

Congratulations to Top of the leader board this month were Paul and Christine Williams with 70.45% on Wednesday 30th November. In second place was Paul Williams (again) with his partner and they achieved 70.00% on Wednesday 16th November and in third place were David Hughes and Chris Bond with 69.52% on Wednesday 16th November. Cracking percentages everyone, well done.

Editor's Achiever of the Month award this month goes to Di Saunders who was 2nd on Thursday 24th November with 55.09%. She was very ably assisted by Julia Brown. Very well done Di.

Date for your Diary

Christmas Party Wednesday 21st December at the Bexhill Senior Citizens Club. 6.30 start. List available at the Club rooms for you to put your names down. Please enter as a pair or let Barbara know if you need a partner. Regrettably this is for members only

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Anthony Andrews, Barbara Herold, Patrick Hutley, Hilary Levett and Alan Miley,

Enjoy your bridge

whenever and wherever you play

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Editorial



***A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL
CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE***

Referendum results. Only just under 22% of all members completed a voting slip but the result was an overwhelming decision for all sessions to remain at Level 4. Therefore all sessions will continue as they have been for the past two months with weak 2s and Benji Acol to be included in systems played with the exception of the Multi Two Diamond which even the experts would like to see banned!!

John Hunt who has contributed a monthly Interesting Hand for the club's web site for some years has recently published a booklet of such hands. This project has kept him busy whilst he was out of action following a course of chemotherapy which I am delighted to hear from John is proving successful. The cost of the booklet called "Tops and Bottoms" is £5.00 and John is donating half of that to Prostate Cancer research. Please let me know if you would like to purchase one and treat yourself to an early Christmas present at the same time as contributing to a very worthwhile charity.

Well done to the three teams representing the Club in the 1066 Teams event on 18th November. They acquitted themselves well and enjoyed a very pleasant yet competitive evening hosted by St. Leonards Bridge Club. The teams were myself, Gary Young, Rod and Lynne Bayes; Vickie Penfold, Betty McKinlay, Rosemary and Peter Easton; Alan Miley, Mary Varela, Chris Bond and David Hughes. Thank you all.

November's Interesting Hand

♠ Q4		♠ A2	
♥ J4		♥ KQ109	
♦ K875		♦ AQ63	
♣ AK842		♣ Q75	
W	N	E	S
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♦	Pass	??????	

Without partner's disregard of the principles of a reverse bid, finding the slam becomes slightly more difficult. In this instance East, believing his partner to have a slightly stronger hand than was displayed when dummy went down, prompted him to ask for Aces and to settle for 6NT. With only the Ace of hearts to lose the contract was undefeatable.

Interestingly there were six different contracts on this board

6NT was bid and made once

3NT +3 bid and made three times

5NT +1 bid and made once

5♦ +1 bid and made once

5♣ bid and made once and 3♦ + 3 bid and made once

Christmas Closures

There will be NO BRIDGE on

Monday 26th December

Wednesday 28th December or

Thursday 29th December.

All other sessions as normal

Master Point Promotions

A note from the EBU states there was no UM (Universal Membership) processing during November - don't ask me why - and therefore very few masterpoints were credited. Any promotions will show in the December list.

December's Christmas Trivia Quiz

1. Christmas Island, in the Indian Ocean, is a territory of which country?
2. The North Pole, said to be Santa's home, is located in which ocean?
3. 'And all the bells on earth shall ring, on Christmas day in the morning...' is from which Christmas carol?
4. Which Christmas condiment is made from fruit sometimes referred to as marshworts?
5. Which American-born English poet, having first names Thomas Stearns, wrote the poem The Cultivation Of Christmas Trees?
6. Which Christmas slogan was introduced by Clarissa Baldwin of Dogs Trust in 1978?
7. Which British monarch (born 1865, died 1936) introduced the custom of giving thousands of Christmas puddings to staff?
8. The fortified wine drink Sherry is named after what town?
9. In which country, the largest of its continent, is it said that finding a spider web on Christmas morning brings good luck, and so Christmas trees are decorated with artificial spider webs?
10. In 2004, the post office of which country gave away twenty million free scented stickers, to make Christmas cards smell like fir trees, cinammon, gingerbread or honey wax?
11. In which country, an archipelago of 6,852 islands, is it considered inappropriate to send red Christmas cards?
12. The early pagan religious winter festival celebrated by archaic Scandinavian and Germanic people, later absorbed into Christmas celebrations, is still referred to in what alternative word for the Christmas season?

Stratification Upgrades For December

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

Paul Williams Richard Dewe

Lynne Bayes Rod Bayes Norman Taylor

Mike Wood Karen Sloan John Clark

John Revell James Carrie-Wilson

Christine Bond Hilary Levett Muriel Parr

Dee Murray Kate Mullaney Claire Weston