

## MANCHESTER COUNTY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

To: All members of MCBA.

Re: AGM Thursday 27th May 2004 / Annual Membership Subscriptions.

The Annual General Meeting of the Manchester County Bridge Association will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday 27th May 2004 at Manchester Bridge Club, Palatine Road, Didsbury.

Nominations for all MCBA offices may be made in writing to the Secretary no later than 14 days prior to the meeting. If there should be no written nomination submitted for an office, nominations for that office may be made at the meeting.

All MCBA members are welcome to attend. Please inform the Secretary beforehand of any specific matter for inclusion under any other business.

May I remind you that membership subscriptions for 2004/2005 are due on 1st April 2004. The Subscription rates are:-

Club Affiliation Fee                      £25.00 (i.e. EBU £18.00, MCBA £7.00)

Existing members renewing            £20.00 (i.e. EBU £15.00, MCBA £5.00)

Associate Members                      £5.00  
(who join the EBU through another County)

Youth Members                            £4.00 (i.e. EBU £4.00, MCBA £0.00)  
(defined as under-25's)

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(defined as under - 17's)

Please send all subscription payments to the Membership Secretary,  
Bernard Kaye 3 Haslam Court, 68 Singleton Rd. Salford, M7 4LG.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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## MANCHESTER COUNTY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2004.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

To be held at Manchester Bridge Club on Thursday 27th May at 7:30 p.m.

### Agenda

#### 1.Apologies for Absence

#### 2.Minutes of Last Meeting (May 1<sup>st</sup> 2003) and Matters Arising

#### 3.Reports from Officers

3.1	Chairman	Jeff Smith
3.2	Secretary	Gordon Rice
3.3	Membership Secretary	Bernard Kaye
3.4	Treasurer	Bernard Kaye
3.5	Congress Secretary	Kath Nelson
3.6	Tournament Secretary	Pat Buxton
3.7	Match Secretary	Howard Kay
3.8	League Secretary	Bob Cooke
3.9	Newsletter Editor	Boris Ewart
3.10	Chairman of Selectors	Howard Kay
3.11	Schools & Youth Officer	Jeff Morris & David Adelman
3.12	Teachers Liaison	David Adelman
3.13	Press & Publicity Officer	Jeff Morris
3.14	EBU Delegates	Bernard Kaye, Jeff Morris & John Rudolf

#### 4.Election of President

#### 5.Election of Executive

5.1	Chairman	5.6	Congress Secretary
5.2	Vice Chairman	5.7	Tournament Secretary
5.3	Secretary	5.8	Match Secretary
5.4	Treasurer	5.9	League Secretary
5.5	Membership Secretary	5.10	Newsletter Editor

#### 6.Election of Other Officers

6.1	Schools Officer	6.4	Press & Publicity Officer
6.2	Youth Officer	6.5	Auditor
6.3	Teachers Liaison Officer	6.6	Selection Committee

#### 7.Election of EBU Delegates + Alternatives

#### 8.Any other Business

**Manchester Congress 2004**  
**By Boris Ewart.**  
**Novice Pairs Saturday Afternoon N-S**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Edie Thoraton-Chan & Nigel Matthews**  
**Novice Pairs Saturday Afternoon E-W**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Taylor & Juliette Rickless**  
**Novice Pairs Saturday Evening**  
**1<sup>st</sup> = Amy Stuart & Peter Dawson**  
**Edie Thornton-Chan & Nigel Matthews**  
**Novice Pairs Sunday Afternoon N-S**  
**1<sup>st</sup> John Wooton & Kay Adamson**  
**Novice Pairs Sunday Afternoon E-W**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Amy Stout & Katy Roberts**

**Championship Pairs**  
**1<sup>st</sup> John Holland & Patrick Jourdain**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Nick & Sue Woodcock (Mixed Pairs)**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> John Liebeschuetz & John Rudolf (Mens Pairs)**  
**Michelle Brunner & Rhona Goldenfield (Ladies Pairs)**

**Championship Teams**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Paul Casselle, Michelle Brunner, John Hasset & Bill Hirst.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Hodgson, M Costagliola, Robertt & Joyce Jones.**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> David Audley, Dave Debbage, Margaret Pitts & Frank Brown.**

**Consolation Teams**  
**1<sup>st</sup> David Barton, Alan Jones, Leslie Klein & Jeff Morris**

**Open Teams**  
**1<sup>st</sup> David Baskin, Jenny Morris, B. White & J. White**

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**Golf & Bridge Event by Tracy Capal.**

M.C.B.A. are having their inaugural golf + bridge event at Whitefields Golf Club on Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> tee-off time 2:00 p.m. The golf will consist of an individual Stableford competition 18 holes. The bridge will be run as an individual competition. Prizes will be given for the winners of the golf, bridge and best combined. Golf handicap certificate required – Max Men-24 Women-30.

Limited places available. Entry fee is £40 (includes dinner). Bookings and cheques made payable to Tracy Capal. Phone – 0161-796-7762

**Play Problem By Boris Ewart.**

This hand came up in the Australian Gold Coast Congress 2004.

♠KJ93  
 ♥KQ  
 ♦9876  
 ♣K52

♠A654  
 ♥AJ9762  
 ♦-  
 ♣J94

W	N	E	S
	1NT	No	2♦*
No	2♥	No	2♠
No	3♠	No	4♠
No	No	X	End

Lead ♦Q.

The following M.C.B.A members had a fabulous holiday at this event:  
 John Holland & Michelle Brunner  
 Bill Hirst & Sheila Hirst  
 John Hassett, Muriel Hassett and son Luke  
 Kath Nelson & Alan Nelson  
 Boris Ewart – playing with Peter Hardyment from Surrey  
 Supporter – Phil McAreavey from Northern Ireland.

**Leeds Swiss Teams 2004**  
**by John Liebeschuetz**  
**1. Peter Kaufman, Dick Shek, Peter Czerniewski & Marc Smith.**  
**2. Alan oddie, Jon Williams, Matthew Hoskins & Andrew Southwell.**  
**3. Giles Foster, John Armstrong, Willy Crook & Tony McNiff.**

Love All ♠AKJ1065  
 ♥AQ943  
 ♦-  
 ♣A2

W	N	E	S
			1♦
4♣	5♣*	No	5♦
No	?		

What do you bid ?

The National Swiss Teams Congress, held in early January at Leeds, supplied a number of challenging and instructive hands. On this hand you have a very awkward decision to make. You know your partnership's hands do not fit well, yet partner is likely to hold at least something in the majors. Passing could be right once in a blue moon but is very wimpish. 6♦ would be a master bid, if partner's ♦ were self-supporting, but there is no guarantee of that. Your majors are too unbalanced in strength for you to pass the buck again by bidding 6♣. So the choice seems to be between 5♠ and 6♠. 5♠ would not be a shut out bid as partner knows you are strong and major orientated, and he should proceed onwards with a suitable hand. However you need so little opposite that there is a lot to be said for a bid of 6♠.

That, in fact, was the bid made at the table. Dummy turned out to be less than optimum yet the contract still had practical chances.

Dealer S  
 E-W Vul

♠AKJ1065  
 ♥AQ943  
 ♦-  
 ♣A2

♠842	♠973
♥6	♥KJ105
♦5	♦A9642
♣QJ109865	♣3

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♠Q	
♥872	
♦KQJ10873	
♣K7	

The spotlight now was to fall on E. The ♣3 lead was taken by N, ♠5 was lead to the ♠Q, and then the ♦K run round to E. At many tables E fell from grace by winning the trick. Now the hand is over. If E ducks the trick however, it gets interesting. A lead of the ♦Q can be preemptively ruffed by W and it looks like declarer cannot get rid of the 2♥ losers. However what happens if declarer over-ruffs and plays 2 rounds of ♠, discarding ♦ from table? E comes down to ♥KJ10x ♦A9x. Declarer can now try exiting with the ♥9. E wins and is end-played. A low ♦ lead is won in dummy, a ♦ is ruffed in hand, the last ♠ played and now the ♣2 to the ♣K. This squeezes E in the red suits and declarer cannot go wrong. Should E return a ♥ into the AQ instead, then declarer wins, and plays off two ♠, discarding ♦. Now the ♣2 to the ♣K and a red suit squeeze again operates.

Can the defence do better ? Well, If W discards his singleton ♥ on the ♦Q, instead of ruffing, declarer may let the ♦Q run. Now E wins and gives partner a ♥ ruff.

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**Gazette Cup Qualifier 2004.**

- Manchester A 95 VPs (B&R.Goldenfield,B.Hirst/J.Hassett, M.Byrne/M.Newman,C.Fisher/M.Goldsmith)
- Manchester C 76 VPs (D.Audley/N.Marks,N.Thomas/R.Ashleigh, M&A.Super,M.Bass/A.Brocklehurst)
- Manchester B 62 VPs
- Cheadle Hulme
- Altrincham Z
- Prestbury
- Altrincham A

**Ladies National Trials 2004.**

Michelle Brunner & Rhona Goldenfield have been selected for the European Womens Teams Championships.

Tracy Capal & Catherine Draper have been selected for the Lady Milne.

**Ben Franks Pairs 2004 By Jeff Smith**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Alan Purdy & John Holland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Irving & Joy Blakey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bernard Goldenfield & Bill Hirst
- 4<sup>th</sup> David Audley & Frank Brown
- 5<sup>th</sup> David Pennington & Rod Franks
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mike Byrne & Jeff Morris
- 7<sup>th</sup> Alan Jones & David Barton
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dave Debbage & Mike Newman

The first 4 pairs qualify for the Corwen later in the year. There were 25 pairs that enabled an all-play-all format. The event was run most efficiently by Tony Wollin. The hands were pre-duplicated and produced Board 24 South hand of ♠65432 ♥654 ♦2 ♣6432 – probably the worst hand I have ever held. After LHO opens 1NT, partner X and RHO passes, you have to decide whether to run or not. Most people will probably not want to defend, though this action is not clear. On the actual hand, with RHO holding a balanced 10HCP, your best action is to pass conceding maybe 280 for 8 tricks, but scores of -300/-500 were common for 2♠-X & 3♦-X our way. In the very exciting finish, there were only a few match points between the first three pairs.

S2 Brd 19 ♠AQ  
 Dlr S ♥2  
 Vul E-W ♦10983  
 ♣J87632

♠J108532	N	♠974
♥K643	W	♥AJ1097
♦K	S	♦AJ74
♣Q9	E	♣5

♠K6  
 ♥Q85  
 ♦Q652  
 ♣AK104

Byrne	Holland	Morris	Purdy
W	N	E	S
No	2♠(Tfr)	No	3♣
No	No	Dbl	4♣
4♠	X	End	

With the ♠ splitting 2-2 it appears that the contract is just dependent on getting the ♥ right. John Holland led a ♥ to the J,Q,K. Mike Byrne played a trump from hand to John's Q. Then a ♣ to Alan's K, followed by ♥ ruffed with trump Ace. John & Alan got all the MPs for 200, with most making 10 tricks either way in ♣ or one of the majors.

S1 Brd 4 ♠KJ  
 Dlr W ♥Q  
 Vul All ♦Q653  
 ♣KQJ986

♠1096	N	♠Q
♥J54	W	♥AK108732
♦J974	S	♦2
♣753	E	♣A108

♠A875432  
 ♥96  
 ♦K2  
 ♣A10

W	Smith	E	Halliwell
	N		S
No	1♣	4♥	No
No	No	No	4♠

W led a ♥ to E ♥A who played ♦A and another ♦. Mark now finessed the ♠J losing to stiff ♠Q and E now forced dummy to ruff another ♥ with ♠K hence promoting a further trump trick for one off. The finesse was certainly 'with the odds' on the bidding, especially since most had conceded 11 tricks on the hand and E had already 'mis-defended' by not playing another ♥ to keep declarer to 10 tricks for a well above average score.

**Tollemache Final 2004 by Jeff Smith**

The Manchester Team finished 6<sup>th</sup> in a very strong Final.

1	London	110
2	Surrey	107
3	Cambridge	94
4	Kent	61
5	Gloucestershire	58
6=	Manchester	49
6=	Merseyside	49
8	Northants	32

The Manchester team was:  
 Mike Byrne/Alexander Morris,  
 Dave Debbage/Mike Newman  
 Jeff Morris/Leslie Klein  
 David Barton/Alan Jones  
 Bill Hirst/ John Hassett.

S1-Brd 27 ♠AK  
 Dlr S ♥1072  
 Vul None ♦AQJ8432  
 MCBA = NS ♣2

♠Q983	N	♠1076
♥J986	W	♥A
♦9	S	♦1065
♣KQJ9	E	♣A108643

Result ♠J542  
 6♥-2 (-100) ♥KQ543  
 ♦K7  
 ♣75

W	N	E	S
No	2♦(Acol)	No	2♥
No	4♥	No	6♥

A thin Acol-2 opener - S expected more judging from his leap to slam. Mike & Alex beat 5♦-X after ♥A lead and then a brilliant under-lead of the ♣A to get a ♥ ruff.

S3-Brd 15 ♠109  
 Dlr S ♥J43  
 Vul NS ♦AJ104  
 MCBA=NS ♣QJ75

♠AJ863	N	♠Q74
♥Q752	W	♥86
♦8652	S	♦Q3
♣-	E	♣1098432

Result ♠K52  
 4♠-3 (-300) ♥AK109  
 ♦K97  
 ♣AK6

W	N	E	S
2♠	No	3♥(psyc)	No
4♥	4♠?	End	

Confusion on 4♠ which was passed! N could have X but he was aware of the vul that was in favour of declaring. N felt S should have X 3♥ to show ♥.

S3-Brd 12 ♠754  
 Dlr W ♥Q  
 Vul NS ♦1087  
 MCBA=EW ♣QJ10954

♠983	N	♠106
♥AKJ10965	W	♥87432
♦-	S	♦9432
♣A86	E	♣K2

Result ♠AKQJ2  
 5♠X(-850) ♥-  
 ♦AKQJ65  
 ♣73

W	N	E	S
4♥	No	No	4NT(T/O)
No	5♣	No	5♠
X	No	No	End

W has done a lot on this hand, but perhaps, E should be pulling this X holding 5♥ support? There is a defence to beat 5♠

S3-Brd 24 ♠J107  
 Dlr W ♥AQ4  
 Vul None ♦J  
 MCBA=EW ♣Q87654

♠K96	N	♠853
♥KJ63	W	♥10752
♦AK964	S	♦8732
♣K	E	♣103

Result ♠AQ42  
 5♣X (-550) ♥98  
 ♦Q105  
 ♣AJ92

W	N	E	S
1♦	No	1♥(?)	X
XX(?)	2♥	No	No(???)
X(??)	3♣	No	5♣
X(??)	End		

E's bid led to a strange auction. I think W's XX incorrect - 3♥ seems sensible. West protection over 2♣ pushed the opponents

S3-Brd 34 ♠A108742  
 Dlr E ♥KQ54  
 Vul NS ♦J2  
 MCBA=NS ♣8

♠53	N	♠96
♥1092	W	♥A863
♦Q983	S	♦K75
♣AK54	E	♣QJ92

Result ♠KQJ  
 2♠+2 (170) ♥J7  
 ♦A1064  
 ♣10763

W	N	E	S
No	1♠	No	No
2♣	2♥	No	2♠
End			

In my opinion,, a misuse of a XX. With 10 tricks cold in spades, this pair were not in harmony here. The style of using a XX with

namely ♣AK, ♦ ruff not found by MCBA.	into a making 5♣ dropping K♣.	good support for partners suit is unsound.
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<p><b>Manchester goes to OZ 2004</b> <b>By Boris Ewart.</b></p> <p>The following party of MCBA players took part in the Australian Gold Coast Congress – 2004: John Holland &amp; Michelle Brunner John Hassett &amp; Bill Hirst Alan Nelson &amp; Kath Nelson Boris Ewart &amp; Peter Hardyment (Surrey)</p> <p>I went more for the golf and sunshine and had a fabulous time. I had never played with Peter Hardyment before so was very pleased to reach the Pairs final. After 2 sessions we were lying a surprising 2<sup>nd</sup> but had a poor last session to finish 7<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>In the teams we played with Kath &amp; Alan Nelson. The qualifying for the final is very tough – top 2 in each section – I think we finished 5<sup>th</sup> in our section. We then played the No 1 &amp; 2 seeds in the remaining rounds of the Swiss teams beating the 1<sup>st</sup> seed but just losing to Ron Klinger's team who went onto win the 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize.</p>	<p>This was the penultimate board in the Klinger match:</p> <p>Dealer E      ♠762 E-W Vul      ♥KQ104                   ♦KQ76                   ♣42</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>N</td> <td>E</td> <td>S</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td>?</td> <td>1NT</td> <td>1NT</td> </tr> </table> <p>This peculiar auction was caused by a discussion over the previous board and Peter – who was S not noticing that E had bid 1NT. The director was called and S exercised his right to let the bid stand. I decided to take my normal action and pass 1NT but with hindsight it would have been better to bid 2♣ as we had a 4-4 ♠ fit and 4♥ or 3NT was cold on a combined 23 count. If I had bid 2♣ we would have won the match. The lesson to be learnt is that the play is going to be easier as S knows where most of the points are so make a try for a thin game.</p>	W	N	E	S	No	?	1NT	1NT	<p><b>Play Problem - by Boris.</b></p> <p>This hand came up in round 3 of the Gold Coast Teams:</p> <p>                  ♠KJ92                   ♥KQ                   ♦9876                   ♣K52</p> <p>                  ♠A654                   ♥AJ7542                   ♦-                   ♣J93</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>N</td> <td>E</td> <td>S</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td>1NT</td> <td>No</td> <td>2♦*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td>2♥</td> <td>No</td> <td>2♠*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td>3♠</td> <td>No</td> <td>4♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td>No</td> <td>X</td> <td>End</td> </tr> </table> <p>N is supposed to bid 2NT over 2♠ and then 3♥ by S shows 4-6 invitational. W led the ♦Q. Can you make this contract?</p>	W	N	E	S	No	1NT	No	2♦*	No	2♥	No	2♠*	No	3♠	No	4♠	No	No	X	End
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<p><b>Solution to Play Problem.</b></p> <p>                  ♠KJ92                   ♥KQ                   ♦9876                   ♣K52</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>♠3</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>♠Q1087</td> </tr> <tr> <td>♥8</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>♥10963</td> </tr> <tr> <td>♦QJ10432</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>♦AK5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>♣Q10874</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>♣A6</td> </tr> </table> <p>                  ♠A654                   ♥AJ7542                   ♦-                   ♣J93</p>	♠3			♠Q1087	♥8			♥10963	♦QJ10432			♦AK5	♣Q10874			♣A6	<p>The 100% line is to ruff the ♦Q lead, cross to ♥Q and ruff another ♦. You then need to cash the ♠A before crossing to ♥K and then ruff another ♦ with your last ♠. Now cash ♥AJ discarding ♣52 and play ♥7 discarding the ♣K. E has to ruff and can only exit with the ♣A ruffed with ♠9. You try an end-play with the ♦9 but W wins this with the ♦10 so E can claim just 1 more ♠ trick.</p>	<p>At the table I ruffed the ♦Q and tried to cash the ♥KQ. W ruffed the ♥K and made the mistake of playing another ♦. I ruffed this and played ♥AJ discarding ♣52 then the ♥7 discarding the ♣K. E ruffed and made the mistake of not returning a ♠, instead playing the ♥A. I ruffed this low and ruffed ♣3 with ♠2. Next came the ♥9, E discarded the ♠A and I ruffed this with the ♠A. I then calmly led the ♣9 and ruffed with the ♠9 to end-play E to lead into the ♠KJ for 10 tricks.</p>
♠3			♠Q1087															
♥8			♥10963															
♦QJ10432			♦AK5															
♣Q10874			♣A6															