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 Courier-Mail Bridge Column by Tony Jackman

Last weekend the Brisbane Bridge Centre hosted its annual Easter Congress at their excellent Annerley premises. Chris Snook and David O'Gormon directed the capacity field. Saturday's Graded Match Point Pairs was won in good style by Peter Evans/ John Kelly well clear of Charlie Lu/ Chuan Qin then Tony Hutton/ Richard Ward. B grade went to G. Baker/A. Jonsberg ahead of L. Layton/ G. Gibson then C&J. Taylor while in C it was B. Koster/ K. Mukai who took gold.

Sunday's Teams Championship went to top seeds Neville Francis/ Murray Perrin with Ralph Parker/ John Mills. Richard Fox/ Andrew Woollons with Normand and Ann MacLaurin chased hard and were a good second with third going to Evans/ Kelly (a fine double) with A. Dawson/ T. Bardon. B Grade victors were J. Scrivens/ S. Mukherjee and Y. Coroneo/ J. . Fardoulys ahead of the Barfoot and Jenkins teams while the Burke and Gibson teams took the major placings in C grade.

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	© 75		
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<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
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© AK1064		© J9832	
.. Q86		.. A4	
§ 9		§ AKQ43	
	<b>SOUTH</b>		
	a A863		
	© Q		
	.. 109532		
	§ J107		
<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>
	Pass	1H	Pass
4C	Pass	4D	Pass
4NT	Pass	5H	Pass
6H	All Pass		

Recently two books by Canadian author Bill Treble have grabbed my attention. Both are intended for moderate players wanting to improve their game. Both titles are sub-titled 'A First Course for', one is 'Defending At Bridge', the other 'Two Over One'. Both are excellent for their targeted market.

Today's hand is from the second, though not specifically on 'Two Over One'. Treble notes that East's 4C - a splinter raise to at least game in hearts – is not great news, but with his five loser hand is worth some interest – hence the 4D cue. Enough for West. He Blackwoods, gets a two ace 5H response, and 'has a go' - 6H. If SA is led, it's too easy. D10 was a better choice. Declarer tries DQ, DK covers and DA wins. After two trump rounds, Dummy's D6 and D8 are pitched on club winners, SA is conceded and one club ruff brings you home.