

## *Congratulations to*

*Bruce Carrison and Liz Bornecrantz who topped the leader board for June with a massive 75.38% on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. In second place was Bruce again, this time playing with Rosamund Palmer and they achieved 68.75% on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Very close behind them were Rod and Lynne Bayes with 67.80% on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Well done everyone.*

*Editor's Achievers' Awards this month go to Tony Rolt playing with Dawn Applegate, and they were second on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June with 55.49%. Congratulations you two.*

### *Dates for Your Diary*

*EBU Seniors Congress at Devonshire Park Eastbourne*

*It's not too late to enter*

*Limited to anyone over 60*

*Please enter online at the EBU's web site*

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

*See flyer for more details*

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*Enjoy your bridge whenever and wherever you play*

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## Newsletter

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### *Editorial*

*In last month's Newsletter I shared with you the details of a seldom used convention, Extended Stayman, purely because for me I had had occasion to use it three times this year already when normally one is lucky to have a suitable hand to use it once a year. I must have had my crystal ball in full working order as one of our afternoon players read the Newsletter before start of play and Lo and Behold was able to utilise Extended Stayman that very afternoon!!*

*Let's see if I can do the same this month.*

*If your partner opens 1NT but those pesky opponents intervene with an overcall, quite often you are stumped for a reply, particularly if the overcall is 2♠. There is a very useful, little played convention called Lebensohl which in it's simplest form gives you an answer to this problem. Suppose you are holding*

♠ 92

♥ K97652

♦ J92

♣ 103

without the intervention you would either

make a weak take-out into hearts or a transfer to

hearts. If you bid 3♥ that is forcing to game so

more often than not you have to pass and let the

*opponents have the auction. NOT ANY MORE. Bid 2NT Lebensohl (alertable) which your partner must convert to 3♣ and you then bid your long suit (in this instance 3♥) which partner must pass.*

*Of course if you have a game going hand without stops in the intervening suit, you may bid your 5 card suit directly at the three level and allow partner to decide where you are*

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*going to end up. For example if you are holding*

♠ 102	after a 2♠ intervention you can bid your hearts
♥ KJ986	at the three level and let partner choose
♦ A92	whether to play in 4 hearts or 3NT
♣ KQ3	

**Master Point Promotions for June not yet available.**

### *Stratification Upgrades for July*

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

<i>Paul Williams</i>	<i>Mike Wood</i>	<i>John Clark</i>
<i>Richard Dewe</i>	<i>Pat Collings</i>	<i>John Revell</i>
<i>Lynne Bayes</i>	<i>Rod Bayes</i>	<i>Tony Dwiar</i>
<i>James Carrie-Wilson</i>	<i>Kate Mullaney</i>	

*Playing as the host with Vi Boniface recently we had the following most hair-raising bidding sequence*

N	E	S	W
	1♦	X	1♥
2♥	2♠	4♣	4♦
4♥	5♦	6♣	Pass
Pass	6♦	X	

*At this point I deemed it the correct time to discreetly leave the room!! On my return I was delighted to find that my partner (who had 7 diamonds and 5 spades had made plus one and collected a score of 1740. Well done Auntie Vi!! Commiserations to our opponents who shall remain nameless.....*

*Sadly we have said "Goodbye" to Peter and Rosemary Easton, stalwarts of our Wednesday evenings, as they have moved out of the area to be nearer to their children. All best wishes to you both, you will be missed. I hope they will come and visit us should they ever find themselves back in East Sussex.*

### **July's Interesting Hand**

This nightmare of a hand came up fairly recently, justifying what I have said more times than I care to remember "When you're in a hole, STOP DIGGING". The only plus score for North/South occurred when North passed South's opening bid.

As I always say to my students "the hardest bid to teach them is the "Pass" bid.

♠ 9	Results ranged from	
♥ KQJ9876	3♠ -4	
♦ 4	4♥ -1	
♣ 5432	4♥ -2	
♠ Q1075	♠ A62	1♠ +1
♥ A105	♥ 432	3NT -2
♦ 9853	♦ J76	
♣ AK	♣ Q1087	
	♠ KJ843	
	♥ Void	
	♦ AKQ102	
	♣ J96	

**Wanted – more players on a Wednesday evening – our numbers have been very low on Wednesdays this past month: please come along occasionally and support our evening session as it would be a shame not to run it. If you would like to play but have no partner please let me know and I will see if I can find you one.**