

## *Congratulations to*

*Top of the leader board this month was Bruce Carrison playing with Liz Bornecrantz who had a whopping 72.05% on Wednesday 14th June. In second place was Bill Edghill playing with David Wright with 69.07% on Thursday 1st June and in third place were Patrick Hutley and David Gillespie with 67.80% on Monday 26th June. Well done everyone.*

*Editor's Achiever of the Month award this month goes to Judy Bruce who achieved her personal best with 52.08% on Thursday 22nd June. Her "partner in crime" was Sue Hammond. Well done Judy.*

***Date for your Diary***  
***Regrettably there will be***  
***NO BRIDGE***  
***On Wednesday 12th July***

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and Alan Miley,

*Enjoy your bridge*  
*whenever and wherever you play*  
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## **Newsletter**

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### *Editorial*

*Continuing with some of the changes to the updated Laws of Duplicate Bridge that will be mandatory by the end of September this year.*

**Misinformation.** *If you have misunderstood any aspect of the bidding and act on it, in the eyes of the Laws you have no redress or rectification.*

*If your opponent or opponents have misinformed you then provided your partner has not bid or called, you may change your call (without any other rectification) up until the end of the auction, BUT you must call the Director who will decide whether your change of call is justified or not.*

**Failure to alert promptly where an alert is required is deemed to be misinformation.**

*If a player elects to change a call because of misinformation (see above), his Left Hand Opponent may then in turn change any call he may have made but Law 16C will apply (said Law deems that the non-offending players may use the unauthorised information they have gained from the change of calls, but the guilty players may not).*

*If the Director rules that it is too late to change a call and if the Director judges the offending side gained an advantage from the irregularity, then the Director will award an adjusted score in favour of the not guilty pair. Hope that's clear but if you have any questions I will try to answer them or get an answer from someone more qualified if necessary.*

## July's Thought for the Month

Some slams are easier to bid than others and of course a lot depends on which system you are playing. No system works well all of the time. The hand below is a good example. If you are playing standard Acol North will have a straightforward opening bid of 2♣, South's reply of 3♦ and subsequent Ace asking process should see North/South playing in 7NT. With Benji Acol, 7NT should also be achieved with the bidding starting with 2♦ by North, a relay of 2♥ by South, 2♠ from North, 3♦ from South and after asking for Aces North should again find 7NT without difficulty. If your system is 3 weak twos then your only strong bid is 2♣ showing 23+ points, so your two choices of opening bids are either 1♠ or 4♠, neither of which truly describes your hand. Fortunately in this instance North should still find 7NT because of partner's points; had South only had 5 or 6 points North could well find himself playing in a part score if he opens 1♠. No system is perfect!

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

### Master Point Promotions for May

County Master	Pauline Kazi
Area Master	Jane Allen
Local Master	Di Saunders      Ann Stocker

Welcome back to Valerie Hood who has recovered sufficiently from a nasty fall to get back to the bridge table. Good to have you back Valerie.

Very well done to Bill Pender and Brian Bestley who were the only North/South pair to bid a slam on this hand on Thursday 29th June.

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

According to the statistics from the print-out 6NT, 7♥ and 7♣ was there for the making (assuming of course that you take the club finesse the right way.....)

### Reminder

*Now that summer has arrived, could I please ask you all to respect the Club's dress code of NO SHORTS for either gender.*

### Stratification Upgrades For July

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

Paul Williams	John Clark	Richard Dewe
Mike Wood	Tony Dwiar	John Revell
Lynne Bayes	Rod Bayes	
Bill Edghill	Norman Taylor	Hilary Levett