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## Bridge with Richard Ward

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The Tasmanian Festival of Bridge was played at Glenorchy just outside Hobart and concluded last weekend. Stars of this gold point National event were Pele Rankin (QLD) and George Kozakos (ACT) who combined to win the double: the Australian Mixed Swiss Pairs and the TBIB Australian Swiss Pairs. They were always in contention in a top-class field containing many Australian representative players.

Meanwhile, the trials for the Open Team were also closely contested. Consequently, representing Queensland in Orange, New South Wales in July will be Maha Hoenig, Janeen Solomon, Kim Morrison, Tony Hutton, Christine Newbery and Richard Fox. The trials for the Women's and Seniors' teams start today.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1H
3S	4NT <sup>1</sup>	PASS	5C <sup>2</sup>
PASS	6H	ALL PASS	

1: Key card inquiry    2: 0 or 3 key cards

When dummy appears, declarer South comments irritably: "missed a grand slam here partner" as the play goes spade ace, heart ace and heart queen. But, as East discards on the second trump, there is now no way to make even 12 tricks. "Which grand slam was this?" queries a caustic North? To make just the small slam, declarer must keep two entries in dummy, so the trumps must be played ace then ten to the king. Next comes: the diamond ace and jack; cross to dummy with queen of trumps; then, the diamond king. East ruffs in with heart jack as declarer throws the losing spade. Furthermore, when the lead is regained, the king of clubs is the entry to cash the queen and six of diamonds, which will take care of declarer's two club losers. Declarer makes one spade, five hearts, four diamonds and two clubs.

**SUNSHINE COAST GRADED TEAMS** [Director - Peter Busch]: **A** Patricia Mann / John Morris / Mattie Baljet / Marcel Hoevenaars; **B** David Richards / Hugh Gehrman / Sandy Long / Maureen Wright; **C** Siobhan & Bob Davies / Bob Hannam / Ian Pitts.

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