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Courier-Mail Bridge Column by Tony Jackman

The Moreton Bribie Club, like many others of the 50+ across our state, started small. A bunch of enthusiasts came together in 1990 and got going – first in a small way. Money was raised, help was looked for, and finally received from council and state and by 2000 the club was able to build and move into its own fine clubhouse. Last weekend it hosted its annual open Congress. Saturday's Pairs saw a well-timed late run give victory to T Hutton/ M Carter pipping R Parker/ P Hooykaas then R Ward/ L Vincent. Teams on Sunday went to I Afflick/ G Hart with R & R Touton then Ward/ Vincent with S Johnson/ T Bardon then Carter/ Hutton, L Carter/ R Wallis third. Also on Sunday, the Toowong Club hosted an imp Pairs won by J Mills/ R Parker with I & J Luck in second and N Francis/ P Gosney taking third. B Grade was won by P & J Evans while the parallel restricted event went to S Mason/ S Eix.

Meanwhile, well out of town, Goondiwindi had an Open Pairs won by E Zeller/ A Dawson while much further away in NQ, Cleveland Bay Club held an open pairs on Sunday won by G Allen/ T Sheedy.

**N Dealer, All Vul**

	<b>NORTH</b>		
	♠ 642		
	♥ 2		
	♦ 7642		
	♣ AQJ75		
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠ 85		♠ K73	
♥ AQ965		♥ J43	
♦ Q9		♦ AKJ1053	
♣ 9842		♣ 3	
	<b>SOUTH</b>		
	♠ AQJ109		
	♥ K1087		
	♦ 8		
	♣ K106		
<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>
	Pass	1D	1S
<b>Dbf</b>	2S	3D	3S
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Today's hand, from the Teams at Bribie saw varying auctions with most finishing in 3S or 4S. If 4S, it had to be played well. Against Tony Hutton, West led DQ East overtook with DK and returned DJ, ruffed by Hutton. Your play? Some tried to finesse SK twice, by crossing in clubs twice. This failed when East ruffed the second. H3 back to West who returned a third club for East to trump with his SK. One off. Based on the bidding and early play, you can expect West's diamonds were doubleton and from his negative double, that he very likely held HA.

Hutton wanted to keep East off lead, so at trick 3 played the HK! HA was with West, who won it, but had no good lead. He did return a trump, won by S9, declarer then crossed via a heart ruff for a second trump lead won by SQ. SA dropped East's SK and declarer's club tricks gave him 11 tricks for a fine score.