

Congratulations to

David Gillespie and Tony Dwiar who topped the leader board in April with a whopping 73.63% on Thursday 5th April. In second place were Richard Dewe and Carole Powell with a lovely 70.63% on Wednesday 4th April. Just behind them were Paul Williams and Tony Dwiar (again) with 69.35% on Thursday 19th April. Well done everyone.

Editor's Achievers' Awards this month go to Hilary Rhodes and Anne Topp who were first on Wednesday 4th April with a very good score of 57.44%. Well done girls, your best ever result to date. Keep it up.

Dates for Your Diary

*Blue Pointed Open Swiss Pairs
at St. Leonards Bridge Club on
Sunday 6th May at 11.00 am*

*Sussex County Green Pointed Swiss Pairs
Saturday 19th May 2018*

Entry forms 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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Editorial

Exciting News!!! Following my rants and raves against the County for initially failing to give any credence to both mine and St. Leonards Bridge Club's suggestions for increasing the numbers attending events for less experienced bridge players.....I am delighted to tell you that St. Leonards Bridge Club and East Sussex Bridge Club will hold their own event. It will be a Blue Pointed Pairs event, possibly a Swiss Pairs and will be held at the Horntye Sports Centre. We are liaising with Eddie Williams as to a suitable date when he is free to run the event. It will be a two session competition and will include an excellent plated tea. The competition will be ONLY for players who have an NGS ranking of 7 or below. Watch this space.....

As most of you are now aware, the new General Data Protection Regulations come into force on 25th May. I have nearly collected everyone's consent to circulate their telephone numbers and as soon as I have the last few stragglers I will be in a position to publish new telephone lists. The EBU have requested that all members keep their personal data up-to-date by means of their personal space on their web site or by giving permission to me to do so. For information as to how to do this please go to their web site (www.ebu.co.uk) for more information as to how to access your own personal account. This means a change of address, change of telephone number, change of name and change of email address.

Stratification Upgrades for May

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

Paul Williams Richard Dewe Mike Wood
 John Clark John Revell Tony Dwiar Pat Collings
 Lynne Bayes Rod Bayes Norman Taylor
 Alan Townson Carol Morrison Betty McKinlay

Update on Gary Manley. I am delighted to say he is making really good progress. His walking has improved and he is now in far less pain. Unfortunately he is still in the Conquest as he is unable to swallow food as yet and is reliant on tube-feeding but his wife tells me they are hoping to get him home in the next couple of weeks. He has recently been out of the Conquest to spend the afternoon at his daughter's home so massive steps forward.

Master Point Promotions March

Master	Nigel Allen
County Master	William Pender
District Master	Julia Brown
Club Master	Karin Faulkner
	Kenneth Johnson
	Marion Nicholls
	Jane Kemp

Local Master

Master Point Promotions April

1 Star Master	Carole Nicholas Booth
Advanced Master	Gary Young
Master	Christine Palmer
Area Master	June Sharp
Local Master	Douglas Wright

May's Interesting Hand

♠ 76432
 ♥ 109532
 ♦ 2
 ♣ Q10

♠ KQ95 ♠ A
 ♥ J6 ♥ AK87
 ♦ A Q7653 ♦ J
 ♣ 5 ♣ AKJ9432

♠ J108
 ♥ Q4
 ♦ K10984
 ♣ 876

This hand came up one afternoon fairly recently. Having ascertained we were not missing any aces I settled on 6♣. The opening lead was ♦10. As most players don't lead away from a King in a trump contract, particularly a high level contract, I won with the Ace, drew trumps and cashed ♠A. The contract was now doomed as I had two losing hearts and no way of getting to dummy to discard them on the master spades. One off!! Well it seemed like

a good idea at the time. The only consolation was that another pair had bid 6NT going two off. Having looked at the print-out of the hands, the computer reading stated that 6♣ was a makeable contract, so I had another look at the hands. Of course with the benefit of double dummy the answer was totally obvious – I should have played a small heart towards the Jack, that line of play without the benefit of double dummy gives you a 50/50 chance of the Queen being with South and so creating an entry to dummy to be able to cash a winning spade on which to throw the losing heart. I hope I remember for next time.....

Get well wishes to Christine Palmer who has recently had a short spell in hospital but is now home. She assures me she will be back playing bridge as soon as she is able to walk comfortably.



Alan Miley RIP

It is with great sadness I have to tell you that Alan passed away suddenly on Tuesday 1st May. No further details are available as yet. Never complaining, always helpful, a true gentleman, and one of our directors – he will be sorely missed.