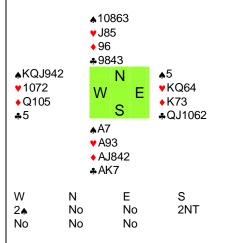
## MANCHESTER COUNTY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2005.

This is probably the last newsletter that I will be putting together - although I may produce a report from the Australia Gold Coast Congress. Sorry that once again there are plenty of hands but few anecdotes - reason nobody sends me anything and that is why I am resigning as the Newsletter Editor.

**Boris Ewart** 

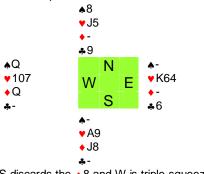
## Almost Double-Dummy by Boris Ewart

This hand illustrates the muddled thinking that can occur in defensive situations.



W led ♠K taken by ♠A and S tried ◆2 towards ♦9. W won this with ♦10 and cashed ♠J - E discarded ♣2. W then led ♦9 indicating a ♦ entry so E discarded ♦ K and S ◆4. S now played ♣3 and E played ♣10 to ♣K. S next cashed ♦A and led ♥3.

W missed going in with the ♥10 by playing | E should also have realised that he does the ♥2 and S inserted the ♥8 - taken by better to discard a ♥ rather than a ♣ on the ♥Q. E returned the ♣Q taken by ♣A. S now | ♠10 trick. Not going in with the ♥10 also exited with ♣7 - won by ♣J who exited with creates the threat of the ♥J as an entry to ♣6 in this position:



S discards the ♦8 and W is triple-squeezed In practice he discards the ♥7 but S now plays the ♥J to pin the ♥10 and comes to 8 tricks. So what went wrong?

In top tricks E-W can establish 2 ♠ tricks, 1 v trick, 2 ◆ tricks and 1 ♣ trick. There is no need for E to find the dramatic unblock of the . K. There is also no need for W to let N win a ♠ trick. If he had cashed the ♠Q then S would have been squeezed.

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**Ewart** Championship Teams Final. 1st Janet De Botton, Nick Sandquist, Jason & Justin Hackett. This hand is a fine example of a trump-coup played by John Holland: Board 4 **♦**9842 Dealer W **♥**AQJ765 Game-All **♦**10 **\$**105 **♦**J65 **▲**1073 **v**10842 **v**3 W Е ♦ AQ62 9 S **♣**J4 ♣KQ987632 AKQ ▼K9 KJ87543

The opening bid was caused by John's partner flooring a cold game on the previous hand so John was out to create a swing.

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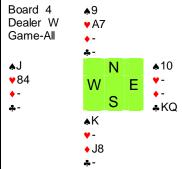
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Manchester Congress 2005 by Boris E led ◆9 ducked to ◆Q who returned ◆2 ruffed with ♥J - E discarding ♣9. At this point John commented, "I bet this has caused a trump promotion". He next played unfortunately covered this with ♥10 to confirm John's prediction. John now recovered by crossing to AA and running ◆K to discard ♣10 then ruffing ◆5 with ♥6. John next crossed back to ♠A to play ◆ winners through W to pick up his trumps in this ending:



Board 25 **▲**K1072 Dealer N **v** 1086 E-W Vul ♦KQ10982 AJ6 ♥Q942 ▼KJ53 W ♦ 754 ♦ J3 S ♣AK9654 **4**10872 **♠**Q98543 **♥**A7 ♦ A6 ♣QJ3

If you reach a contract of 6♠ by S and receive the ♥2 lead to ♥K and ♥A, you need to appreciate that E must hold AJ6 and at least 2 ◆. Play ◆A then to ◆K and hit E with ◆Q. He ruffs low and you overruff. Now ruff ♣3 and hit E with ◆10. He ruffs AJ and you over-ruff. Ruff J and hit E with ♦9. If he discards or ruffs with ♠A then discard ♥7 and claim.

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