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 Courier-Mail Bridge Column by Tony Jackman

Let's start away from home. At short notice Australia sent teams to compete in the new Asia Cup competition in Goa, India. We had some success. Our mixed team (M. Thomson/ C. Herden and D. Beauchamp/ J. Tutty won gold in that event while our Women took bronze in theirs. T. Nunn/ A. Hung won silver in the Men's Pair as did P. Gumby/ W. Lazer in the Mixed.

Meanwhile, nearer to home, the Gold Coast Club last weekend hosted an open pairs on Saturday, won by C. Howard/ K. Wood ahead of N. Weerasinghe/ J. Johnson then R. Weathered/ L. Tillotson. On Sunday teams winners were M. Hurley, G. Linn, M. Askew and W. Powell ahead of Treloar and Jeffrey lineups. Meanwhile last week there was much action up the coast.

Noosa held an open Pairs on Thursday with victory going to M. Carter/ T. Hutton ahead of M. Jakes/ G. Olsen and R. Lorraway/ P. Buch. Then on Saturday the Sunshine Coast Club held an imp pairs won by R. Ward/ T. Hutton (nice double, Tony) ahead of R. Crowley/ R. Perry and A. Wanigaratne/ A. Gosney. There, the teams on Sunday went to T. Ridley/ D. Harris and P. Barnett/ G. Harris with the Brookes and Crowley teams taking silver and bronze.

Congratulations also to our Queensland newish players who fared well in the recent 2018 Australia Wide Novice Pairs. K. Cohen/ D. Rubin (Moreton-Bribie) and R.Porter/ Y. Flanagan (Northern Suburbs) made the top dozen in the leaders list.

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In the recent Arana Hills Club's open Teams event many contracts were attempted, ranging from 6C by North to 4H by West, with most of the field in 5C or 3NT (bid along the lines shown). Good defence holds N/S club contracts to ten tricks and E/W heart contracts to eight – but defence is not always good. 3NT usually made 11 but failed only once. Well done Richard Ward who found the HK lead – and beat 3NT by three tricks. Would you?