

Congratulations to

Gary Young and his partner who topped the Leader Board with 70% on Wednesday 2nd May. Very close behind them in second place were Alan Townson playing with John Clark and they achieved 69.68% on Monday 14th May. In third place were Liz Bornecrantz and Rosamund Palmer with 67.82% on Thursday 17th May. Well done everyone.

Editor's Achievers' Award this month goes to Linda Farrell playing with the host on 31st May for her personal best of 58.65%. Very well played Linda.

A special mention also to Annette Janes whom again I think had her personal best of 51.77% on 10th May.

Dates for Your Diary

EBU Seniors Congress at Devonshire Park Eastbourne

*Friday 6th July Championship Pairs afternoon and evening
Saturday 7th July Championship Pairs afternoon and evening
and Swiss Pairs afternoon and evening*

Sunday 8th July Swiss Teams afternoon and evening

Limited to anyone over 60

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A tribute to Alan Miley RIP

from his Thursday afternoon partner, Mary Varela.

“I had the privilege of being Alan’s partner on Thursdays for many years. He was a very kind, considerate and patient partner. In all that time I never heard him say an unkind word about anybody, nor did he gossip about anybody and never lost his patience with me.

He let me choose where we would sit and even chose not to direct the session when I was playing with him because I used to say that men could not multi-task.

I shall miss him very much indeed.

Good-bye Alan. You were the perfect English gentleman”

A donation from the Club has been made to Guide Dogs for the Blind, a charity with which Alan was very involved.

Editorial

Conventions are funny old things – I play a wide variety with different partners and it is not unusual to have hands that are unsuitable for any of the conventions during the whole session. One such convention I usually teach to Improvers is Extended Stayman – but I do warn students that mostly by the time it comes up they will have forgotten it!! In the past I’ve been fortunate to have a suitable hand with which to use it once a year.....however so far this year I think it’s come up

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three times. Anyway, I thought I would share it with those of you who don't know it, as it will probably come up at least another three times this year!!

Unlike Stayman it is better used only after 1NT. You need an opening hand and five hearts and five spades.

After your partner's opening bid of 1NT you bid 2♣ asking for a four card major. If partner replies with 2♦ denying a four card major you then bid 3♦ asking for your partner's best 3 card major. They must have one as you don't open 1NT with two doubletons.

Opener then bids their best 3 card major.

It is better not to use it after partner opens with 2NT as they may well have two doubletons in a stronger hand.

Below is a hand suitable for using Extended Stayman

	West	North	East	South
♠ AJ5	Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
♥ J86	Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
♦ KJ72	Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
♣ A109	Pass			

♠ KQ652
♥ AKQ43
♦ 8
♣ 75

Update on Gary Manley. Gary continues to improve – he is now back home and is starting to be able to tolerate soft food. He is eager to return to playing bridge.

Master Point Promotions May

Only one promotion during May

Anthony Andrews who has been promoted to COUNTY MASTER

Stratification Upgrades for June

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

Paul Williams	Richard Dewe	John Clark
Mike Wood	Pat Collings	John Revell
Alan Townson	Tony Dwiar	Lynne Bayes
Rod Bayes	James Carrie-Wilson	
Betty McKinlay	Norman Taylor	

Best wishes to Ann Preedy who is recovering from a knee replacement but hopes to be back at bridge in the near future.

June's Interesting Hand

Very well done to Karin Faulkner and Eileen Stray who were the only pair to bid a slam (6NT) on the following hand on Wednesday 16th May

♠ A10852	
♥ 74	
♦ J2	
♣ QJ95	
♠ 973	♠ KQ4
♥ K853	♥ J962
♦ 7	♦ 9643
♣ 76432	♣ 108
♠ J6	
♥ AQ10	
♦ AKQ1085	
♣ AK	

Results ranged from
6NT once
3NT+4 twice
3NT+3 once
3NT-1 once
5D making once