

Congratulations to

October was obviously “Ladies” month with Rosamond Palmer and Liz Bornecrantz in the top spot with an amazing 76.85% on Thursday 10th October. In second place was Bruce Carrison (the token gent) and Raquel Berdichevsky with 71.88% on Wednesday 9th October and in third place with 69.38% were Jane Sage and Frances Wood playing on Wednesday 23rd October. Great stuff girls – a few personal bests there I believe.

Editor’s Achievers’ Awards this month go to Margery Coombes and June Sharp who were 2nd on Monday 7th October with 56.02%. Well done both of you.

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

see over page 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

A heartfelt plea from your Grumpy Director. Yet again I had to award adjusted scores on a fouled board recently because the cards had been put back in the wrong slots. Fortunately this was queried at the very next table so only one table was affected. Now in my experience the most usual way this happens is for the board to either be taken off the table altogether or to be swivelled to give more room to spread the dummy. THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN – it is against the Laws. East/Wests, if you spot North doing this please call the director.

Another plea from me which should be basic etiquette – if the move is called and you are at a table still playing your last board, the dummy is responsible for passing the played boards to the table waiting for them so they are not held up.

Also, when you pass the boards on to the next table, could you please put them in order.

And whilst I am having a good old moan, there are still far too many of you who insist on keying in the Bridgemates (if you are North), filling in your score card etc before making the opening lead, and guess what? these players are nearly always the ones we are waiting for at the end of the round!

Finishing on a happier note – some of the Bidding Boxes are getting a bit tatty, if you find one at your table please leave it on the computer table at the of the session so I can take it home and give it a little TLC.

Stratification Upgrades for November

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

Raquel Berdichevsky Paul Williams
Mike Wood John Revell Richard Dewe
Tony Dwiar John Clark

October's Master Point Promotions are not yet available

Christmas Party

This year will be held on Friday 20th December at the Tennis Club. Please enter your names (IN PAIRS) on the list available at the Club. Numbers are restricted to 10 tables so it will be on a first come, first served basis and regrettably it is for members only.

Table money will be £5.00 per person.

Usual format – finger buffet starting at 6.30 pm and another of my devilish quizzes, although I think I have made it easier this year: followed by bridge but not as we know it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As always, if anyone wants to lend a hand with the catering I have a list of suggestions and all costs will be re-imbursed.

Teaching

If you know of anyone wishing to come back to bridge after a prolonged absence I am able to accept them into the present Beginners' Group once we start with the Bidding and Auction which will be either the first two weeks in December or January, so please ask them to contact me.

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

November's Interesting Hand

<p>♠ A9 ♥ AK97 ♦ 853 ♣ AKJ3 ♠ KJ84 ♠ Q1076532 ♥ Q832 ♥ J105 ♦ 106 ♦ 4 ♣ 1042 ♣ 85 ♠ Void ♥ 64 ♦ AKQJ972 ♣ Q976</p>	<p>Well done Muriel and Norman</p> <p>Strangely enough having featured a small slam in diamonds last month and saying how much more difficult minor suit slams were to bid, with minor suit Grand Slams even more so, blow me down but Muriel and Norman managed to bid a Grand Slam in diamonds on this wonderful hand.</p> <p>Several pairs found a small slam in diamonds with one intrepid pair bidding 6NT – wow, with a void in spades in South and only two spades in the North hand, that really took nerves. I think I may well have required a large glass of something to do that. Whichever pair that was (and they shall remain anonymous), we salute you.</p>
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Did you know that the odds for a partnership being dealt 37+ points for a Grand Slam in No Trumps are 11600 to 1 and statistically will occur once every two years