

Congratulations to Top of the leader board this month were Bruce Carrison and Neil Flowerdew with 73.21% on Wednesday 13th July. In second place was Bruce Carrison again this time playing with Gary Young, and they scored 72.73% on Wednesday 20th July. In third place was Patrick Hutley and Josie Boryn with 69.44% on Thursday 14th July. Very well done everyone.

Editor's Achievers of the Month awards this month go to Joyce Rhodes and Richard Mockett who were first on Monday 11th July with 59.72%. Well played you two.

Date for your Diary

Friday 19th August

Masterclass in Benji Acol

(Weak twos)

Cooden Beach Sports & Social Club

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Enjoy your bridge

whenever and wherever you play

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The Education and Development branch of the English Bridge Union is requesting the participation of bridge players and non-bridge players in a survey to aid research into the effects of playing bridge on wellbeing and quality of life.

The survey should take about 10 - 15 minutes to complete and closes on 5th September. Anonymity and confidentiality will be maintained throughout all phases of the research process. It is being organised by Professor Samantha Punch of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Stirling and Dr. Caroline Small, English Bridge Education and Development Trustee.

The survey may be taken at:

<https://stirling.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/social-participation-and-wellbeing-two>

Ed. Note. I recommend you don't take the survey after a particularly bad session.....

The Masterclass on Benji Acol (Weak Twos) will be held on Friday 19th August at our Cooden venue. This is a one-off class and will start at 1.30 pm and should finish about 3.30 pm. There will be comprehensive notes and hands to play to demonstrate the bidding as well as help with defending the system. Cost will be £7.00 per person. Please have a word with Barbara if you would like to come along. No partner necessary.

August's Puzzle

♠ 97

♥ J653

♦ KJ9 2

♣ A 103

♠ KJ84

♥ AKQ 104

♦ 754

♣ 4

After a 1NT opening bid from East (showing 12 - 14), North/South buy the contract with 4♥, with South as declarer. West leads ♣7. How should South proceed in order to make his contract?

It was lovely to see Ted Weare back playing on Thursday but sadly he has decided it has become too stressful for him to continue playing and so bid us a fond farewell. He has not ruled out coming back for the very occasional game. I personally will miss him as I'm sure you all will as well and I have given him best wishes on behalf of you all.

Transfers after a 2NT opening bid.

An interesting little twist on the transfer bids after partner opens with 2NT that was passed on to me by Richard Dewe this month. It makes so much sense I can't believe I haven't heard of it before.

If you play transfers after a 2NT opening bid the 3♠ bid is a superfluous bid so use it to show enough points for game somewhere and five spades and four hearts. Partner can then chose the optimum game contract.

It's not too late to enter the EBU's Summer Meeting at it's new venue at the Winter Gardens in Eastbourne. There are sessions for every level of bridge, ranging from the Easy Duplicate through to very experienced. Have a look at the EBU's website and see what is available. Best behaviour at Bridge will be enforced and the new venue means parking is much easier.

Did you know that in the 4th seat, after three passes, it is ok to open with 1NT holding a balanced hand but showing perhaps only 11 -14 points. Called a "protective bid", it saves throwing in a hand. Of course, the downside is if you have arranged to do this with your partner they will not know whether your minimum is 11 or 12, so err on the side of caution.

Best wishes to Tony Andrews who will be taking his Club Director's Course this month. I have every confidence in his ability to make a great director and look forward to him joining our current band of directors in September. Go for it Tony!!

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>Norman Taylor</i>
<i>Gary Young</i>	<i>John Mawbey</i>	<i>Mike Wood</i>
<i>John Revell</i>	<i>Rod Bayes</i>	<i>Lynne Bayes</i>
<i>John Clark</i>	<i>Muriel Parr</i>	<i>Karen Sloan</i>
<i>Claire Weston</i>	<i>James Carrie-Wilson</i>	
<i>Kate Mullaney</i>	<i>Christine Bond</i>	