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Bridge with Richard Ward

Nabil Edgton (Australia) and Michael Whibley (New Zealand) won the silver medal in the Open Pairs at the 16th World Bridge Series in Poland. Nabil's achievement equals the best result ever by an Australian at a bridge World Championship. Closer to home, the Territory Gold national congress concluded in Darwin this week with Brisbane's Kim and Ray Ellaway finishing second in the pairs and, Sunshine Coast's Alison Dawson, David Christian and Lyn and Jim Martin coming second in the teams.

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

East opened 2H showing a weakish hand and a 6-card suit. North doubled for takeout and 3NT was reached, played by South. West led the queen of hearts, overtaken by the king and ducked. Next came the jack of hearts, also ducked and the queen of clubs thrown from dummy. East determinedly persisted with heart leads all of which South declined to take until, at trick four, the ace of hearts won and the last blocking club in dummy was discarded. Declarer now had one spade, one heart, two diamonds and five clubs – contract made. Note that, if East had stopped leading hearts, South would have been able to unblock the clubs and then force an entry to hand in spades.

DARLING DOWNS CONGRESS [Director – Chris Snook] **PAIRS** 1 Trevor Henderson / John Churchett; 2 Robert Fulton / Laurie Sutton; **B** Roger Green / Tim Porter; **TEAMS** 1 Margaret Keating / Diane Wenham / John Erlandson / Will Higgins; **B** Lavinia Minchin / Rozalin Wright / Marilyn Oakroot / Ken Orange; **YEPPON CONGRESS** [Director – Geoff Taylor] **PAIRS** 1 Ian Price / Malcolm Saunders; 2 Janet & Peter Kahler; **B** Mavis Anderson / Frances Limmagine; **C** Ted Cullinan / Noel Saunders; **TEAMS** 1 Frances & Alan Brown / Janet Hansen / Diane Morgan; **B** Rhonda Chantler / Carol Black / Betty Theodore / Lydia George; **C** Michelle Morrissey / Pam Carmody / Tania Rayfield / Valda Corbett
