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Bridge with Richard Ward

This hand comes from the recent Redlands Graded Pairs congress and features Brisbane player Patrick Bugler at the helm of a tricky 4S contract.

NORTH		
♠	10 6 2	N/Nil vul
♥	10 6 4 3	
♦	A 9 5	
♣	J 10 8	
WEST		EAST
♠	J 8 4	♠ 9
♥	K 8 7	♥ A J 9 5 2
♦	K 10 7	♦ 6 4 3 2
♣	K 9 7 3	♣ Q 4 2
SOUTH		
♠	A K Q 7 5 3	
♥	Q	
♦	Q J 8	
♣	A 6 5	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	PASS	PASS	1S
PASS	PASS	2H	2S
3H	3S	PASS	4S
PASS	PASS	PASS	

When 1S was passed around to East, he made the 'normal' (or 'dubious' depending on your point-of-view) re-opening bid of 2H, confident that his partner would have some useful cards. He was later to regret this when his bid propelled NS into 4S. Now it was up to Patrick to thread his way through the many possible winning and losing options to find ten tricks.

The defence started with a heart to the ace and a heart returned and ruffed. Bugler then drew all the trumps in three rounds and played DQ – K – A – 2. Then came the critical play - CJ – 4 – 5 – K. West was now on lead with only one safe exit card, the HK. This was ruffed, and now DJ and another diamond put West back on lead with only clubs left. On the low club lead, Bugler inserted the eight which forced East's queen establishing his tenth trick – dummy's C10. Although there are other equally successful lines, this was a well-played hand. Incidentally, Patrick was a member of the winning Toowoomba teams event last weekend.

Recent results from around the state were:

MACKAY: PAIRS 1 Diane and Max Holewa; 2 Ian Patterson/ John Tredrea; B Grade Denise O'Regan/ Richard Metcalfe; C Grade Maria Setiyawan/ Jan Harris; TEAMS 1 GLASTONBURY (Rosemary Glastonbury/ Maria Chippendale/ Di and Hugh McAlister); 2 AFFLICK (Ian Afflick/ Alan Gibson/ Ivy and John Luck); B Grade ADAMS (Lyn Adams/ Marlene Nicol/ Janice Wright/ Ellie Sheffield); C Grade KING (Mick King/ Jan Harris/ Nancy and Richard Wix).

CAIRNS: PAIRS 1 Joan Campbell/Joy Trigg; 2 Tony Lusk/ Alexander Long; B Grade Maida Beale/ Klarika Tortely; TEAMS 1 HOOPER (Pippa and Andrew Hooper/ Alexander Long/ Tony Lusk); 2 RUDERMAN (Lita and Allen Ruderman/ Dianne Rigano/ William van Bakel).

TOOWOOMBA: PAIRS 1 Pamela and Jim Evans; 2 Murray Perrin/ Neville Francis; B Grade Jacqui Fardoulis/ Yolande Coroneo; C Grade Warren Males/ Aijun Yang; TEAMS 1 FRANCIS 1 (Neville Francis/ Murray Perrin/ Tim Runting/ Patrick Butler); 2 HUTTON (Tony Hutton/ Malcolm Carter/ Therese Tully/ Richard Ward); B Grade KING (Lorraine King/ Helen Standfast/ Helen Clayton/ Kathy Males); C Grade MALES (Warren Males/ Aijun Yang/ Susan and Andrew Sharp).