

## *Congratulations to*

*Our leading pair for September was Paul Janes and Raquel Berdichevsky with a cracking percentage of 73.61% on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September. In second place were Bruce Carrison & Liz Bornecrantz with 71.18% on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September and trailing behind in third place were Richard Dewe and Gary Young with 68.52% on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Well done everyone, however, I wonder whether the extra sugar from the cakes on a Monday are slowing everyone up?*

*Editor's Achievers' Awards this month go to Pat Barkess and Peter Howell who were second on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September with 55.06%. Well done both of you.*

### ***Dates for your Diary***

***SCCBA Autumn Congress***

***12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> October at Patcham***

***SCCBA Ladies Pairs 20<sup>th</sup> October at Patcham***

***SCCBA Basic Bridge Pairs***

***16<sup>th</sup> November at East Grinstead***

***Entry forms are available at the Club***

***Christmas Party 20<sup>th</sup> December***

### ***Club Directors***

***Anthony Andrews: Barbara Herold: Patrick Hutley:  
and Hilary Levett***

Enjoy your bridge whenever and wherever you play

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# East Sussex Bridge Club

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## Newsletter

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### *Editorial*

*We are the Champions.....*

*Well done to our winning team in the 1066 Trophy Teams Competition who beat off strong competition to emerge victorious by a very good margin.*

*The team of Bruce Carrison, Raquel Berdichevsky, Liz Bornecrantz and Peter Carbutt are pictured below. As the winning team we now host next year's competition which is usually held on the last Friday in September or first Friday in October.*



## 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.

Raquel Berdichevsky	Paul Williams	Mike Wood
John Revell	Richard Dewe	Richard Dewe
John Clark	Alan Townson	Lynne Bayes
Rod Bayes	Tony Dwiar	

## Master Point Promotions for August

Advanced Master	Paul Janes
County Master	John Arthy
Club Master	Raquel Berdichevsky

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Advanced Master	Nigel Allen
District Master	Marion Nicholls
Area Master	Mary Williams

## Christmas Party

This year will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at the Tennis Club. The list for names will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> November but please make a note of the date. Numbers will be restricted to 10 tables so it will be on a first come, first served basis.

Did you know that you cannot revoke on the 12<sup>th</sup> trick? If a revoke occurs on the 12<sup>th</sup> trick please call the director who will rectify matters.

## Defender's Tip No. 1

If you need one more trick to defeat the opponents' contract and you have a winning card in your hand, then play it if you are on lead. **YOU MAY NOT GET ANOTHER CHANCE!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Defender's Tip No. 2** If you are on lead and you know you could win another trick if your partner had a certain card in their hand, then play that suit as if you know for sure your partner has that card. You will be amazed at how often this will work.

## October's Interesting Hand

♠ AKJ8742	<b>Did they jump or were they pushed?</b> Minor suit slams are notoriously difficult to find, minor suit Grand Slams, more than doubly so. I have found most of the time a leap of faith is required rather than scientific logic. The problem being that if using Blackwood and you don't get the answer you wanted, inevitably you are committed to bidding a small slam. This phenomenon makes correctly identifying a Grand Slam even more precarious, so congratulations to the pair on Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September who bid and made 7♦. Cue bidding is a great help but you could also ask Bruce and Raquel how they got there.	
♥ 3		
♦ J5		
♣ Q102		
♠ 103		♠ Q96
♥ AQ108762		♥ KJ954
♦ 64		♦ 9
♣ 94		♣ J765
♠ 5		
♥ Void		
♦ AKQ108732		
♣ AK83		