

Latty accused of anarchy

Members of the East Sussex Bridge Club may be shocked to learn that at the conclusion of a recent evening of bridge at another club, and unbeknown to the officers of that club, Ken Latty was taken to one side and formally charged with bringing anarchy to this wonderful game of duplicate bridge.

Anarchy - utter lawlessness, chaos, total disorder! Such are the accusations of which he now stands accused, apparently because one of the members of the ESBC, who is also a members of two other clubs in the area, allegedly commented on a ruling at another club and made a comparison with the ESBC.

In an exclusive interview with the Newsletter, Mr. Latty made it clear that he will defend his position at whatever level is necessary. Here is the full interview.

NL (Newsletter). Tell me, Mr. Latty, do you see the ESBC as being completely lawless and in complete chaos?

KL. No, not at all. Quite the opposite in fact. We are the only bridge club in this area and for many miles around where the Director primarily has a none playing role, who is there simply to ensure fair play, acceptable standards of behaviour, and to see that players have a relaxed and pleasant session of bridge.

NL. But you did write that article for Bridge magazine.

KL. I actually wrote the article for the Newsletter. Bridge magazine got hold of a copy and asked if they could publish it, and I was quite happy to agree.

NL. All right, but I think you would agree you were pushing things a bit hard.

KL. If pushing the truth is a bit hard, so be it, but the truth is that for years those who have wanted to play social duplicate bridge have had to either put up with the appalling attitudes and behaviour of a few or not play in a club, and that is very sad.

NL. That's just your opinion.

KI. Are you denying it?

NL. So what is your answer to the charge of anarchy made against you?

KL. I think you will find it hard to find anyone who would call me soft in my Directing, and we are without question the one club in the area that operated the Zero Tolerance Policy. Rather than bringing anarchy into the game it is my belief that I have opened it up to many who would not otherwise be playing duplicate bridge.

NL. Thank you. I suspect we will be hearing more from you.

KL. I suspect you will.