

Congratulations to

Top of the leader board this month were June Sangster and David Gillespie with an obscene 70.49% on Thursday 11th May. In second place was June Sangster again, this time playing with the host and they managed 69.64% on Thursday 25th May. In third place were John Clark and James Carrie-Wilson with 68.94% on Monday 29th May. Well done everyone.

Editor's Achiever of the Month award this month goes to Margaret Crisp playing with the host and they were second on Thursday 18th May with 56.85%. Very well played Margaret.

***Date for your Diary
Regrettably there will be
NO BRIDGE
on Thursday 8th June 2017
Due to the general election***

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*Enjoy your bridge
whenever and wherever you play*
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***Elizabeth Gillespie
Winner of the Ken
Latty Memorial
Trophy for Monday
afternoons for the
period January to
April 2017***

Editorial

The Laws of Duplicate Bridge have now been updated by the World Bridge Federation (as they are every ten years or so), and come into effect from 1st August and are mandatory by the end of September. I will endeavour to clarify any major changes each month now until that time. With regard to revokes, perhaps the most common offence, there is basically no change. Declarer may check with either defender if they don't follow suit (not really in their best interests so to do) and similarly either defender may check with their partner. Dummy may only stop their partner from playing a card from the wrong hand before they have either faced a card or called for a card from dummy. Once either has happened dummy must keep quiet. A couple of interesting facts I have gleaned so far

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Answer to May's Thought for the Month

♠ J 10
♥ 4 2
♦ 9 7 5 4 2
♣ K Q 10 6

You are on lead against a contract of 6♥ . Can you find the killing lead?

♠ A Q 9 8 5 4
♥ Void
♦ J 10 6
♣ A 8 5 4

♠ 3
♥ K 10 8 7 3
♦ Q 8 3
♣ J 7 3 2

♠ K 7 6 2
♥ A Q J 9 6 5
♦ A K
♣ 9

♠ J 10
♥ 4 2
♦ 9 7 5 4 2
♣ K Q 10 6

When defending a slam it is usually right to make an aggressive opening lead if you can. Leading the top of two or three touching honours is considered a good lead at the best of times and usually pays dividends against a slam. Here, once we can see all four hands we realise East was in a more than optimistic mood bidding to the six level missing two Aces but amazingly two pairs managed to make their contract. Why? Because neither defender led "top of a sequence". Had South led either J♠ or K♣ , North would have been able to cash his two Aces and defeat the contract. More "Bridge of Sighs!!"

Master Point Promotions for May have not yet been processed by the EBU.

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*from reading the new Laws is that an inspection of quitted tricks may only take place after play has ceased and not during play to ascertain whether a revoke has occurred. So if you think an opponent has revoked just adjust the offending trick to identify it and then call the director at the end of play. Also, until his side has led or played to the next trick, declarer or either defender may inspect, but not expose, his own last card played. **More next month.....***

Reminder

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

Old Fivers

As I'm sure you are all aware, the old fivers are no longer legal tender, instead we have (to my mind) the rather hateful slippery ones. However, they may still be exchanged at banks and Building Societies. I can't wait for the new tenners to be produced!!!

Stratification Upgrades For June

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

John Clark	Paul Williams	Richard Dewe
Mike Wood	Norman Taylor	Lynne Bayes
Rod Bayes	John Revell	Bill Edghill
Tony Dwiar	Hilary Levett	Patrick Hutley
Christine Bond	James Carrie-Wilson	