

Congratulations to

Norman Taylor playing with John Clark who headed January's leader board with a wonderful 70.43% on Monday 28th January. Soooooo close behind them were Bruce Carrison and Liz Bornecrantz with 70.14% on Wednesday 23rd January and trailing in third place was Richard Dewe and his partner with 68.21% on Wednesday 16th January. A cracking start to the New Year with two scores in the 70s.

Editor's Achievers' Award this month goes to Ken Johnson who was top on Thursday 3rd January with 56.61%; he was very ably assisted by Barbara Goldsmith.

WANTED – volunteers to be “Bridge Buddies” to occasionally partner one of the Improvers who will need guidance in starting to play in the club's normal duplicate sessions once the Supervised Play sessions finish at the end of February. Bridge Buddies would not pay table money and their NGS ranking would not be affected as apparently the first 150 boards of a new partnership do not count. Please talk to Barbara if you think you could help.

Club Directors

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

Enjoy your bridge whenever and wherever you play

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BRUCE CARRISON
WINNER OF THE YEARLY
COMBINED TOTALS WITH AN
AVERAGE OF 60.31% OVER 70
PLAYING SESSIONS

MIKE WOOD
WINNER OF THE MONDAY
AFTERNOON SESSIONS
WITH AN AVERAGE OF
59.20% OVER 41 SESSIONS



ROSAMOND PALMER
WINNER OF THE
THURSDAY AFTERNOON
SESSIONS WITH AN
AVERAGE OF 61.74%
OVER 25 SESSIONS

Stratification Upgrades for February

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

Paul Williams (who still retains his Ace of Clubs ranking)

Mike Wood John Revell

Richard Dewe John Clark

Lynne Bayes Rod Bayes Alan Townson

Master Point Promotions for December

County Master

Christine Till

Area Master

Graham Stone

No members of the club were promoted in January 2019

Most of you have renewed but there are a few stragglers whom I will endeavour to chase up during February. Please renew with either Barbara or Tony Andrews by cash or cheque

or by bank transfer to Nationwide Building Society,
sort code 07-01-16: account number 22682575.



**OUR VERY OWN "DEATH
DEFYING, AGAINST ALL
THE ODDS" GARY
MANLEY WHO WINS THE
IMPROVERS TROPHY
FOR 2018, HAVING
IMPROVED HIS % BY
3.46% FROM LAST YEAR**



TONY DWIAR

**RECEIVING A BOTTLE OF
WINE FOR HEADING THE
NUMBER OF SLAMS BID
DURING 2018 (33 SMALL
AND 1 GRAND). WELL DONE
TONY, 2ND YEAR RUNNING.**

Monday 28th January 2019

I don't quite know what happened at the above session but I think we must have set a record. In the North/South department of 10 pairs, 12 slams were bid, with one pair bidding 3 (they actually bid 4 but didn't make one) still I'll settle for a 75% any time.....Board 17 was an interesting one (recreated below) every pair bidding the slam with somewhat different results:- 4 pairs bid and made 6NT: 3 pairs bid 6NT and made 13 tricks and 2 pairs bid 7NT going one off.

♠ A43
♥ AT52
♦ K6
♣ AQJ9

♠ JT87
♥ J64
♦ JT94
♣ 43

♠ 62
♥ Q987
♦ 85
♣ T8652

♠ KQ95
♥ K3
♦ AQ732
♣ K7

I cannot be sure why some pairs made only 12 tricks and others 13 but suspect that West was squeezed in spades and diamonds. When you are squeezed and your partner gets to discard first, make sure you discard different suits, i.e. if partner discards spades you must not etc. Another tip I was taught many moons ago is if dummy has a 4 or 5 card suit and you also have four or five cards in the same suit, hang on to them if at all possible and try to keep the same number of cards in that suit as dummy has.