

Congratulations to

Top of the leader board this month was Christine Williams playing with Fran Candy and they had a massive score of 72.28% on Thursday 9th February. In second place was Richard Dewe playing with Carole Powell with a very good score of 68.98% on Wednesday 15th February and very close behind them were Kate Mullaney and Carol Morrison with 68.63% on Wednesday 8th February. Very well done all of you.

Editor's Achievers of the Month awards this month go to Steve Baker and John Arthy who were top on Monday 20th February with a really good score of 63.81%. Very well done boys. Blowing your own trombone doesn't sound quite the same John!!

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

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and Alan Miley,

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whenever and wherever you play*

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Editorial

*Unfortunately, last Thursday (2nd March) Board 4 's cards got switched during the afternoon which resulted in North's cards ending up in the East slot. This was well spotted by Tony Dwiar when the results were posted to the web site but did mean I had to withdraw that board from the session and re-submit the results to the EBU and re-upload the new results to the web site. Now the only way this can happen is for the board to be either taken off the table altogether or moved 90 degrees to give North or South more table room. The rules state that the board in play **MUST** stay on the table at all times **in the correct position.***

Whilst I'm on the subject of fouled boards could I please remind you all that if you are sitting out and have boards on your table please only look at two hands at a time, either North/South or East/West, replacing the two boards before looking at the remaining two. This will also prevent the above situation.

The EBU is switching over to a completely new software management system on 17th March. They hope to be back up and running by 24th March when all services will be resumed. Well those of you who have had anything to do with computers won't hold your breath.....

The services affected will be you will be unable to book any competition entries or course bookings: clubs will be unable

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to create any new membership records and no membership details will be able to be amended. Session results will not be able to be submitted by clubs and therefore there will be no updates to Master Points or the NGS during that period.

Could I please ask you all to check the batteries in your Bridgemates for the rest of the month before you enter anything as they are starting to die. I have replaced the batteries in four Bridgemates but am expecting others to perish in the near future. I'm definitely not complaining though as one of the questions I asked the retailers was how long they would last on a usage of three times a week, and the answer I was given was approximately 18 months.

*When were they purchased? **June 2011**.....*

GET WELL SOON to Bruce Carrison who has suffered a major heart attack. With very swift and prompt treatment from the attending paramedics and then the cardiac team at the Conquest, he is now well on the road to recovery. A card and a selection of fruits to promote his new healthy lifestyle have been given to him along with all your best wishes.

Master Point Promotions

Congratulations to Betty McKinlay who has been promoted to County Master.

Bridge Classes for 2017

As yet I don't have sufficient numbers to run an Improvers' course but will keep it open and if I get some more people interested will run it later in the year.

March's Thought for the Month

It's not often you pick up a hand and think WOW, but I had this amazing little collection a couple of weeks ago

♠ A K 10 7 6 2
♥ A K 10 9 5 4 2
♦ Void
♣ Void

To my astonishment my partner opened with 1♦, I replied with 1♥. How do you think the bidding should proceed to reach the optimum contract?

Slam Bidding.

More of you are getting brave enough to bid slams. On 20th February there were two slams available in the hands. Two pairs bid both, six pairs bid one and only 5 did not manage to bid any. Those results are very encouraging and show you are willing to have a go. Don't forget, if all your slams make then you are not bidding enough of them. Generally speaking the ratio between bidding and making at club level should be about 75/25.

Stratification Upgrades For March

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

Paul Williams	Richard Dewe	Mike Wood	John Clark
Lynne Bayes	Rod Bayes	John Revell	
Hilary Levett	Christine Bond	Patrick Hutley	
Brian Bestley	Betty McKinlay	James Carrie-Wilson	
Bill Edghill	Norman Taylor	Kate Mullaney	
Tony Dwiar	Alan Townson		