

Congratulations to

Bruce Carrison & Peter Carbutt who topped the Leader Board in November with 69.43% on Wednesday 20th November. In second place were Rosamond Palmer & Liz Bornecrantz with 67.02% on Thursday 7th November and in third place were David Gillespie & Tony Dwiar with 66.61% the same day. The usual suspects – SIGH.....

Editor's Achiever's Award this month goes to David Roberts who was second on Thursday 14th November with 55.21%. He was ably assisted by Tony Andrews. Very well done David, your personal best I believe.

Dates for your Diary

St. Leonards Christmas Swiss Pairs

Sunday 8th December

Entry forms are available at the Club

*Our annual Christmas Party
Friday 20th December at the Tennis Club*

Club Directors

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

Enjoy your bridge whenever and wherever you play

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MERRY CHRISTMAS ONE AND ALL



Very well done to Carol Morrison and Cuckoo Healey who won the County's Basic Bridge Pairs on Saturday 16th November at Turners Hill

Due to the General Election there will be NO BRIDGE on Thursday 12th December as the Tennis Club becomes a Polling Station for the day.

It has bothered me for some while now that as a Club we do not offer an "Easy Duplicate" session for the Improvers and in particular those beginners that have completed their year's syllabus have to come straight into a normal session. In addition I have received several requests for some more "Play and Ask" Sessions in the New Year. Sadly my time is limited and the availability of the Tennis Club hall even more so. However, it's possible there may be a slot available mid-day on a Wednesday. If that is so I thought I could try running a "Play & Ask" session on the first Wednesday of each month which could then transition into a "Try Duplicate" session for when the Beginners are ready for it. This would mean not having a normal Duplicate session at the Senior Citizens Club in the evening, but historically that seems to be our least popular evening. WATCH THIS SPACE!

Dawn Applegate

I had a phone call from Dawn asking me to thank all the club members who made it possible, through their kindness and tolerance, for her to continue playing for so long. However, her eyesight has deteriorated even further and she is unable to see the cards well enough to play. She was intending to move closer to her son this year but has met with a few brick walls in selling her flat. However, she is hoping this will go through in the New Year.

Get well soon wishes to Vicky Penfold – flowers have been sent to her and there is a thank you note from her at the club for you to read.

Stratification Upgrades for December

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

*Raquel Berdichevsky Mike Wood John Revell
Paul Williams Richard Dewe
Gary Young Tony Dwiar*

Master Point Promotions

September

Advanced Master Nigel Allen
District Master Marion Nicholls
Area Master Mary Williams

October

Tournament Master Patrick Hutley
County Master Joyce Rhodes
District Master Kenneth Johnson
Area Master Raquel Berdichevsky

CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

The Club will be closed for the following sessions

Monday 23rd December

Wednesday 25th December

Thursday 26th December

Wednesday 1st January

There will be Bridge on Monday 30th December and

Thursday 2nd January

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH THE CATERING FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY PLEASE LET ME KNOW. ALL COSTS WILL BE REIMBURSED

December's Interesting Hand

<p>♠ AK9 ♥ AK108653 ♦ 10 ♣ 97</p> <p>♠ 8763 ♠ Void ♥ Q64 ♥ Void ♦ AKJ98 ♦ Q65432 ♣ 6 ♣ AKQ8432</p> <p>♠ QJ10542 ♥ 972 ♦ 7 ♣ J105</p>	<p>Dealer East</p> <p>What a corker of a hand! Despite North/South competing at my table, East/West moved onto a diamond game without batting an eyelid. North promptly doubled, well we had the balance of points. It could have been worse as two other pairs also doubled the game contract and one pair doubled the small slam contract. However, the moral of this story was (as a wise old bird told me the following day) that it is seldom correct to double a minor suit game as they are usually bid on shape and distribution rather than points. Having taken this on board I desisted from doubling a minor suit contract later in the week that I thought we could defeat. Had I done so my partner would have been very cross with me as they made it!! Thank you O Wise Old Bird</p>
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