

Congratulations to

Top of the leader board this month were Rod and Lynne Bayes with 70.83% on Wednesday 18th January. Extremely close behind them were Alan Townson & Christine Williams with 70.42% on Wednesday 11th January and not that far behind in third position were Mike Wood and John Revell with 68.06% on Monday 2nd January. WOW - what wonderful percentages.

Editor's Achievers of the Month awards this month go to Graham Stone and Maurice Gillett who were top on Monday 16th January with a really good score of 59.63%. Very well done boys.

Date for your Diary
Regrettably there will be
NO BRIDGE
on Thursday 4th May 2017
Due to local elections

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Winners' Gallery



Rod and Lynne Bayes
Winners of the
Combined Yearly
sessions during 2016
with a percentage of
58.66%

Mike Wood (left) and
John Revell (right)
Winners of the Monday
Cup with a percentage of
58.30% over all their
Monday sessions for 2016



Norman Taylor
Winner of the Thursday
Rose Bowl with a
percentage of 58.76%
over all his Thursday
sessions for 2016



*Christine Till
Winner of the Improvers
Trophy for 2016. Christine
improved her overall
percentage by 6.31% during
2016*

*Christine Williams wins
a bottle of wine for
bidding (and making)
the highest number of
slams during 2016*



*Mary Varela
Winner of the Ken Latty
Memorial Trophy for the
Thursday afternoon period
Sept to Dec 2016*



Bridge Classes for 2017

A new Beginners' class started on Friday 27th January and look to be a lively bunch this year. As the first seven or eight lessons are spent on learning how to play the cards using Minibridge, I am able to accept late-comers providing they have a rudimentary knowledge of whist or similar trick taking card game.

I will also run a six week Improvers' course in February/March if sufficient people are interested. Please let me know.

I will re-run the Masterclass on Benji Acol and weak twos in April if enough people are interested. Again, please let me know.

A reminder that membership subs are now due. The cost remains unchanged at £15.00. Whilst the East Sussex has no limit to the number of times you may play as a non-member, it just costs you £0.50 more in table money each time you play, but in order to receive your magazines and masterpoints from the EBU you must be a member of one affiliated club.

The Perils of a pre-emptive Overcall

I recently picked up this hand: the evening had been somewhat sparse in terms of opening hands so I was anxious to play a hand. This was a perfectly reasonable pre-emptive hand with my right-hand opponent having opened with 1♠.

♠ 93
♥ A J T 8 7 6 3
♦ 7 4
♣ Q 8

OK, the shape wasn't wonderful, I much prefer to have a void or a singleton or two and a 4 card side suit, the vulnerability was against me, but I was getting bored.

My left-hand opponent doubled and there the contract ended.

The full deal was

♠ 93	♠ J 6
♥ A J T 8 7 6 3	♥ K Q 9 5 4
♦ 7 4	♦ 9 5
♣ Q 8	♣ A K 5 3
♠ A K Q 8 2	♠ 10 7 5 4
♥ Void	♥ 2
♦ A J 6 2	♦ K Q 10 8 3
♣ J 7 6 4	♣ 10 9 2

Sadly I went six off doubled for a minus score of 1700. Well of course I blamed my partner, what else can one do?????? It could have been worse, we could have been playing teams.....

Stratification Upgrades For February

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

<i>Paul Williams</i>	<i>Karen Sloane</i>	<i>Lynne Bayes</i>	<i>Rod Bayes</i>
<i>Mike Wood</i>	<i>Richard Dewe</i>	<i>John Clark</i>	<i>John Revell</i>
<i>Christine Bond</i>	<i>Norman Taylor</i>	<i>James Carrie-Wilson</i>	
<i>Hilary Levett</i>	<i>Brian Bestley</i>	<i>Betty McKinlay</i>	
<i>Tony Dwiar</i>	<i>Alan Townson</i>	<i>Muriel Parr</i>	