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Bridge with Richard Ward

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			2C
PASS	2NT	PASS	3S
PASS	3NT	PASS	4H
PASS	5H	PASS	6H
PASS	PASS	PASS	

The two notrump response promised around 8 to 10 high card points and the rest of the bidding was natural. West led the queen of diamonds and declarer took this with dummy's king pleased that the defence had not started with a club. Trumps were drawn in three rounds and the ace-king of spades were cashed. When the 5-1 division came to light there was no way to make twelve tricks. The winning line is to cash two trumps in hand then draw the last defensive trump with the ace. Next, the contract is assured by leading the ten of spades and running it when East follows with the three. After West produces the jack of spades, declarer claims the contract, making four spades, four trumps, three tricks from the minors and another trick by ruffing a minor suit card.

CENTRAL WEST FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE PAIRS: Kevin Steffensen & Jim Wallis;
QUEENSLAND GRADED TEAMS [Director – Julie Jeffries]: 1 Vanessa Brewis / Greg Lee / Gary Malinas / Kuldip Bedi; 2 Margie Knox / Jenny Williams / Sheila Wills / Barbara Kent;
UNDER 750: 1 Davis Zhang / Lilly Jia / Matt Sun / Bob Ren; 2 Lynne Henley / Chris Hill / Lesleigh Egan / Rosemary Thomson; **UNDER 150** 1 Tom Murphy / Brian Clark / Brooke Anderson / Suzy Brownlow; 2 Daisy Booth / Wayne Mitchell / Diana O'Ferrall / George Nicoll; **GYMPIE APRIL CONGRESS** [Director – Steve Murray]: **PAIRS** 1 Patrick Bugler / Tim Runting; 2 Stephen Brookes / Jim Martin; **B** 1 Janelle Shaw / George Gibson; 2 Sherryl Barber / Merl Mayes; **C** 1 Annie Shoter / Paul Jansen; 2 Kelly Greaney / Keith Johnson; **TEAMS** 1 Di Jones / Ann Mellings / Ines Dawes / Brett Middelberg; 2 Michelle Radke / Ian Halford / Debbie & Gary Gibbards; **B** 1 Paul Jansen / Gary Sandlant / Gillian Mason / Annie Shoter; 2 Nicky Maguire / Ruth Greentree / Kathi Vince / Kaylene Lingard.
