Congratulations to

Alan Townson & John Clark who topped the Leader Board for September with a whopping 68.47% on Monday 3rd September. In second place were Bruce Carrison & Liz Bornecrantz with a lovely 68.06% on Wednesday 12th September. Very, very close behind them was the scratch pairing of Brian Cook & Nigel Allen with 67.99% on Monday 24th September. Very well done everyone.

Editor's Achievers' Awards this month goes to another scratch pairing of Julia Brown and Fran Candy who were second on Thursday 20th September with 58.75%. Tremendous result girls.

Sunday 14th October

Really Easy Blue Pointed Charity Swiss Pairs
At Horntye Sports Centre Hastings only for members with an
NGS ranking of 7 or below

Organised by East Sussex and St. Leonards Bridge Clubs
1066 Inter Club Teams being held at Tenterden Bridge Club
On Friday 12th October at 7.00.

Club Directors

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Enjoy your bridge whenever and wherever you play ©K J Latty

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Patrick Hutley and Josie Boryn

Winners of the Lord Newton Link Walk held at East Sussex Bridge Club on Thursday 6th September

I think we all enjoyed entertaining our visitors from the Lord Newton Link Walk who are linking all the clubs in Sussex on foot. Thank you to you all who contributed to their "begging bowl". We donated £124.00 to their charities of Alzheimers Research and Youth Bridge in Sussex and a very well done to Patrick and Josie who were the winners on the day and were presented with momentoes of the occasion. If you would like to read the report from Andy Ryder it may be found at www.sccba.co.uk.

Editorial. A couple of gentle reminders on two points of etiquette. Firstly, it is a requirement of the EBU that the board you are playing MUST remain on the table in the correct position whilst it is being played. This is a very sensible law as it is designed to prevent the cards being placed in the wrong slots when play has finished. Mostly, when this happens the board is deemed to be fouled and has to be withdrawn from the session unless an eagle-

Editorial continued eyed player spots the error at the next table, usually by means of an unusual score on the bridgemate and calls the attention of the director to it.

I would also like to reiterate, as I have done many times before, that you may not enquire the nature of an opponent's bid UNTIL it is your turn to bid. Asking your partner to ask is neither ethical or allowed. Basically, unless you are intending to bid you do not need to know what your opponents' bids mean until the end of the auction. So please, please, please, save your questions until bidding has finished and your partner has selected their opening lead and placed it on the table FACE DOWN and asks you "any questions" — at which point you may have any or all of the opponents' bids clarified. Of course, if you are on lead, you may ask BEFORE you select your opening lead.

Master Point Promotions for August
Advanced Master Kate Mullaney
Master Brian Cook

Stratification Upgrades for October

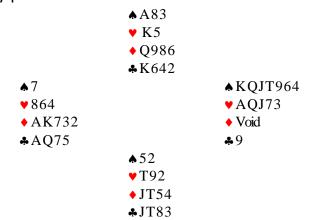
The players below all have NGS rankings of honour cards at the end of September and will therefore be upgraded to an "A" status for the month of October in addition to those players who have a life-time ranking which puts them into the A grade.

Paul Williams John Clark Rosamund Palmer
Mike Wood Tony Dwiar John Revell
Richard Dewe Lynne Bayes Rod Bayes
Christine Williams Patrick Hutley
Pat Collings Alan Townson Kate Mullaney

The Team representing the club in the annual 1066 Inter Club Teams Competition comprises Bruce Carrison, Liz Bornecrantz, Richard Dewe and Gary Young. We wish them every success.

October's Lucky Hand

It doesn't matter how skilled a player one might be I'm a firm believer there are lucky and unlucky players and this hand proves my point.



Here, East/West found themselves in the totally unmakeable 6NT contract. South was on lead and with no obvious clues from the bidding had a choice of leading two virtually similar suits, i.e. diamonds or clubs. Poor South chose the diamonds......Quelle dommage!!

Supervised Play and Ask sessions

A good number of you have expressed interest in the above so I will contact you all individually with full details. However, I am looking for three patient souls to come along (free of charge) to partner the three beginners who will be attending to help them along. Please let me know if you can help.

Wednesday Evening Bridge Sessions.

Again, thank you to all of you who are making the effort to come and play on a Wednesday evening. Numbers did improve slightly during September so let's see what happens in October.