

MANCHESTER COUNTY BRIDGE Boris Ewart 66, Rockingham Close Birchwood Warrington Cheshire WA3 6UY Tel:01925 838916 Email: robie-straw@supanet.com MANCHESTER CBA WEBSITE www.lighton.btinternet.co.uk e-mail Rodney Lighton at lighton@btinternet.com	ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL I have revamped the layout so that you can read about one hand across the columns rather than going down and across. I hope this makes it easier. The quiz has been dropped due to minimal entries but I will include a few bidding problems from time to time. Raymond's Play Problems will continue as long as he supplies me with suitable material. (Entries are by email).	AUGUST 2003 Please find enclosed the new calendar and various entry forms – the message is clear support your county events.
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SELECTIONS HUGGILL 21.6.2003 Jeff Smith David Barton Joy Blakey Irving Blakey Jean Hismurgh Peter Hismurgh Boris Ewart Tracy Capal David Pennington Rod Franks Anne Super Maurice Super Ian Kane Raymond Semp Dhun Daji Howard Stubbins	GARDEN CITIES TROPHY 21.6.2003 Manchester Bridge Club Jeff Morris Leslie Klein Alexander Morris Michael Byrne Edward Levi Mike Goldsmith Dave Debbage Michael Newman Team won with 97 VP. 23 VP clear of tie for 2 nd = by Cheltenham, West Midlands and Menagerie.	LEAD PROBLEM ♠K973 N ♥4 W E ♦875 S ♣98652 W N E S No 2♣ No 1♥ No 4♣ No 4NT* No 5♣ No 7NT Solution on Page-3.
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RESULTS MANCHESTER LEAGUE Premier The Curry Eaters Division_1A D A S H Division_1B Tempo Finesse Division_2A Altrincham A Division_2B Hindsight Convention Division_3A Pennine Predators Division_3B Davenport A Division_4A Splinter Group Division_4B The Golfers Division_5A Brookdale A Division_5B Slightly Unbalanced Division Burt's Belles Newcomers	ROY HIGSON CUP/PLATE CUP 1 st Sedgely 2 nd Isolated Menaces –1 3 rd = D J Jam 3 rd = Manchester A PLATE 1 st Palatine Players 2 nd Tempo 3 rd Whitefield Albatrosses	PACHABO QUALIFIER 1 st Jeff Morris, Leslie Klien, Michael Byrne & Alexander Morris 2 nd Tracy Capal, Gary Hyett, Boris Ewart & Adrian Kenworthy HUBERT PHILLIPS FINAL 2003 1 st Rhona Goldenfield, Bernard Goldenfield, Bill Hirst & John Hassett +550 2 nd Frances Hinden, Jeffrey Allerton, Cameron Small, Graham Osborne & Jon Cooke
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FUTURE EVENTS AUG 2003 1-3 Junior Trials U20/U25 Loughborough 8-17 EBU Summer Cong Brighton 10 Preston BC Pairs Preston BC	SEP 2003 5-7 Bolton BC Congress Bolton BC 11-14 IOM Congress Isle of Man 13-14 Open Trials IIA Solihull 15-16 EBU Autumn SimPrs Clubs 20-21 Open Trials IIB Solihull 20-28 Guernsey Congress Guernsey 21 LCBA Mixed Pairs Poulton BC 27 One Day GP Event Derbyshire 28 One Day GP Event Yorkshire 28 Pendle Witch Pairs Fence Gate Inn	OCT 2003 4-5 Gt Northern Swiss Risley Pairs 8-9 BGBAutumnSimPrs Clubs 11 Simple Systems Prs Brierfield BC 11-12 Open Trials IIIA London 12 PoultonBC Sw Tms Poulton BC 12 Chester Bowl Deva 17-19 EBU Autumn Cong Bournemouth 18-19 Welsh GP Weekend Llandudno 19 PritchRobinsonPairs Cliffs,Blackpool 25-26 Open Trials IIIB London 26 Found Cup Sw Tms BlackburnBC
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ANECDOTES Just two TRUE stories from Hymie Zolkwer, our 90-odd year old Whitefield area bridge player...When selected for a match, he commented cynically.... "I know how these selection decisions work...first you choose on ability, then on availability, and finally alphabetically!"	After a lot of persuasion, Hymie had agreed to play transfers over 1NT with Jack Samuels. So Jack opened 1NT, and Hymie bid 2♠. Jack alerted and thinking it was a minor transfer, bid 2NT with a good hand and both minors. Now Hymie bid 3♠, which Jack passed...just making. At the end of the hand, Jack asked Hymie what exactly was he doing since they had agreed to play transfers. Hymie replied "2♦ is a transfer to Hearts, 2♥ means I want you to play in Spades, 2♠ means I want to play it!"	DUMMY PLAY Brd 3 Dir S Vul E-W ♠AQ7542 N ♠K96 ♥A6 W E ♥K5 ♦1083 S ♦AJ64 ♣52 ♣9743 How do you play 4♠ on the lead of the ♥4 by N. ♠ are 2-2. N-S were silent throughout. Solution on Page-3.
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Thwaites Easter Festival 2003
Championships Pairs Final by Ollie Burgess.
1st Ollie Burgess & Sharleen Weir.

Brd 6	♠KQ943			
Dir E	♥AQJ42			
Vul E-W	♦872			
	♣-			
♠72		N	♠J8	
♥K83		W	♥96	
♦KQJ		E	♦A9543	
♣QJ985		S	♣AK72	
	♠A1065			
	♥1075			
	♦106			
	♣10643			

The bidding wasn't pretty....

W SW	N	E OB	S
		1♦	No
2♣	2NT*	3♣	3♠
4♣	4♠	No	No
5♣!	5♠	No	No
X	No	No	No

Sharleen led the ♦K and continued with the ♦Q. I overtook with the ♦A, in case it was a doubleton ♦KQ (letting the ♦Q win might have stranded my trick) or to give declarer a losing option. I hadn't given the correct count in ♦ (playing the ♦4 on the 1st round), and when I returned a low ♦, S ruffed with the ♠A and then ran ♠10 losing to my ♠J. S had achieved the impossible and gone off in a stone cold contract.

Brd 14	♠J1032			
Dir E	♥K5			
Vul Nil	♦A9632			
	♣106			
♠Q854		N	♠6	
♥A8		W	♥J108642	
♦Q105		E	♦K	
♣AJ92		S	♣K8743	
	♠AK97			
	♥Q73			
	♦J874			
	♣Q5			
W SW	N	E OB	S	
No	X	2♥*	No	
X	No	No	3♠	
		No	No	

Sharleen found a very good pairs double on this hand from the first stanza. After ♥A and a ♦ switch, declarer couldn't avoid going 2 off for +300. If Sharleen hadn't doubled, we would have got a zero as most pairs had made a ♥ part-score our way.

Brd 17	♠J103			
Dir N	♥K8			
Vul Nil	♦K843			
	♣J1092			
♠AQ74		N	♠86	
♥AJ4		W	♥Q9752	
♦9		E	♦A75	
♣K7654		S	♣Q83	
	♠K952			
	♥1063			
	♦QJ1062			
	♣A			
W	N OB	E	S SW	
	No	No	1♦	
X	1NT	2♥	No	
No	3♦	3♥	No	
4♥	No	No	No	

This was the 1st board of the final session. It's always an anxious time when you reopen and push your opponents into a game!
 When Sharleen led the ♣A, declarer looked destined for an easy ride. She switched to a low ♦, my ♦K losing to the ♦A. Declarer then played a low ♥ to the ♥J that lost to my ♥K. If I gave Sharleen a ♣ ruff, that would be our last defensive trick. I was fairly sure from the play in the ♥ suit that she had the ♥10 so I played another ♦ back, locking declarer in dummy when he elected to ruff low. There was no way now to avoid going 1 off and that was worth 25/26 M.P.

Thwaites Easter Festival 2003 by Boris
1st Mike Theelke, Paul Hooker, Glyn Preece & Justin Corfield.

Slambolic Decisions in the Swiss Teams

Brd 3	Dir S	Vul E-W		
♠AQ		N	♠K1086543	
♥AQ85		W	♥K102	
♦9		E	♦A4	
♣AQJ1095		S	♣6	
W	N	E	S	
1♣	No	1♠	No	
2♥	No	3♠	No	
4NT*	No	5♥*	No	
5NT	No	6♥*	No	
6♠	No	?		

E should realise that to justify 5NT W must have ♠AQ so with a 7th ♠ he should bid 7♠. There is even a case for this over 5NT rather than showing the K♥ by the 6♥ bid. Against this W may not have the ♥Q. His bidding suggests he was looking for the ♣K. The grand is trivial as the ♠J is singleton so you can ruff ♦4 with ♠Q. Otherwise you combine chances of ruffing out the ♣K – it came down in 3 or a double-squeeze using the ♥ & ♣ threats and ♦ as the anchor suit. Pity it was not ♦A7.

Brd 13	♠K1063			
Dir N	♥943			
Vul All	♦Q10			
	♣8543			
♠AJ4		N	♠Q752	
♥AK		W	♥QJ65	
♦AJ87632		E	♦K95	
♣10		S	♣AK	
	♠98			
	♥10872			
	♦4			
	♣QJ9762			
W	N	E	S	
	No	1♥	3♣	
3♦	4♣	X	No	
6♦	No	?		

The barrage in ♣ makes it difficult for E-W. Bernard Goldenfield thinks E should bid 4♦ rather than the competitive-X. W thinks he should have bid 5♣ instead of 6♦. E can then go 5♦, W 5♥ and E 6♠. W may then guess to go 7♦ as he holds ♥K but has no idea if E has ♥QJxx to provide the discards. E may consider a raise to 7♦ on the original sequence as he has 3 cover cards that W does not know about.

Brd 15	♠KQJ86			
Dir S	♥5			
Vul N-S	♦KQ8743			
	♣7			
♠A52		N	♠10	
♥QJ		W	♥AK1042	
♦A96		E	♦J105	
♣KQ863		S	♣A952	
	♠9743			
	♥98763			
	♦2			
	♣J104			
W	N	E	S	
			No	
1♣	2NT*	3♦*	3♥*	
3NT	4♠	No*	No	
X	No	?		

Just my luck to play this hand against a N-S pair playing 2NT as ♦ and a major. Bids of 3♥/♠ by E are then natural – NF. A 4♥/♠ should be a fit-jump but could be misread as splinter so I picked 3♦ to show a good raise in ♣. I don't think W should X the 4♠ bid as he should work out E is short in ♠ and should have some good ♥ and ♣ values. E should pull to 5♣ then W may bid 6♣. Getting to 7♣ is very hard.

Killarney Congress 2003 by Boris Ewart
Championship Pairs
1st Raymond Semp & Andrew Thompson
 This came up in the 1st session. Raymond was in 3NT as W and N led the ♦5.

Brd 26 ♠K863
 Dir E ♥A954
 Vul All ♦7542
 ♣J

♠AQ9	N	♠J752
♥K72	W	♥Q108
♦AQ8	E	♦963
♣K764	S	♣A85

♠104
 ♥J63
 ♦KJ10
 ♣Q10932

He won ♦A over S - ♦K and crossed to ♣A to play ♠ to ♠Q and N-♠K. N exited with ♦2 to S-♦10 and ♦Q. ♠Q9 were cashed then ♥2 to ♥Q to cash ♠J. S was triple-squeezed on this trick.

LEAD PROBLEM SOLUTION

♠Q4
 ♥A7
 ♦A96
 ♣AKQJ74

N
 S

♠AJ6
 ♥KQ653
 ♦KQJ10
 ♣3

You need to lead a low ♣ to break up the double-squeeze. ♦7 is the only cold grand slam but how do you bid it?

Championship Mixed Teams
1st John Holland, Michelle Brunner, Bill Hirst & Boris Ewart.

Championship Teams
1st Raymond Semp, Andrew Thompson
Irving Blakey & Joy Blakey.

Brd 26 ♠7
 Dir E ♥1063
 Vul All ♦J9732
 ♣J632

♠AQ4	N	♠K832
♥AKQJ9752	W	♥8
♦108	E	♦K654
♣-	S	♣KQ95

♠J10965
 ♥4
 ♦AQ
 ♣A10874

W B.E	N J.B	E B.H	S I.B
X	2♣	3NT!	4♣
4♥	No	4♠	No
5♣*	No	5♠!	No
6♥	No	No	No

This hand helped Raymond's team to win. I possibly helped Joy to avoid the ♣ lead when I bid 5♣. She also avoided the low ♥ lead that would also let 6♥ make. On the ♠7 lead I could not make the contract - going 1 down. The ♣2 lead at the other table let in 6♥-X. If I had been dealt with ♦J8 I could have come down to this ending:

Brd 26 ♠-
 Dir E ♥-
 Vul All ♦1097
 ♣J

♠4	N	♠K8
♥2	W	♥-
♦J8	E	♦-
♣-	S	♣KQ

♠J10
 ♥-
 ♦A
 ♣A

I could then play ♥2 to triple-squeeze S

Raymond and Andrew also outbid us on:

Brd 28 ♠Q94
 Dir W ♥62
 Vul N-S ♦K974
 ♣AK74

♠A86	N	♠KJ1032
♥A3	W	♥KQJ1074
♦AQJ	E	♦62
♣QJ1062	S	♣-

♠75
 ♥985
 ♦10853
 ♣9853

W B.E	N J.B	E B.H	S I.B
1♣	No	1♥	No
2NT	No	3♠	No
3NT	No	4♥	End

I took Bill Hirst as showing a minimum 4-6 shape otherwise he would have bid 4♦ or 4♠ - as happened at the other table. A 5♦ cue-bid then leads to 6♠.

Mixed Pairs Championship
1st Rhona Goldenfield & Paul Cassells.

Brd 18 ♠A
 Dir E ♥AQJ3
 Vul N-S ♦AQ10976
 ♣85

♠KJ852	N	♠10963
♥K82	W	♥106
♦32	E	♦K5
♣J94	S	♣KQ1063

♠Q74
 ♥9754
 ♦J84
 ♣A72

W	N	E	S
	1♦	No	1♥
1♠	3♠	X!	No!
No	4♥	4♠	No!
No	5♥	End	

Paul as N took the push to 5♥. W led ♠5 to ♠A. The winning line is the gambit play of the ♦Q. You can later use ♦J and ♣A to finesse W twice to pick up his ♥K. Its very difficult to find this line as your also need a 2-2 ♦ split. A slight clue is that E may not have saved if he had the ♥K.

At the table Rhona played ♥AQ and was pleased to see the ♥10 appear. W won ♥K and for some reason played ♠K instead of a ♣. Rhona ruffed with ♥J and came to hand with ♥9 to take the ♦K finesse. E won ♦K but the ♣ all go away on the ♦ winners.

DUMMY PLAY SOLUTION

The S hand ♠103
 is: ♥Q10973
 ♦Q95
 ♣KJ6

You need to ruff a ♣ suit to eliminate his ♣ suit and after drawing ♥AK and ♠KA play ♦3 to ♦J and ♦Q. S either concedes a ruff and discard or returns ♦5 and you insert ♦8 to force the ♦K - won by ♦A. ♦10 is now your 10th trick.

PACHABO QUALIFIER FINAL

♠632
 ♥8
 ♦A1096
 ♣Q10874
 N
 S
 ♠AK1085
 ♥QJ96
 ♦3
 ♣A95

W	N	E	S
No	2♠	No	1♠
No	4♠	End	3♥

W leads ♣2 – E plays ♣J to your ♣A. How do you make this contract. Clue it is a real live double-dummy problem.

It looks like the lead is a singleton so it looks almost impossible. I crossed to ♦A and led ♥8 – intending to run it. E played ♥10 so I played ♥J to ♥A and W played a ♦ ruffed with ♠5. I then started a cross-ruff and the ♥K dropped by E on the 3rd round. I now reverted to ♠AK and led ♣9. E was helpless as the full hand was:

♠632
 ♥8
 ♦A1096
 ♣Q10874
 N
 S
 ♠AK1085
 ♥QJ96
 ♦3
 ♣A95

W	N	E	S
♠Q9	♥A7432	♦K8542	♣2
♠J64	♥K105	♦QJ7	♣KJ63

Try working out the variations if E rises with the ♥K and gives W a ♣ ruff.

Michael Byrne & Alexander Morris bid to this grand:

♠K5	N	♠AQ1064
♥KQ7	W	♥-
♦KQ106	E	♦AJ97
♣K742	S	♣AQ63

W	N	E	S
1♦	No	2♠	No
2NT	No	3♦	No
3♥	No	4NT*	No
5♣	No	5♥*	No
5♠	No	7♦	

Adrian tried to cash ♥A. It made no difference as both black suits behaved.

Congratulations to the winners who out-bid and out-played us on most of the hands:
1st. Jeff Morris & Leslie Klein
Michael Byrne & Alexander Morris
2nd. Tracy Capal & Gary Hyett
Adrian Kenworthy & Boris Ewart

RAYMOND'S PLAY PROBLEM.
By Raymond Semp.

♠AK8
 ♥K743
 ♦852
 ♣AK7
 N
 S
 ♠J43
 ♥109
 ♦A4
 ♣1098643

W	N	E	S
2♦	X	1NT	No
No	3♦	No	4♣

1NT was 15-17. Trick-1 W leads ♥6, E ♥J wins - S playing ♥9. Trick-2 E plays ♦J. W will overtake with ♦Q to play 2nd ♥ if you duck. If you win ♦J and duck ♦ later W will rise with ♦Q and play ♥ leaving E with safe ♦ exit. ♣ are 2-2 – Plan your best play.

LEAGUE MATCH SLAM SWING
By Eric Rose

♠1062
 ♥8754
 ♦A106
 ♣K103
 N
 S
 ♠K974
 ♥AJ7
 ♦Q742
 ♣A4

W	N	E	S
1♥	No	1♠	No
2♣	No	3♥!	No
4NT!	No	5♥	No
6♥			

♠ lead to ♠K. ♥AJ and ♠4 to ♠Q. ♣Q, ♣K! and ♣A. ♣4 to ♣J and ruff ♣. Back to ♠A to draw ♥KQ and claim.

Post Mortem: E 'I thought you had 5 ♥ Partner'. W 'So did I because I had my singleton ♦ in the ♥. When you bid 3♥ I thought I would compensate(sic) and go for the slam.' In the other room:

W	N	E	S
1♣	No	1♦	No
1♥	No	3NT	End

♦ lead to take first 5 tricks.

HUGGILL TROPHY - RESULTS

Manchester	390
Merseyside	317
Lancashire	253

Butler Scores

J Smith	D Barton	IMP	R
D Pennington	R Franks	+49	4
J Blakey	I Blakey	+27	5
A Super	M Super	+19	7
B Ewart	T Capal	+5	12
I Kane	R Semp	+14	9
J Hismurgh	P Hismurgh	+66	1
D Daji	H Stubbins	+26	6
		+18	8

HUGGILL TROPHY 21ST JUNE 2003
Held at Manchester BC by Jeff Smith

Manchester had a comfortable victory in this annual fixture to retain the Huggill trophy. The team was seriously weakened from the original selection due to non-availability of several players, along with commitments in the European Champs at Menton and in the Garden Cities Final. Nevertheless, the whole team performed well winning 29 of the 40 team-of-4 matches and finished comfortably in the lead. The attached Butler scores show how well everyone played with ALL the Manchester players ending in the top half in the rankings. Congratulations to Raymond Semp and Ian Kane who were the leading pair. The match was well run by Tony Woollin who's pre-match preparation was exemplary. The movement and scoring was exceptionally easier, and Tony's Butler scoring is considerably helpful. The meal was well received and I never heard any complaints. In addition, Tony's general

running of the event made it a pleasure for all who took part and I feel we should make more use of Tony in the future, since he told me he needs as many events as possible. Our one gift of the day was the following:

♠KQ
 ♥K108x
 ♦Qxx
 ♣AJ8x
 N
 S
 ♠xxxx
 ♥9xx
 ♦xxxx
 ♣10x

W	N	E	S
♠Axx	♥AJx	♦KJx	♣KQxx
♠J10x	♥Qxxx	♦A10x	♣9xx

I sat N and W opened 1♣. I overcalled 1NT and this was passed round to opener. At our table opener doubled - this was passed out and on ♣10 lead resulted in 3

vulnerable overtricks for +780. That was 1 IMP out when team-mate also reopened with a double and East struggled in 2♠ doubled for -800! I think the W hand is too flat for reopening and both W players got their just desert on the hand. One player had an unlucky playing decision in this slam.

♠x	N	♠AKJxxx
♥AQJxx	W	♥K543
♦A9xxx	E	♦Q10
♣Jx	S	♣3

How do you play 6♥ on a ♣ lead to the ♣A and a ♦ switch? At the table, declarer played ♦A (wouldn't you?), drew trumps with ♥AQ in 2 rounds, then played ♠AK, ruff a ♠. Unlucky! N held ♠Q10xx so there were only 3 ♦ discards and declarer was even more miffed at the end to find S with the ♦K!