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**EDITORIAL**

This is the first edition of the newsletter since I was elected at the AGM – I hope you like the format. If not, contribute and I will revise/include appropriately. What I am trying to avoid is a repeat of information that has already been seen in e.g. League results or the EBU County News. Space is at a premium so let us make it worthwhile.  
My thoughts are to have the following articles in the Newsletter:

MCBA Title Editorial Web-Site Selections Future Events Results Anecdotes Advert(s)	Declarer Play Member's Article	Defence Play Member's Article	Quiz Member's Article
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**MANCHESTER CBA WEBSITE**

[www.lighton.btinternet.co.uk](http://www.lighton.btinternet.co.uk)

Two new sections have recently been added to the web site:

**Honours board** - a historical list of winners of Manchester events going back, for some events to 1938!

**History** - a brief history of bridge in Manchester and a list of national successes and international honours achieved by Manchester players.

Inevitably there are omissions and errors in this list. If you know of any missing information or can correct any errors please e-mail Rodney Lighton at

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**SELECTIONS**

**YORKSHIRE Sat Jul 6<sup>th</sup> Man BC**

R.Alexander	J.Smith
D.Whyte(A.Jones)	D.Barton
F.Bell	J.Roberts
M.Byrne	A.Morris
B.Cooke	H.Kay
E.Lighthill(Capt)	D.Debbage
M.Goldsmith	A.Kenworthy
J.Hassett	B.Hirst
P.Hishmurch	J.Hishmurch
A.Nelson	K.Nelson
L.Klein	J.Morris
P.Lang	M.Robinson

**DERBYSHIRE Sun Sep 1<sup>st</sup> Derby BC**

R.Bayley	J.Bayley
P.Burrows	P.Worswick
D.Daji	H.Stubbings
J.Farmer	B.Laughton
R.Franks (Capt)	D.Pennington
P.Hodgson	M.Parr

**CUMBRIA Sun Sep 15<sup>th</sup> Man BC**

D.Audley	F.Brown
M.Bass	C.Fisher
G.Bickley	A.Farquhar
J.Hand	P.Hand
B.Kaye	D.Tobias
Jim Morris (Capt)	Jenny Morris
E.Rosenbaum	M.Rosenbaum
B.White	J.White

**Reserves**

R.Ashleigh	N.Thomas
P.Barlow	G.Griffiths
J.Beddington	A.McKillop
R.Bowdler	R.Steedman
J.Browning	L.Johnson
E.Ford	A.Jordan
S.Massey	H.Potts

**PRESIDENTSCUP Sat-Sun Aug 3/4<sup>th</sup>  
Eden BC, Carlisle**

D.Adelman	J.Smith (Capt)
I.Blakey	J.Blakey
T.Capal	E.Levy
A.Nelson	K.Nelson

**Reserves:**

P.Lang	M.Robinson
M.Byrne	A.Morris

**HUGGILL Sat Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Mersey. BC**

D.Barton	A.Jones (Capt)
I.Blakey	J.Blakey
M.Brunner	J.Holland
M.Byrne	M.Newman
T.Capal	E.Levy
B.Goldenfield	R.Goldenfield
E.Lighthill	R.Semp
A.Super	M.Super

**Reserves**

M.Ardron	M.Halliwell
G.Balon	L.Gorodkin
D.Gray (P.Hodgson)	M.Costagliola
D.Daji	H.Stubbings
G.Hull	B.Meakin
R.Jordan	P.Jordan
J.Liebeschuetz	J.Rudolf

**RESULTS**

Manchester represented by Tracy Capal, Gary Hyett, Mike Goldsmith and Adrian Kenworthy finished a creditable 4<sup>th</sup> in the Pachabo Cup.

The English Women's Team represented by:

Nicola Smith & Heather Dhondy  
Michelle Brunner & Rhona Goldenfield  
Nevena Senior & Sandra Penfold

came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the European Championships and so qualify for the Venice Cup.

I could not include any details about the Commonwealth Games Bridge event, as my deadline was before it finished.

**FUTURE EVENTS**

This issue also includes the **Calendar** – on card for 2002-3 as well as entry forms for the **Ben Franks** (Pairs) and the **Pachabo Cup Qualifier** (Teams of 4).

**ANECDOTES**

**Rodney Lighton**

Many years ago my wife and I were having trouble when responding to Blackwood with a void. We looked up a suitable method in a textbook and learned it. At our next duplicate I soon bid 4Nt, Lorraine looked puzzled, thought for a while and made her bid. I awaited dummy with anticipation, what was she thinking about? Surely she couldn't have forgotten the system so soon. When I saw dummy I understood – she held TWO VOIDS and one Ace.

**Tracy Capal**

Overheard Alan Nelson talking to Jonny Middleton..

Alan-"I wish you would start making a few contracts Jonny".

Jonny-"I wish you would put me in the right ones".

**ADVERT**

If anybody would like to help the county cut costs by placing an advert in the newsletter then please contact the editor. We produce 900-1000 of these for each edition.

**DECLARER PLAY**  
**Boris Ewart**

I provided plenty of interesting hands for Jeff Smith's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Individual. 44 players took part. Try to play this hand in 7♣ after E opens a Weak-2♦ on the ♦2 lead without looking at the full hand.

Brd 2 ♠42  
Dlr E ♥KQ985  
Vul N-S ♦8  
♣Q9752  
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♠AK10963  
♥A  
♦AQ4  
♣AK3

Nobody got to 7♣ or 7Nt. There were plenty of 4♠ and 3Nt with mixed results from 11 to 13 tricks. One pair got to 4♥.

Brd 2 ♠42  
Dlr E ♥KQ985  
Vul N-S ♦8  
♣Q9752  
♠Q N ♠J875  
♥J107632 W E ♥4  
♦1072 W S ♦KJ9653  
♣J106 S ♣84  
♠AK10963  
♥A  
♦AQ4  
♣AK3

The play becomes trivial on a ♦ lead. Win ♦AQ discard ♥5, Cash ♣AK, ♠A and ♥A. Play ♣3 to ♣Q and cash ♥KQ – note E shows out – discard ♠63. Cash ♣97 and take the marked finesse of the ♠J. Why is it marked?. W has turned up with 6♥, 3♣ and it looks like 3♦ giving E 6♦. Hence he only has 1♠- the ♠Q that you have seen.

All those who tried to ruff the ♠ out have forgotten how to count up to 13. If W had control of the majors he would have been caught in a simple squeeze. Have you blown the contract when ♠ are 2-3? A lot depends on how many ♣ E turns up with. If 3, then W is odds on for the squeeze. If 2, then he could have 3♠ so you can ruff them out or try for a guard squeeze where W cannot keep ♠H, ♥J10 and ♦10.

A fair number of people got to 6NT but not everybody made 12 tricks on this board. W leads the ♦J.

Brd 27 ♠Q10  
Dlr S ♥AQ106  
Vul NIL ♦A842  
♣A86  
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♠AK63  
♥852  
♦KQ  
♣KQ107

What is the best line?

Brd 27 ♠Q10  
Dlr S ♥AQ106  
Vul NIL ♦A842  
♣A86  
♠J82 N ♠9754  
♥K74 W E ♥J93  
♦J103 S ♦9765  
♣J532 ♣94  
♠AK63  
♥852  
♦KQ  
♣KQ107

It must be right to take the double-finesse in the ♥ suit. When they turn out to be 3-3 you have an easy 12 tricks. Suppose W has 4. E will discard from a suit that he cannot guard.

You cash the free winners in the suit he gives up and ultimately he will be squeezed in one of the other 2 suits or ♣ would be 3-3 or the ♣J drops in 2 rounds.

If E has 4♥ we have to hope to drop ♣J or squeeze W in ♣ + ♦. So cash ♦K, ♠QKA and ♣KA then ♦A and the ♣ should now be good if W discards a ♣. There are other variations but you cannot make it if W has the ♣ + ♠ guards while E has the ♦ + ♥ guards unless you drop ♣Jx or finesse W for ♠J.

**THE NON-SEQUENTIAL DOUBLE SQUEEZE**  
**By Bernard Goldenfield.**

A Non-Sequential Double squeeze is very difficult to play because:

- a.it requires very good card reading
- b.there has been very little bridge literature on the subject.

However, this has now been remedied by Raymond Semp who has written a book called ' **Bridge Squeezes Interpreted** ' that includes an in depth analysis of all types of squeeze.

An example of a Non-Sequential Double squeeze is shown below and was played by Irving Blakey in the Bury Swiss Teams at the Atheneum Club.

Brd ♠KJ87  
Dlr ♥KQ2  
Vul ♦Q  
♣Q5432  
♠Q1065 N ♠943  
♥9765 W E ♥3  
♦K8753 S ♦J92  
♣- ♣A109876  
♠A2  
♥AJ1084  
♦A1064  
♣KJ

Playing in NT, ♠5 was led and the ♠7 was covered ♠9 and taken by ♠A. Declarer played ♠K, won by E who played back ♠10 won by ♠J. Declarer crossed to ♥K, cashed the ♣Q and then ran the ♥ winners. When the last ♥ was played the situation was:

Brd ♠KJ8  
Dlr ♥-  
Vul ♦Q  
♣5  
♠Q106 N ♠4  
♥- W E ♥-  
♦K8 S ♦J92  
♣- ♣9  
♠2  
♥A  
♦A106  
♣

When Irving played the ♥A, W had to bare his ♦K to keep the ♠ guarded. Dummy threw ♠8 and E the ♠4. Declarer now finessed ♠J and cashed the ♠K to squeeze E in ♣ & ♦.

Magnificently played. I advise anybody who found this Non-Sequential Double squeeze interesting to buy Raymond's book.

As a bonus, the chapter on Defence to Squeezes would show you that if E had played a low ♦ or a ♠ when he won the ♣A (or did not win the ♣A at all) then the squeeze would not work.

This is an example of a **Sequential Double Squeeze** played by Bill Hirst in Killarney:

Brd ♠AQJxxx  
Dlr ♥xx  
Vul ♦x  
♣Jxxx  
♠xxx N ♠xx  
♥xx W E ♥QJ10xx  
♦Kxxx S ♦xxx  
♣KQ109 ♣xxx  
♠Kx  
♥AKxx  
♦AQJ10x  
♣Ax

	W	N	E	S
No			2NT	2NT
No	3♥		X	XX
No	4♣		No	4♦
No	5♠		No	6NT

W led ♠K taken by ♣A and ♣x returned to W - ♣Q. W now exited ♥x to ♥10 and ♥K. Bill now cashed ♥A, ♠K and crossed to ♠J. The ♣J was cashed before running the ♠. Bill was already announcing the squeeze as he knew the position would come down to:

Brd ♠x  
Dlr ♥-  
Vul ♦x  
♣x  
♠- N ♠-  
♥- W E ♥Q  
♦Kx ? S ♦Kx ?  
♣10 ♣-

E has to discard a ♦ to keep the ♥Q so the ♥x is discarded and W has to discard a ♦ to keep the ♣10. The ♦K is now bound to drop no matter who has it.

**KILLARNEY CONGRESS**  
By Raymond Semp

The 59<sup>th</sup> annual Bridge Congress that was held as usual at the Lake Hotel, Killarney contained the strongest field I've witnessed since I started attending the congress five years ago. It was headed by our Ladies European Champions, Rhona Goldenfield and Michelle Brunner with partners Bernard Goldenfield and John Holland, Brian Senior, Andrew Thompson, Bill Hirst, Boris Ewart, Pat Davies and Keith Loveys from the England International scene, Jim Luck from Wales. From the USA came Richard Fleischman and his wife Sandy, and a host of Irish Internationals.

John Holland dominated the winners podium by winning the Congress Pairs (Magnier Trophy), with Richard Fleischman, the Mixed Pairs (Dr E.N.M. O'Sullivan Trophy) with Michelle Brunner and the Mixed Teams Teams (The Goldenfield Trophy) with Michelle Brunner, Bill Hirst, Boris Ewart. The Mens Teams (The Lake Hotel Trophy) was won by Andrew Thompson, Raymond Semp, Brian Senior, Nigel Bird. The Ladies Teams (The Lake Hotel Trophy) was won by a team from Jersey comprising of, Jacque Rumball, Susan Rankin, Gillian Hall, Maureen Nelson. The Congress Teams (Loch Lein Trophy) was won by Paul Casselle, Keith Loveys, Angela Forsythe, Peter Hardyment. Needless to say the bridge was of the highest standard but the hand I personally felt took first prize was one played by our Lady International, Rhona Goldenfield in the Congress Teams.

Brd	♠74			
Dlr	♥Q87632			
Vul	♦AJ10			
	♣KJ			
♠K105		N		♠Q962
♥9		W	E	♥A105
♦Q86				♦K9732
♣Q97643		S		♣5
				♠AJ83
				♥KJ4
				♦54
				♣A1082
W	N	E	S	
			1NT	
No	2♦*	No	2♥	
No	4♥	End		

W led ♣6 won by ♣J, E played ♣5. ♥2 was played, E won ♥A and switched to ♠2, W followed ♥9. How do you continue? Rhona reasoned that E was trying to get a ♣ ruff so played ♥KJ then finessed ♦10 to E ♦K. The 3<sup>rd</sup> round of ♠ was ruffed and the ♣K overtaken with ♣A to finesse ♦J for a well earned 12 IMP. In the other room they attempted to cash the ♣K before drawing the remaining trumps.

**DEFENCE PLAY**

Brd	♠9875			
Dlr	♥AJ63			
Vul	♦942			
	♣74			
♠1043		N		♠J2
♥10872		W	E	♥KQ94
♦A6				♦J83
♣A852		S		♣KQJ9
				♠AKQ6
				♥5
				♦KQ1075
				♣1063
W	N	E	S	
No	1♥	No	1♠	
No	2♠	X	3♣	
X	4♠	End		

This deal occurred towards the end of a match where N-S were behind. The bidding suggests that S is 4.1.5.3 so W should lead the ♥2 not the ♣A. S wins the ♥A and plays ♦9 to E ♦3 and S ♦K. You must win and continue with the ♥10 to force S to ruff. The full deal is:

Brd	♠9875			
Dlr	♥AJ63			
Vul	♦942			
	♣74			
♠1043		N		♠J2
♥10872		W	E	♥KQ94
♦A6				♦J83
♣A852		S		♣KQJ9
				♠AKQ6
				♥5
				♦KQ1075
				♣1063

S can ruff and exit in ♣ to later pick up the ♦J but is then forced again in ♥ to promote the ♠10 for W for 1 down. S should have realised that he has to run the ♦9 and then he is in control.

Suppose W starts with the ♣A and then switches to the ♥. This time when the ♦ is played it is better for W to duck. S would have to draw trumps and exit with a small ♦ to make the contract. Instead he may try to pin the ♦J. If he tries to exit with a ♣ first then the ♥ force will once again promote the ♠10.

The following hand illustrates that it does pay to suppress a 4 card major.

Brd	♠A54			
Dlr	♥Q943			
Vul	♦J10			
	♣K965			
♠QJ86		N		♠32
♥52		W	E	♥AJ87
♦A8542				♦73
♣73		S		♣QJ1084
				♠K1097
				♥K106
				♦KQ96
				♣A2

Where S opened 1♦ and W lead ♠6 to 3Nt then it made in comfort. If S opens 1♠ and W leads ♦4 then 3Nt also makes but W may rise to the occasion and lead the ♣7. S will now have to play correctly to make 3Nt.

**COMPETITIVE BIDDING.**

The following hand has many instructive points:

Brd	♠AQ10			
Dlr	♥72			
Vul	♦K4			
	♣QJ10874			
♠632		N		♠J5
♥QJ10865		W	E	♥AK43
♦95				♦A1073
♣65		S		♣K32
				♠K9874
				♥9
				♦QJ862
				♣A9

With N as the dealer the bidding starts 1♣ then 1Nt. The traditional action by S is to X. I don't think this is right as W then bids 3♥ and E raises to 4♥. S is now left guessing. X is penalty – based on values, pass is forcing, so he should be 4♠ but has not shown the 2-suiter. A better action is for S to bid 2Nt. I think this should be a 2-suiter – forcing to suit agreement. W still bids 3♥. N might come in with 3♠ now assuming S has ♦+♠ but what if W has just psyched a 3♥ bid –holding 6♠? To allow for this N can pass. E should still barrage with 4♥ and S now passes with ♦+♠. With the good cover-cards N can now bid 4♠ - problem solved. If 1Nt-X is passed out then S has to lead a ♠ but which one? I think the ♠4 shows a ♣ honour, ♠7 a ♦ honour and ♠9 a ♥ honour. I await your comments.

After taking the ♠Q, N needs to know which suit to switch to otherwise E will take ♦A and run 6♥ tricks.

If we make W the dealer then it begins 3♥-4♣ - 4♥. Once again I think S has to bid 4♠. X is values – probably only with 4♠. N would have to bid 4♠ instead of 5♣ to get the best result.

**Brilliance Prizes.**

Here is a hand that few of us would get right:

Brd	♠98764			
Dlr	♥752			
Vul	♦AQ864			
	♣-			
♠AQJ5		N		♠K3
♥J1094		W	E	♥KQ863
♦KJ10				♦92
♣A2		S		♣Q853
				♠102
				♥A
				♦753
				♣KJ109764

W	N	E	S
X	No	?	3♣

How many of you would find a 4♣ bid as E to get 4♥ played by W?

How many of you would find a ♦ lead if E bids 3Nt?

QUIZ					QUIZ SYSTEM					BRIDGE SQUEEZES INTERPRETED					
1. Love All	W	N	E	S	Bidding System is <b>Acol</b> with Weak 2♦♥♠	<p>2♣ is GF except for 2NT rebid. 1NT=12-14.  <b>To 1-Bids:</b> 2NT=Jacoby Raise to 4+,  3NT=Fit Bal 12-15 . Splinters are 8-11.  <b>To 1NT:</b> 2♣=Stayman, 2♦-&gt;2♥, 2♥-&gt;2♠  2♠=Range Enquiry-Raise to 2Nt/Strong Bal  2NT-&gt;3♠-For Pass/3♦ or GF with Minors.  3♠-♠=6 suit Nat-Inv  4♣=Gerber &amp; 4♦=5-5+ in ♥+♠ - Bid game  <b>To 2NT:</b> 3♣=Stayman, 3♦-&gt;3♥, 3♥-&gt;3♠  3♠=Minors, 4♣/♦=Nat-GF, 4♥/♠=Mild-Try  <b>Overcalls:</b> Constructive with New Suit=F1,  UCB, Mixed raises ,Fit-Jumps and Splinters  1NT=15-18 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10-15 4<sup>th</sup> with normal  1NT responses.  <b>Jump Overcalls</b> Weak except at Red or in  4<sup>th</sup> position when Intermediate  <b>2-Suiters</b> – Via Michaels Cue-Bid or UNT  are constructive or very strong  <b>Defence to 1NT:</b> Landy 2♣ for Majors  <b>Defence to Weak-2:</b> X=T/O with Lebensohl  -2NT (3NT follow-up=no stop)  2NT=16-18, Jump=SJO &amp; Leaping Michaels  <b>Defence to Multi:</b> X=T/O 11-15/19+ with  Lebensohl responses, 2NT=16-18,  Jump=SJO  <b>Defence to Pre-empts:</b> X=T/O 3NT=To  play with 4♣=Range Enquiry &amp; 4♦=Flint  <b>To Interference:</b> X tends to be T/O.  Bids are F1 below game. Cue-Bid becomes  sound raise and normal raise – barrage.  <b>Interference over 1NT:</b> X=Raise to 2NT,  2NT=Lebensohl,  Cue-Bid of major=Stopper+unbid major  <b>Doubles:</b> Competitive-X, Game-Try-X,  Responsive-X to 4♦, Lightner-X for lead  <b>Conventions:</b> FSF, RKC-B Blackwood,  (5♣=1/4 5♦=3/0 5♥=2 5♠=2+Q 5NT=5  Long suit Trial Bids  Checkback-2♣ to 1NT rebid = 15-17.  2NT Rebid after 2-level response = GF  3NT Rebid after 2-level response = 17-19  Bal with Hxx(x) support.  2NT Jump Rebid GF except Neopolitan-3♣  backout to 3♦ to stop in part-score.  3NT Rebid after 1-level response is based  on a running suit.</p> <p>Keep this system definition, as it won't be  printed again.</p> <p>Scores will be shown in the next edition or  on the website.</p> <p>All problems are assumed to be IMP.  Entries to my email address or by post.</p>					<p>At last, we see the much talked about and  long-awaited book on squeeze play now on  the market. Published by Brian Senior and  dedicated to our own local hero and my  close friend, Roy Higson. My book is  reputed to be the best book on the subject  yet to hit the market. It is aimed at the  improver to middle standard bridge player,  yet it will make a very acceptable reference  book for even the most experienced expert.</p> <p>It starts off by outlining in detail the simplest  of all squeezes, 'The Simple Squeeze', then  explains, still in layman terms, 'The Double  Squeeze' and then, still in a detailed  language that all will understand, the more  difficult 'Triple and Compound Squeezes'.  Lastly and still on the play of squeezes I  skirt over in brief the more exotic types  such as 'The Guard Squeeze', 'The Trump  Squeeze', 'The Strip Squeeze' and lastly  'The Criss-Cross Squeeze'. The final  chapter is dedicated to the most difficult  facet of bridge for all ranks of players, that  of 'Defence to Squeezes'. At the end of  each of the six chapters there is a short  quiz of five to ten exercises, to test students  on what they should have learnt in the  previous chapter.</p> <p>The book is priced at a very modest £12.95  considering the complexity of the subject,  the fifteen months it took to write and the in-  depth detail of analysis gone into creating  the hundred and fifteen or so hands. Most  of them are taken from my vast collection  acquired over many years of playing. Some  you might well recognise. The book is  available from Manchester Bridge Club.</p>				
♠QJ2		1♠	No	1NT											
♥Q84	X	2♥	2NT*	No											
♦J43	3♣	X	No	?											
♣10852															
2.N-S Vul.	W	N	E	S											
♠-			1♠	No											
♥106	2♠	X	3♠	?											
♦875432															
♣AQ987															
3.E-W Vul.	W	N	E	S											
♠K1092			1♦	X											
♥AQ65	XX	2♠	3♦	3♠											
♦984	?														
♣K10															
4.Game All	W	N	E	S											
♠1073	1♦	2♠	No	No											
♥Q	?														
♦AKQJ103															
♣A83															
5.N-S Vul.	W	N	E	S											
♠AJ10975		No	1♥	No											
♥6543	?														
♦A5															
♣10															
6.E-W Vul.	W	N	E	S											
♠Q762			1♣	1♥											
♥AK10842	No	2NT	No	No											
♦J9	?														
♣Q															
7.Game-All.	W	N	E	S											
♠K8				1♠											
♥KJ10876	2♥	No	3♥	3♠											
♦8	4♣	4♠	No	No											
♣AKQ9	?														
8.Love All	W	N	E	S											
♠A9	1♥	2♦	X*	3♦											
♥AKJ7	?														
♦753															
♣A876															
9.EW-Vul	W	N	E	S											
♠A9763		3♣	X	4♣											
♥A94	?														
♦K4															
♣A52															
10.Game All	W	N	E	S											
♠87			No	1♦											
♥AJ5	3♥	3NT	No	4♦											
♦Q6	No	?													
♣AQ10742															