

## *Congratulations to*

*In July the Leader Board was dominated by Bruce Carrison with a top score of 75.69% playing with Liz Bornecrantz on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July, then playing with Raquel Berdichevsky scoring 71.76% on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and lastly scoring 70.31% again with Liz Bornecrantz on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July. I am of a mind to handicap Bruce when playing with either of these two ladies by giving him an adjusted score of 0% for his first three boards. What do you think?? Answers on a postcard please.*

*Editor's Achievers' Awards this month go to Hilary Rhodes and Anne Topp who were second on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July with 64.49%. Very well done girls. A special nod must also go to Sue Hammond and Terry Berkeley winning on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July with 62.50%, a regular partnership now that is achieving consistently good results.*

### **Dates for your Diary**

**The EBU Summer Congress in Eastbourne  
Entries via EBU web site**

**21<sup>st</sup> August SCCBA Blue Pointed Midweek Swiss Pairs at  
Henfield.**

**Entry forms are available at the Club**

### **Club Directors**

**Anthony Andrews: Barbara Herold: Patrick Hutley:  
and Hilary Levett**

Enjoy your bridge whenever and wherever you play

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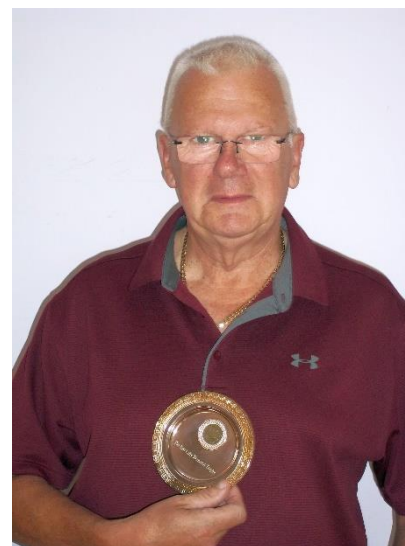
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## Newsletter

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**TONY TRIBE**

**WINNER OF THE KEN  
LATTY MEMORIAL  
TROPHY FOR THE  
PERIOD JANUARY TO  
JUNE 2019 FOR  
MONDAY AFTERNOONS**

### **Editorial**

*I so often hear players say they don't really understand "sacrificial bidding" so I thought I would try and de-mystify the concept. Much like a pre-emptive bid a sacrifice bid is one you make in the knowledge that you probably won't make your contract but the score you give to the opponents by "going off" will be less than that they can achieve in their bid contract.*

*For example, if your opponents bid and make 4 spades and they are vulnerable they will score 620. However, if you bid to 5 hearts*

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*and you are not vulnerable but you are doubled, if you only make eight tricks the score your opponents will earn will be 500 which is less than the 620 they would get if allowed to play in 4 spades. As in everything in bridge you will not be successful in your sacrificial bidding all of the time but there are a few tips to help you keep your losses to a minimum.*

- 1. You do need to know how to score, if you have no idea then ask Barbara to let you have notes on scoring*
- 2. Assume you will be doubled by the opponents*
- 3. Look at the vulnerability. If you are vulnerable and your opponents are not and you overbid their game contract you can only afford to go off one trick; however if they are vulnerable and you are not you can afford to go off three tricks.*
- 4. If you are sacrificing at a level below game then generally you should work on the assumption that you can only afford to go off one or two tricks, but you are less likely to be doubled by your opponents.*

*Penalty scores may be found on the back of the double card so you can familiarise yourself with them.*

### **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.*

<i>Paul Williams</i>	<i>Raquel Berdichevsky</i>	<i>Mike Wood</i>
<i>John Revell</i>	<i>Betty McKinlay</i>	<i>Alan Townson</i>
<i>Richard Dewe</i>	<i>John Clark</i>	<i>Lynne Bayes</i>
<i>Rod Bayes</i>	<i>Nigel Allen</i>	

### **Master Point Promotions for June**

<b>3 Star Master</b>	<b>Ann Kersley</b>
<b>County Master</b>	<b>Tony Rolt</b>
<b>District Master</b>	<b>Frances Wood</b>
<b>Area Master</b>	<b>Annie Barber</b>
<b>Local Master</b>	<b>Richard Sage</b>

### **Master Point Promotions for July**

<b>Club Master</b>	<b>Hilary Rhodes</b>
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### **August's Interesting Hand**

♠ Void	All vulnerable Dealer West	
♥ 10743		
♦ A943	This hand just goes to prove that you need luck as well as skill in this game.	
♣ J9842	Recently, one pair who shall be nameless, (but they feature heavily on the Leader Board this month) bid to 6♠.	
♠ K52	♠ AQJ873	The majority of defenders led the 2♦. If you look closely at all the hands you can see the contract should fail at Trick 2.
♥ AQ862	♥ Void	Defenders – it is always worth taking a moment or two to ask yourself why your partner made the opening lead he/she did, particularly against a slam contract.
♦ KJ76	♦ Q1085	In this instance I would have expected West to open the bidding with a heart, followed by a diamond as the second bid so you have a clue from the bidding.
♣ 10	♣ AK5	
♠ 10964		
♥ KJ95		
♦ 2		
♣ Q763		