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### Bridge with Richard Ward

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Queensland highlights from the Sydney Spring Nationals included Andy Hung's win in the TBIB Open Teams and first place for Wendy Cuthbert and Lilly Jia in the Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs.

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

South could have opened a strong two clubs but instead chose just one spade, praying that it was not followed by three passes. This decision worked well when partner bid a direct four spades which was raised to slam: 1S – 4S – 6S. An agricultural sequence but effective for an unfamiliar partnership. This is one of those hands which looks simple when dummy appears needing just a 3-2 break in diamonds. But, even looking at all four hands, it seems that East cannot be prevented from winning two diamond tricks. The solution is known as a 'strip and throw-in' play: Ruff the opening club lead; draw trumps in three rounds; win three hearts and ruff the losing fourth heart; lead a diamond towards the A-J-4-2 and play the jack over East's 7, winning. Now a second low diamond and, when West shows out, play low. East must win the 9 and is now forced to lead away from the K-10.

We note the appointment of Australia's Brad Coles to the distinguished position of Editor of the International Bridge Press Association Bulletin. Brad is the editor of both the Australian Bridge Magazine and the ABF Newsletter.

**NOOSA NOVICE PAIRS** [Director – Peter Busch] 1 Eileen Nielsen / Janine Beyer; 2 Sally Simmons / Deirdre Fitzgerald; **B** Robyn Vincent / James Taylor; **SURFERS PARADISE TEAMS** [Director – Alan Gibson] **A** Charles Howard / Nadya Tuxworth / Eva & Tony Berger; **B** Eduardo Besprosvan / Bob Hunt / Jane Swanson / John Sear; **C** Kevin Hamilton-Reen / Mary Simon / Di & Bill Larcombe; **CABOOLTURE STRINGFELLOW TEAMS** [Director – Steve Murray] 1 Michelle Radke / Ian Halford / Sheila & Ralph Parker; 2 Neville Francis / Patrick Bugler / Lyn & Jim Martin; **B** Debbie & Gary Gibbards / Vesna & Voyko Markovic; **C** Robyn Smith / Rhonda Niven / Kay Wrangell / Alison Bodman

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