The Sunnybank Bridge Club has only one major open event a year – a Swiss Teams – and it was contested last Sunday. It’s always a sell-out so, be wise and make a diary note to enter early next year. President Neville McDonnell is rightly proud of his club, its growth and excellent premises. Richard Ward/ Lindy Vincent combined superbly with Agnes and Barry Kempthorne to street the field, winning all their matches to take the title, Craig Francis/ Tim Runting and Alison Dawson/ Peter Evans were second ahead of Mike Sykes/ Fred Whitaker with Tony Hutton/ Tony Jackman. Plate victors were K. Goodwin/ S. Clifford and B. Patterson/ C. Wylie while the best home club team prize went to K. Wooler/ K. McDonald and B. O’Connell/ B. Johnson.

Following the nationals, attention is back to state events with three almost on us. The Queensland Butler Pairs (entry closing today) is this weekend, followed in a fortnight by our Teams Championship, then the Graded Pairs.

Today’s hand, from the Sunnybank teams, was a puzzler. First, in the auction – who stops, and at what level? South’s 2H was a Michaels cue, showing at least 5:5 in the other major (spades) and a minor. West’s 3C was natural, North, holding five spades had to find 3S and East was worth his 4H. What now? At our table Tony Hutton (East), never backward, found 5H and was let play there for one off, losing SA and D AK. Was he right?

In the event those in 4S all made at least 10 tricks so perhaps he was. But not if we had found the lovely defence to beat 4S. One club and two hearts have to be.cashed, then a third heart played. Whatever South does, West’s SJ is promoted to set the 4S contract.