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SELECTIONS		GARDEN CITIES	LEAD PROBLEM				
HUGGILL 21.6.200	3	Manchester Bridg	e Club	 ♦K973		N	
Jeff Smith	David Barton	Jeff Morris	Leslie Klein	v 4	١٨/		
Joy Blakey	Irving Blakey	Alexander Morris	Michael Byrne	♦ 875	W	E	
Jean Hismurgh	Peter Hismurgh	Edward Levi	Mike Goldsmith	. 98652		S	
Boris Ewart	Tracy Capal	Dave Debbage	Michael Newman	#0000 <u>2</u>			
David Pennington	Rod Franks	Team won with 97	VP. 23 VP clear of tie for	W	N	F	S
Anne Super	Maurice Super	2 nd = by Cheltenha	m, West Midlands and		.,	_	1♥
lan Kane	Raymond Semp	Menagerie.		No	2.	No	2
Dhun Daji	Howard Stubbins			No	4 .	No	4NT*
				No	•	No	7NT
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				Solution o	n Page-3.		

	RESULTS	RC	OY HIGSON CUP/PLATE		PACHABO QUALIFIER
MANCHESTER LEAGUE		CUP		1 st	Jeff Morris, Leslie Klien, Michael
Premier	The Curry Eaters	1 st	Sedgeley		Byrne & Alexander Morris
Division_1A	DASH	2 nd	Isolated Menaces –1	2 nd	Tracy Capal, Gary Hyett, Boris
Division_1B	Tempo Finesse	3 rd =	D J Jam		Ewart & Adrian Kenworthy
Division_2A	Altrincham A	3 rd =	Manchester A		
Division_2B	Hindsight Convention	PLATE			HUBERT PHILLIPS FINAL 2003
Division_3A	Pennine Predators	1 st	Palatine Players	1 st	Rhona Goldenfield, Bernard
Division_3B	Davenport A	2 nd	Tempo		Goldenfield, Bill Hirst & John
Division_4A	Splinter Group	3 rd	Whitefield Albatrosses	+550) Hassett
Division_4B	The Golfers			2 nd	Frances Hinden, Jeffrey Allerton,
Division_5A	Brookdale A				Cameron Small, Graham Osborne
Division_5B	Slightly Unbalanced				& Jon Cooke
Division	Burtt's Belles				
Newcomers					

FUTURE EVENTS		SEP 2003			OCT 2003			
AUG 2	2003		5-7	Bolton BC Congress	Bolton BC	4-5	Gt Northern Swiss	Risley
1-3	Junior Trials U20/U25	Loughborough	11-14	IOM Congress	Isle of Man		Pairs	
8-17	EBU Summer Cong	Brighton	13-14	Open Trials IIA	Solihull	8-9	BGBAutumnSimPrs	Clubs
10	Preston BC Pairs	Preston BC	15-16	EBU Autumn SimPrs	Clubs	11	Simple Systems Prs	Brierfield BC
			20-21	Open Trials IIB	Solihull	11-12	Open Trials IIIA	London
			20-28	Guernsey Congress	Guernsey	12	PoultonBC Sw Tms	Poulton BC
			21	LCBA Mixed Pairs	Poulton BC	12	Chester Bowl	Deva
			27	One Day GP Event	Derbyshire	17-19	EBU Autumn Cong	Bournemouth
			28	One Day GP Event	Yorkshire	18-19	Welsh GP Weekend	Llandudno
			28	Pendle Witch Pairs	Fence Gate Inn	19	PritchRobinsonPairs	Cliffs,Blackpool
						25-26	Open Trials IIIB	London
						26	Found Cup Sw Tms	BlackburnBC

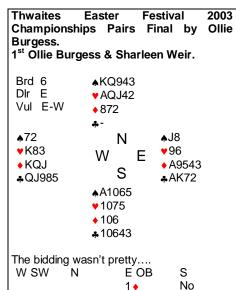
ANECDOTES

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 AK96 ✓ A6 1083 S ✓ K5 AJ64 ♣52 S ♣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.



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.

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No

No

Nο

3♠

No

No

Nο

2NT

4

5♠

Nο

2*

4*

5**.**!

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Brd 14

♦J1032
DIr E

√ K5

Vul Nil
             ♦ A9632
             *106
Q854
                         6
♥A8
                         J108642
             W
                    Ε
◆Q105
                         K
                 S
♣AJ92
                         K8743
             AK97
             ♥Q73
             ♦J874
             .•Q5
W SW
         Ν
                  E OB
                            S
                  2 • *
                            No
         Χ
No
                  No
                            3♠
Χ
         No
                  No
                            No
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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.

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Brd 17
             ♣J103
Dlr N
             ♥K8
Vul Nil
             ♦ K843
             ♣J1092
AQ74
                        86
                 Ν
♥AJ4
                        ♥Q9752
             W
                    Ε
9
                         ♦ A75
                 S
♣K7654
                        ♣Q83
             ♦K952
             v 1063
             ♦QJ1062
             ♣A
W
         N OB
                  Ε
                            S SW
         No
                  No
                            1 •
Χ
         1NT
                  2 🔻
                            No
No
         3 •
                  3♥
                            No
         Nο
                  Nο
                            Nο
4 •
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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.

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Thwaites Easter Festival 2003 by Boris 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Theelke, Paul Hooker, Glyn Preece & Justin Corfield.
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Slambolic Decisions in the Swiss Teams

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Brd 3 Dlr S Vul E-W
                        ♦K1086543
AQ
                 Ν
♥AQ85
                        ♥K102
             W
                    Ε
                        ♦ A4
9
                 S
♣AQJ1095
                        .6
W
         Ν
                  Ε
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1.
         Nο
                  1 🌲
                           Nο
2
         Nο
                  3.
                           Nο
4NT*
         No
                  5y*
                           No
5NT
         No
                  6 * *
                           No
         No
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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.

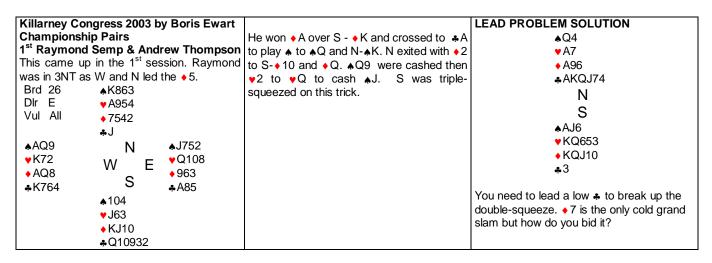
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Brd 13
             ★K1063
DIr N
             943
Vul All
             ◆Q10
             $8543
AJ4
                         ♠Q752

∀AK

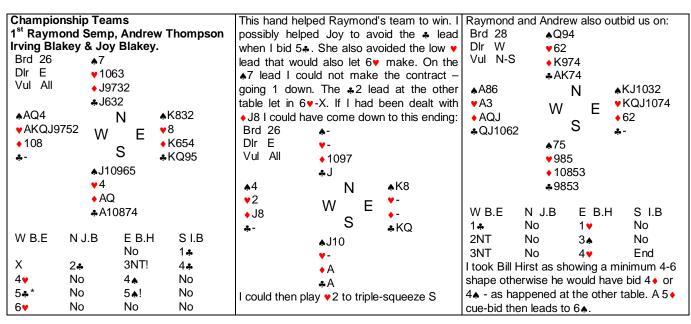
                         QJ65
              W
                     Ε
◆AJ87632
                         ♦ K95
                 S
.10
                         .•AK
             ♠98
             v10872
             4
             ♣QJ9762
W
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                            3*
                  Χ
3 •
         4*
6 •
         Nο
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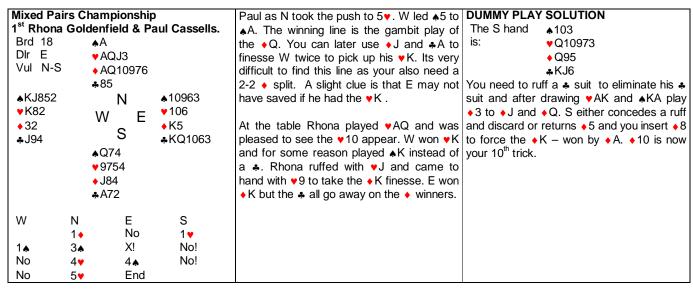
The barrage in ♣ makes it difficult for E-W. Bernard Goldenfield thinks E should bid 4♦ rather than the competitive-X. W thinks he should have bid 5♣ instead of 6♦. E can then go 5♦, W 5♥ and E 6♣. W may then guess to go 7♦ as he holds ♥K but has no idea if E has ♥QJxx to provide the discards. E may consider a raise to 7♦ on the original sequence has he has 3 cover cards that W does not know about.

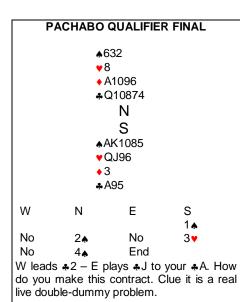
Just my luck to play this hand against a N-S pair playing 2NT as → and a major. Bids of 3 ▼/♠ by E are then natural – NF. A 4 ▼/♠ should be a fit-jump but could be misread as splinter so I picked 3 → to show a good raise in ♣. I don't think W should X the 4 ♠ bid as he should work out E is short in ♠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



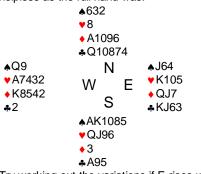
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Championship Mixed Teams
1<sup>st</sup> John Holland, Michelle Brunner, Bill
Hirst & Boris Ewart.
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It looks like the lead is a singleton so it Michael Byrne & Alexander Morris bid to looks almost impossible. I crossed to •A this grand: 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:



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

A ΔΩ1064

•KQ7 •KQ106 •K742		W E	★AQ1064∀-★AJ97★AQ63
W 1 ◆ 2NT 3 ♥ 5 ♣	N No No No No	E 2♠ 3♦ 4NT* 5♥* 7♠	S No No No

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.				LEAGUE	Post Morter			
				By Eric Rose				Partner'. W
								singleton 🔸
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	♦ 8	852			♦ A	106		W N
	4	AK7			♣K	(103		1 . 1
		N		AQ5		N	▲ K974	1♥ 1
		S		♥ KQ62	V	/ F	♥AJ7	lead to tak
		J43		♦ 5	٧,		◆ Q742	
		109		♣QJ865		S	♣ A4	HUGGILL T
		A4			۸J	83		Mancheste
		1098643			v 1	09		Merseyside
	•	1090043			♦ K	(J983		Lancashire
W	N	F	S		. 9	72		Butler Sco
VV	IN	1NT	No					J Smith
2•	Χ	No	3.	W	N	Е	S	D Penningto
No	3♦	No	4 .	1 ♥	No	1 ♠	No	J Blakev
			ads ∀ 6, E ∀ J	2*	No	3♥!	No	A Super
			E plays ♦J. W	4 5 1	No	5♥	No	B Ewart
								I Kane
will overtake with ◆Q to play 2 nd ▼ if you duck. If you win ◆J and duck ◆ later W will rise with ◆Q and play ▼ leaving E with safe				♠ lead to ♠K. ♥AJ and ♠4 to ♠Q. ♣Q, ♣K!				J Hismurgh
								D Daji
		- Plan your I	•	draw ♥KC				

m: E 'I thought you had 5 🔻 V 'So did I because I had my in the ♥. When you bid 3♥ I ould compensate(sic) and go for n the other room:

S Ν Ε No No 1 • No 3NT End

ke first 5 tricks.

TROPHY - RESULTS 390 er le 317 е 253

Butier Scores		IIVIP	к
J Smith	D Barton	+49	4
D Pennington	R Franks	+27	5
J Blakey	l Blakey	+19	7
A Super	M Super	+5	12
B Ewart	T Capal	+14	9
I Kane	R Semp	+66	1
J Hismurgh	P Hismurgh	+26	6
D Daji	H Stubbins	+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 vulnerable overtricks for +780. That was 1 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:

and this was passed round to opener. At even more miffed at the end to find S with our table opener doubled - this was passed the ◆K! out and on \$10 lead resulted in 3

all who took part and I feel we should make 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.



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 I sat N and W opened 1.♣. I overcalled 1N T | were only 3 ♦ discards and declarer was