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### Bridge with Richard Ward

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This hand featuring the finalists of the TBIB Open Teams at the recent Spring Nationals and was reported in the Daily Bulletin.

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

The **GUE** team members, Joe Haffer and Phil Markey bid the East-West cards to the high-percentage seven clubs grand slam. North avoided the disastrous trump lead, often best against grand slams but not this time. The bad trump break doomed the contract. The hand can be made, but only by ruffing the second losing spade in the West hand with the club jack and then finessing to the club nine – an easy line of play but only if you can see through the backs of the cards. At the other table, Sartaj Hans and Andy Hung settled in six clubs and had no trouble bring in the 12 tricks. -16 imps instead of +13 to **GUE** if they had brought the grand home. The final result was closer than it looked: **ASHTON** [David Wiltshire, Sophie Ashton, Sartaj Hans, Andy Hung (QLD)] 176 defeated **GUE** [Philip Markey, Joachim Haffer, David Gue, Joshua Tomlin] 139.4.

The Linda Stern Women's Team final was won comfortably by Paula McLeish (QLD), Pele Rankin (QLD), Sue Lusk, Viv Wood.

**TOOWONG NOVICE PAIRS** [Director – Julie Jeffries]: 1 Linda & Peter Neil; 2 Lois Munro / Anna De Borah; **B** 1 Sue & Peter Green; 2 Chrissie Carter / Frank Killbey; **CABOOLTURE SPRINGFELLOW TEAMS** [Director – Steve Murray]: 1 Neville Francis / Patrick Bugler / Martin Qin / Philip Chang; 2 Terry O'Dempsey / Lech Kaszubski / Janeen Solomon / Ian Afflick; **B** 1 Robyn Smith / Rhonda Niven / Mathilde Noending / Ruth Goerg; 2 Eugene Pereira / Martin Wu / Lyn Tracey / Richard Spelman; **C** Vesna & Voyko Markovic / Debbie & Gary Gibbards; **SURFERS PARADISE GRADED TEAMS** [Director – Alan Gibson]: **A** 1 Edward Hahn / Jeff Conroy / Charles Howard / Pat Beattie; 2 Chris Leivers / Ernie Scott / Cathy & Philip Hocking; **B** 1 Adele Munro / Michael Clibbon / Ada Krawczyk / Cathy Mathieson; 2 Elizabeth & David Ward / Deb Carroll / Robyn Kronenberg.

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