

## *Congratulations to*

*Paul Williams and Neil Flowerdew who topped the July leaderboard with 67.88% on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July. Very close behind them with 67.59% was Pat Collings and her partner on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July and in third place were Tony Dwiar and Christine Williams with 66.16% on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July. Well done everyone.*

*Editor's Achievers' Awards this month go to a new partnership of Pauline Kazi and Barbara Goldsmith who were second on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July with 57.68%. Congratulations you two.*

*Summer Festival EBU Play with the Experts at  
St. Leonards Bridge Club Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August  
See flyer for more details*

*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October*

*Really Easy Blue Pointed Charity Swiss Pairs  
At Horntye Sports Centre Hastings only for members with an  
NGS ranking of 7 or below*

*Organised by East Sussex and St. Leonards Bridge Clubs*

### *Club Directors*

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# East Sussex Bridge Club

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## Newsletter

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**Congratulations to  
Annabelle Riseborough  
Who wins the KJL Memorial  
Trophy for Monday  
afternoons for the period  
January to June 2018**

*Flowers and our Get Well Soon wishes have been sent to Ann Preedy, recovering from knee replacement surgery and also to Eileen Stray, now back at home after suffering a stroke. Hopefully we will see them both back at bridge in the not too distant future.*



### **Urgently needed**

**– more players on a Wednesday evening – our numbers have remained low on Wednesdays this past month: If you would like to play but have no partner please let me know and I will see if I can find you one. Regrettably, if numbers continue as they are with little or no improvement, the Wednesday evening sessions will be discontinued at the end of September.**

### Master Point Promotions for June

2 Star Master	Muriel Parr
1 Star Master	Mike Wood
Advanced Master	Carol Morrison
District Master	Steve Baker
Area Master	Frances Wood
Club Master	David Rogers

### Stratification Upgrades for August

The players below all have NGS rankings of honour cards at the end of July and will therefore be upgraded to an "A" status for the month of August in addition to those players who have a life-time ranking which puts them into the A grade.

Paul Williams	Mike Wood	Rosamond Palmer
	Richard Dewe	John Clark
John Revell	Lynne Bayes	Rod Bayes
Tony Dwiar	Pat Collings	
Patrick Hutley	James Carrie-Wilson	

### Walk Linking All Sussex Bridge Clubs

As some of you who follow the Sussex County's news may be aware, the former Chairman of the County (Andy Ryder) together with a group of other bridge players, are attempting to link all the bridge clubs in Sussex on foot. They are raising money for Alzheimer's Research UK and for Youth Bridge in Sussex. A group of four of them are intending to visit us on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September complete with a trophy and mementoes for the winners as well as a Begging Bowl should anyone care to make a donation. Please come and support them as they will have walked a considerable distance to get to us.

### August's Interesting Hand

How often have you heard it said "well it must have been a different lead" when declarer hasn't made as many tricks as other players of the same hand? You've probably said it yourself, I know I have. It's true that the opening lead can make or break a contract and I teach my students to make safe or "passive" leads against the majority of contracts. Sadly there is still the odd opponent who manages to find that killing opening lead as my partner and I (playing East/West) found to our cost in the not too distant past. We ended up in the contract of 6♥ after an unremarkable auction which gave no clues to the defenders and the full hands were as follows:-

	♠AJT92	
	♥864	
	♦K9842	
	♣Void	
♠Void		♠Q854
♥AKJT52		♥973
♦QT6		♦AJ5
♣AJ52		♣KQ4
	♠K763	
	♥Q	
	♦73	
	♣T98763	

East was declarer and the killing opening lead was the ten of clubs, promptly ruffed by North. How sad was that? 😞 However, my partner quickly recovered from the shock and went on to play the hand beautifully. Of course, all the other East/Wests collected 13 tricks. Well done Josie.....