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 Courier-Mail Bridge Column by Tony Jackman

The QCBC certainly had a busy few days last week. On Wednesday the club hosted the Anzac Day open teams. There was a fine entry of 30 teams with Jan Peach directing. P. Evans/ J. Kelly and J. Mills. R. Parker started well then got better, were soon in front and were then never headed, C. Lu/ W. Zhou with P. Rankin/ E. Li started slowly but surge home for a good second ahead of P. Bugler/ T. Runting and B. Patterson/ A. Gibson. B grade winners were P. Nilsson/ L. Skeate with A&G. Gosney.

Then on the weekend trials for this year's Women's and Seniors' teams (to represent in the Hobart Nationals) were completed. The Women had only two matches left and the top three – to become the team – remained in a slightly different order. Toni Bardon/ Yolande Carter moved up to first ahead of Eileen Li/ Pele Rankin then Greer Tucker/ Maha Hoenig. In the Seniors, though more matches remained again little change took place. Tony Hutton/ Neville Francis moved up to finish well ahead, with Ian Afflick/ Paul Collins and Larry Moses/ Richard Touton to make up the team. Therese Tully will be the Women's non-playing captain while Neville Francis will both play and captain the Seniors

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WEST		EAST	
a Q762		a K953	
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.. K6542		.. Q	
§ Q5		§ KJ10763	
	SOUTH		
	a J8		
	© J98732		
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	2C	Pass	2D
Pass	3D	Pass	3H
Pass	6H	All Pass	

Tony Hutton sent me this hand, though his 6H was reached with slightly different bidding. Here 2C was a game force, 2D (South) a negative, 3D and 3H were natural and Tony's 6H was his own – don't be backward – style. West led S2, low from dummy, East won SK while declarer unblocked SJ. East sent back DQ won by DA. D7 back, ruffed by East and over-ruffed in hand. C2 to CA and D8 ruffed, C4 trumped in dummy then D9 in hand, back to HA to ruff D10, S8 to S10 (finessing West's SQ), HK clears trumps and – dummy is high.