

Congratulations to

Tony Dwiar and Vi Boniface who headed the leaderboard in August with 67.73% on Monday 6th August. Tony did it again by taking second place with 67.27%, this time playing with the host on Thursday 23rd August. Very close behind were Brian Cook and John Woodside with 66.19% on Thursday 16th August. Well done everyone.

Editor's Achievers' Awards this month go to Anne Topp and her guest Sally Ashworth who were top on Wednesday 22nd August with 64.32%. Anne's regular partner was NOT amused.....

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.

Please let Barbara know if you would like to be considered.

Club Directors

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

Enjoy your bridge whenever and wherever you play

©K J Latty

Telephone 01424 422118 Mobile 0793 188 4715

Email: Lattyherold@aol.com Web site www.eastsussexbridgeclub.co.uk



East Sussex Bridge Club

Affiliated to the English Bridge Union

Newsletter

Volume 20 No. 9

September 2018

The Lord Newton Link Walk. As mentioned in last month's Newsletter we are being visited on Thursday 6th September by an intrepid group of bridge players including the former Chairman of Sussex County Contract Bridge Association, who are intending to walk to most of the bridge clubs in Sussex. They are raising money for both Alzheimer's Research and Youth Bridge in Sussex. Please come and make them welcome (don't forget your wallets as they will have a begging bowl with them along with a trophy and mementoes for the winners) – there will be extra goodies at the tea-break.

Editorial.

Sadly, it has come to my attention that occasional psyche bids are creeping into some players' systems. What is a psyche bid? It is a deliberate and gross mis-statement of honour strength and/or suit length. Whilst a psychic bid is a legitimate ploy and does not therefore, contravene the laws of the EBU, it must contain the same element of surprise to the psycher's partner as it does for the opponents. Therefore, to monitor the situation I will be keeping a "Psyche Book". If you feel you have been the victim of such a bid, please let me know at the end of the session (if you can remember the bidding sequence it would be very helpful), and with the aid of the computer print-out I will be able to determine whether a psyche bid has been made and if it has been fielded by the psycher's partner which would render it an illegal concealed partnership understanding. Continued over page

Editorial continued.....An example of a psyche bid might be if a player opens the bidding with 1NT having only 2 points in their hand. Now they are entirely at liberty to do this, but if their system is 12 – 14 points for a 1NT opening then their partner must reply appropriately. Luckily, forgetting one's system, making a mis-bid or getting confused about conventions ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE PSYCHE BIDS so do not panic.

Wednesday Evening Bridge Sessions.

Thank you to all of you who are making the effort to come and play on a Wednesday evening. Numbers have improved somewhat so our sessions will continue during September and October in the hope they remain viable.

Master Point Promotions for July
 County Master Val Hart
 Club Master Valerie Hood

Stratification Upgrades for September

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

Paul Williams	Rosamond Palmer	John Clark
Tony Dwiar	Mike Wood	John Revell
Richard Dewe	Lynne Bayes	Rod Bayes
	Patrick Hutley	

September's Nightmare Hand

There are hands whereby you wish the weak no trump had never been dreamt up and this was one such hand.

	♠ AK874	
	♥ QJ3	
	♦ AK7	
	♣ AQ	
♠ J10962		♠ Q3
♥ 652		♥ A98
♦ 8632		♦ QJ109
♣ 2		♣ K1085
	♠ 5	
	♥ K1074	
	♦ 54	
	♣ J97643	

After a perfectly respectable opening bid of 1NT by East and with both sides vulnerable, North, with 23 points must surely double and desperately hope his partner leaves it in for penalties. Some East/Wests gave away 1100 which is far more than North/South can collect if they are in 3NT. Sadly, even if West takes the double out into 2♠ it will be doubled and again should be four adrift. There is much to be said for playing a strong No Trump!! The moral to this story is never bid after your partner has doubled a 1NT contract no matter how weak you are—your partner could have the remaining 26+ points and will not be best pleased. The only time to bid is where you are vulnerable and opponents are not and you believe you can collect more points by bidding a game contract than by defeating the opponents.

Supervised Play and Ask sessions

If enough of you are interested I will run a few supervised play sessions before and after Christmas, suitable for all standards. Please let me know if you wish to come along. Cost would be £5.00 for a 2 hour session on a Friday afternoon.