

Congratulations to

Top of the leader board this month were Muriel Parr and Norman Taylor with an obscene 72.50% on Thursday 27th July. In second place were Patrick Hutley and David Gillespie with 67.71% on Monday 10th July and snapping at their heels in third place were Jim and Judith Chapman with 67.43% on Monday 3rd July. If only you'd taken the finesse the other way Jim..... Well done everyone.

Editor's Achievers of the Month award this month go to Joyce Hammett and Richard Mockett who were second on Monday 3rd July with 63.72%. Well done to you both.

Sadly we have bid farewell to Joyce as she moved to Surrey at the end of July to be nearer her family. She has been a stalwart member of the club for as long as I can remember. You will be missed Joyce. However, she tells me she will be visiting Hastings to see relatives from time to time and will come along and play and say "hello" to us all.

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Enjoy your bridge

whenever and wherever you play

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Editorial

Just when I thought I was getting on top of the new Laws of Bridge as dictated by the WBF, the EBU have just informed all clubs they have made a major change to an artificial opening at the two level, effective 1st August. As this is of more importance to you as players I will outline the changes here (the poster from the EBU may be found on the table at the club) so you may have the chance to discuss with your partner as to whether you wish to adopt the new definition - it is not mandatory. So, the old extended Rule of 25 no longer applies, instead if you are playing Benji Acol or any other strong artificial bid, you are permitted to do this if

a) the hand contains at least 16 HCP or

b) the hand contains at least 12 HCP with at least 5 controls (An Ace counts as two controls and a King as one) So theoretically if you are playing Benji Acol your opening 2C bid (which I play as 8 playing tricks or 19 - 20 balanced) could consist of ♠AK987 : ♥AJ3: ♦Q654: ♣2

However, a word of warning, if you adopt this you do need to have it written on your System (Score) card and a full explanation given to your opponents if they ask for details on your partner's alert. Please read the EBU's poster for guidance as to your explanation. Obviously I will soon be teaching beginners that an opening hand is upwards of 4 HCP!! Also, if you presently open 1♣ as a short suit but could also have a 5 card diamond suit, then this must be conveyed to your opponents by your partner.

August's Hand of the Month

♠ 6 5 2	♠ AKJ4
♥ Q 10 9 7 4 3	♥ AK852
♦ 9 6 5 2	♦ Void
♣ Void	♣ Q1098
♠ Q10 9	♠ 8 7 3
♥ Void	♥ J 6
♦ A107 43	♦ K Q J 8
♣ K6432	♣ A J 7 5

One of the most interesting and challenging hands I have played for quite a while.

As East the final contract was 3NT and our opponents were a cunning pair usually to be found lurking at Table 5. Suffice to say they were not generous enough to lead the Ace of Clubs (one South thought it was a good idea.....) No, wily South led King of Diamonds, an eminently sensible lead and no help to me whatsoever. This board was played by 13 pairs with 12 different contracts and results. So much for standard Acol!!!!!!



This scarf ring was handed in at our Cooden venue a short while ago. If not claimed by end of August it will be donated to a suitable charity.

Master Point Promotions for June

4 Star Premier Regional Master	Josie Boryn
Area Master	Margery Coombes
Local Master	Hilary Rhodes
	Frances Wood

EBU Summer Meeting at Winter Gardens, Eastbourne.

The EBU's main Congress of the Year (previously held in Brighton), takes place from 4th to 13th August inclusive. There are competitions suitable for every level so if you fancy hob-nobbing with some of the top names in Bridge, do have a go at one of the competitions. A copy of the Event Programme can be found at the Club or you can download a copy from the EBU web site.

More on the new Laws. Change to Law 25 - Unintended call

If a player pulls the wrong card out of the bidding box he may correct it at any time before his partner makes a call. It does not matter how he becomes aware of his error. If his Left Hand Opponent has made a bid then he may change his call without any penalty being incurred. This is intended to cover mainly mechanical error and does not give any player a license to have second thoughts about their original bid or to change their bid because they found a "hidden" card.

Law 7a When a board is to be played it is placed in the centre of the table where it shall remain, correctly orientated, until play is complete.
Law 7b 3 No player shall touch any cards other than his own, (but Declarer may play dummy's cards) during or after play except by permission of an opponent or the Director

Stratification Upgrades For August

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

<i>Paul Williams</i>	<i>Richard Dewe</i>	<i>John Clark</i>
<i>Tony Dwiar</i>	<i>Mike Wood</i>	<i>Norman Taylor</i>
<i>Lynne Bayes</i>	<i>Rod Bayes</i>	<i>John Revell</i>
<i>Betty McKinlay</i>	<i>Bill Edghill</i>	<i>Hilary Levett</i>