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Bridge with Richard Ward

The Gold Coast International Congress teams championship started with 336 teams playing across five categories and, in the Open, the final came down to an all-Australian team [DALLEY] vs a predominantly New Zealand team [THOMSON]. After 21 deals THOMSON led 55-13 but then DALLEY outscored their opponents 93-8 to take out the title.

This hand from the final illustrates the need to get into the bidding whenever and as early as possible.

possible:

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

Both Wests opened 1C and, when North passed, Nunn-Dalley bid quietly to two spades making 7 tricks. At the other table, Paul Gosney at North overcalled one heart and Tony Leibowitz drove to the heart game making 11 tricks when trumps broke 2-2 and West ducked the king of clubs. 12 imps to DALLEY. One hand proves nothing of course but, overall, bidders are winners.

GOLD COAST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

OPEN TEAMS 1 Paul Dalley / Tony Nunn / Paul Gosney / Tony Leibowitz; 2 Matthew Thomson / Hugh McGann / Brian Mace / Michael Ware / Tom Jacob; **UNDER 1500** 1 Tim Mountjoy / Patricia Lacey / Jeanette Abrams / Margaret Gidley-Baird; 2 Jan Randall / Adrian Lohmann / Don Cameron / Bill Bishop; **INTERMEDIATE** 1 Carolyn Greenwich / Patricia Armstrong / Rhonda Langley / Di Jagelman; 2 Pauly Griffin / Roderic Roark / Kim Model / Michael Francis; **RESTRICTED** 1 Davis Zhang / Jenny McGowan / Vanessa Brewis / Lilly Jia; 2 Anthony Smuts / Robbie & Barry Feyder / Lesley Murray; **NOVICE** 1 Megan Edwards / Michelle George / Elizabeth & David Ward; 2 Caroline Wilson / Merrie Beasley / Sally-Ann Clarke / Georgie Gall; **BEST QUEENSLAND TEAMS** in each category: Brian Patterson / Patrick Bugler / Pamela & Jim Evans; Michelle Radke / Kathy Males / Fay Stanton / Gabrielle Elich; Janet Price / Richard Spelman / Mary Simon / Kevin Hamilton-Reen; Susan Wright / Lorna Shuttlewood / Ming & David Ting; Louise & Stephen Bennett / Debbie Carroll / Jacinta Lee
