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### Bridge with Richard Ward

Arjuna De Livera is an Australian Emerald Grand Master with over 10,000 masterpoints so it was not surprising to see him on the podium twice at the Territory Gold Congress at Alice Springs last week where, together with partner Lori Smith, he won the Swiss Pairs and came second in the Swiss Teams. Here he is in action at the Summer Festival of Bridge some time ago.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	PASS	PASS	1C
1D	DBL	3D	3S
PASS	4S	ALL PASS	

North's double promised at least four cards in each major and East upped the ante with a pre-emptive raise. The defenders cashed the ace and king of diamonds then East switched to a low club. Faced with four obvious losers, Arjuna won with dummy's queen and drew two rounds of trumps leaving East with the six only. His next move was to cash the ace of hearts, West following with the jack. Next came the ace and king of clubs and a club ruff, which East could not overruff. A second round of hearts threw West on lead with the bare king who then had to give a ruff-and-discard. Declarer ruffed with dummy's last trump and discarded the heart loser from his hand to make ten tricks.

**TERRITORY GOLD BRIDGE FESTIVAL** [Director – Matthew McManus]: **TEAMS** Therese Tully / Paul Hooykaas / Pele Rankin / Stephen Fischer; **MATCHPOINT PAIRS** Kevin Steffensen / James Wallis; **SWISS PAIRS** Arjuna De Livera / Lori Smith; **YEPPON CONGRESS** [Director – Chris Snook]: **PAIRS** 1 Frances & Alan Brown; 2 Adrian Lohmann / Don Cameron; **B** Annie Lynch / Sandra Morris; **TEAMS** 1 Frances & Alan Brown / Janet Hansen / Diane Morgan; 2 Tex Sheedy / Les Bonnick / Janelle Conroy / Patricia Mann; **B** Helen Van Den Broek / Martin Pearce / Hilary Gunthorpe / Jan Harris; **KENMORE NOVICE PAIRS** [Director – Julie Jeffries]: **UNDER 100** 1 Pam Schiller / Kathryn Kelly; 2 Ryan Stevens / Lois Munro; **UNDER 50** 1 Brooke Anderson / Ian Poole; 2 Merle Thomas / George O'Brien; **LOCKYER PAIRS** [Director – Jo Neary]: 1 Rachel Langdon / Nikolas Moore; 2 Lyn Tracey / Richard Spelman; **B** Bree Manning / Dudley Manwaring.

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