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Bridge with Richard Ward

A rare beast today – a double trump promotion. Enjoy.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3H	PASS	4H	PASS
PASS	4NT	DBL	5C
PASS	PASS	DBL	ALL PASS

Eleven tricks in four hearts was the normal result, but at some tables North-South had their fingers burned in five clubs doubled after North showed both minors with the gutsy, vulnerable 4NT bid. At one table East-West got three trump tricks. How? Best defence is for West to shift to diamonds after cashing a high heart, but West cashed two heart tricks before playing the diamond queen. Declarer could have saved a trick by covering, but the diamond queen was allowed to hold the trick. The diamond jack was covered by the king and ace. East played a third diamond which South ruffed with the nine of clubs. After a club to the king and ace, East played the last diamond for an overruff with the club eight, now promoted, and West duly played a heart which promoted an extra trump trick for East. A double trump promotion - 1100 and, of course, a top score for East-West.

CASSOWARY PAIRS [Director – Bill Bishop]: 1 William van Bakel / Rick Gryg; 2 Di Garside / Donna Fitch; **B** 1 Gideon Azar / Josephina Burrie; 2 Rebecca Delaney / Lesley Fraser; **C** 1 Kelly Walker / Jo Gillis; 2 Klarika Tortely / Camilla Nicholson; **MORETON-BRIBIE CONGRESS** [Director – Bob Davies]: **PAIRS** 1 Janeen Solomon / Alison Dawson; 2 Gabrielle Elich / Murray Perrin; **B** 1 Jenny Easey / Jen Borowski; 2 Helen Tyler / Jill Medhurst; **TEAMS** 1 Frances & Alan Brown / Janet Hansen / Diane Morgan; 2 Raelene Clark / Tony Treloar / Joyanne Gissing / Greg Lee; **B** 1 Jeanne Kennedy / Charles Page / Cathy Clifford / Yuko Nakamura; 2 Jenny Hays / Charlene Frederiksen / Don Scown / Keith Cohen; **REDLAND UNDER 500 PAIRS** [Director – Jo Neary]: 1 Davis Zhang / Lilly Jia; 2 Shanaal & Hema De Zoysa; **B** 1 Susan Rankin / Michael Clibbon; 2 Neal Healy / John Bullion.
