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Bridge with Richard Ward

One must admit that there is some perverse satisfaction to be gained by observing experts having bidding misunderstandings and suffering penalties of minus 1100 just like the rest of us mortals. This one features Sweden vs Iceland at the recent European Senior Team Championships.

		NORTH	
		♠	A 8 7 5 4 3 2 S/ ALL VUL
		♥	Q 9
		♦	7 3
		♣	J 9
WEST		EAST	
♠	6	♠	10
♥	K 5	♥	A 10 7 6 4 3 2
♦	A Q 9 5 2	♦	10 8 6
♣	A Q 4 3 2	♣	10 5
		SOUTH	
		♠	K Q J 9
		♥	J 8
		♦	K J 4
		♣	K 8 7 6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2NT ¹	3H ²	ALL PASS!	1NT
1: 5-5 clubs & diamonds 2: intended to show spades			

A difference of opinion in the bidding saw North win just two tricks for -700. Meanwhile, at the other table, North-South decided to sacrifice over East-West's four heart contract. Defending four spades doubled, East led the ten of clubs to West's queen. The ace of clubs was cashed followed by a diabolical ace of diamonds then a third club. Declarer ruffed this with the ace of spades and went all-out for the contract by taking the diamond finesse without drawing trumps. West won, returned a low heart to partner's ace and, on winning the king of hearts, played another club which allowed East to score his trump ten. This must be some kind of record losing a trump trick when in an 11-card fit headed by the A-K-Q-J. Oh how they must all have laughed as they wrote down -1100!

CASSOWARY COAST PAIRS: [Director – Julie Jeffries] 1 Pat Leighton / Ray Muld; 2 Geoff Allen / Bill Bishop; 3 Rick Gryg / William van Bakel; **B** 1 Jane Gryg / Melissa Pressley; 2 Debra Peters / May Maidment; **C** Jenny Burchmore / Rhonda Murdoch; **D** Cheryl Parks / Shellee Chapman; **CALOUNDRA NOVICE PAIRS:** [Director – Steve Murray] 1 Peter Keys / Greg Lawler; 2 Phoebe & Mark Harnack; Julia Caldwell / Dave Reid; **BRISBANE BRIDGE CENTRE TEAMS:** [Director – Chris Snook] 1 Pamela & Jim Evans / Kerry Wood / Charles Howard; 2 Agnes & Barry Kempthorne / Therese Tully / Richard Ward; **B** 1 Lex Ranke / Jack Rohde / Joan Jenkins / Alan Boyce; 2 Kevin Hamilton-Reen / Mary Simon / Kathy & Warren Males
