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### Bridge with Richard Ward

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The Australian teams for the World Bridge Games in Argentina in October are now finalised. Congratulations to Queensland representatives: Charlie Lu (Open), Jack Luke Paredi (Youth), Andy Braithwaite (Seniors), Jessica Brake (Women's). Pele Rankin (Women's non-playing captain).

North-South were pleased to reach a grand slam on today's hand but, even with no immediate losers, care must be taken to gather in thirteen winners.

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

The bidding was: 1C:1S – 4D:4NT – 5C:7S. 4D showed a good hand with spade support and diamond shortage. 4NT asked for key cards and 5C showed 0 or 3. West started with the queen of hearts and declarer could see that, if clubs split 3-2, there would be heaps of tricks. To safeguard against a 4-1 club break, he first move was to cash the queen of trumps. The king of clubs was cashed then declarer crossed to dummy with the king of trumps to discard the queen of clubs on the ace of hearts. After a low club was ruffed with the jack of trumps, declarer drew West's last trump and was able to establish the clubs – four spades, two club ruffs, two hearts, one diamond and four clubs = 13.

**KENMORE CONGRESS** [Director – Chris Snook]: **PAIRS** 1 Rachel Langdon / Kim Morrison; 2 Michelle Radke / Bronwyn Macleod; **B** Shanaal & Hema De Zoysa; **C** Rosemary Floquet / Jan Kinross; **TEAMS** 1 Jill Magee / Terry Strong / Nikolas Moore / Rachel Langdon; 2 Magnus Moren / Neville Francis / Tony Hutton / Kim Morrison; **B** 1 Sonya & Shayne Palfreyman / Ross Murtagh / Daria Williams; **C** Ping Xie / Paul Han / Davis Zhang / Lilly Jia; **TOWNSVILLE AUSTRALIA DAY CONGRESS** [Directors - Jan Smith & Leigh Owens]: **PAIRS** 1 Ann Smith / Delma Johnson; 2 Maria Chippendale / Bill Bishop; **B** Jeanette McKenzie / Chris Tweddell; **C** Helen & Wilfred Tapiolas; **TEAMS** 1 Betty Hobdell / Rosemary Glastonbury / Robyn Nolan / Bill Redhead; 2 Pat Leighton / Barbara Hospers / Gladys Tulloch / Cathy Crawford; **B** Dusk Care / Jackie Segnanfreddo / Ann Smith / Delma Johnson; **C** Coleen Evanson / Bill Pickering / Nina Doyle / Ian Leach.

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