livera and Terry Brown.

Many bridge problems can be solved just by counting - the number of cards in suits, and the location of high cards indicated by the bidding and the cards played so far. On this hand, we need to discover which opponent holds the jack of diamonds.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1NT	2H
PASS	4H	PASS	PASS
PASS			

East opened a strong 1NT and North-South bid quickly to game. West led the ten of clubs to her partner's ace, king and queen ruffed by South. Trumps were drawn in two rounds followed by ace, king and a third spade ruffed. Declarer paused to count. East had shown up with $3+3+9 = 15$ points and so, having promised 16 to 18 points, could not hold the ace of diamonds, but must hold the jack. Bingo! Such a simple game.

Stage 1 of the trials for the Queensland Open Team will be held at the Queensland Contract Bridge Club on 5th-6th February. Pairs may enter as contenders or non-contenders and youth pairs are encouraged to take advantage of their free entry.

NORTHERN SUBURBS TEAMS: **A** 1 Paul Collins / Sue O'Brien / Larry Moses / Siegfried Konig; 2 Ralph Parker / Jenny Hay / John Luck / Ian Halford; **B** 1 Lex Ranke / Jack Rohde / Margaret Plunkett / Greg Gosney; 2 Joan Jenkins / Jenny Williams / Lyndon Sanderson / Robyn Clark; **C** 1 Eugene Pereira / Sumant Handa / Vesna & Voyko Markovic; 2 Christine & Bob Thomas / Margaret Munro / Margaret Baker
