

*Congratulations to Top of the leader board this month were Muriel Parr and Norman Taylor with a disgraceful 72.96% on Monday 31st October. How spooky is that? In second place were Tony Dwiar and June Sangster who achieved 68.75% on Monday 24th October. In third place was Gary Young and his partner with 66.96% on Wednesday 5th October. Well done everyone.*

*Editor's Achievers of the Month awards this month go to Elizabeth Gillespie and Cuckoo Healey who were 1st on Monday 10th October with a great score of 59.52%. Well done girls, let's see you at the top of the leader board more often.*

### *Date for your Diary*

*Christmas Party Wednesday 21st December at the Bexhill Senior Citizens Club*

*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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*Enjoy your bridge*

*whenever and wherever you play*

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**Newsletter**

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## **Editorial**

*Back in September I announced we would give playing weak 2s and Benji Acol a trial for the rest of the year and have a referendum in November for your views.*

*As you know I try to run the Club as democratically as possible so your views are very important. We have had two months now of playing weak 2s and Benji Acol at all our sessions and surprisingly I have not heard a single complaint. However, that does not mean you don't have any!!!*

*You will find voting slips at the club. Please fill one in with your preference as to whether we continue playing weak 2s and Benji Acol at all sessions or if you would prefer to restrict these to Wednesday evenings only and revert back to playing Basic Acol with restricted conventions on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Let me know what you want, the majority rules, OK??*

*You will also find a list for the Christmas Party at the club. Numbers are limited to 20 pairs and restricted to Members only. Cost will be £5.00 per person.*

*I would be most grateful for any offers of help with the catering. If you feel you could make a few rounds of sandwiches or anything else to bring along, please have a word with me. All costs will be re-imbursed.*

## Answer to October's Puzzle

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| ♠ KQ654 | ♠ J     |
| ♥ KT754 | ♥ AQJ98 |
| ♦ 7 2   | ♦ AT5   |
| ♣ K     | ♣ AJ84  |

West has opened the bidding with 1♠, East replies with 2♥.

West bids 3♥, how should the bidding continue?

You may well think West's second bid is a little timid but I would err on the side of caution here as I have opened light and unless my partner has the Ace or Queen of clubs, the King is a dead card. Having said that East has a strong hand and should therefore instigate ace-asking proceedings. After all, he doesn't know you opened with 11 points. With one ace missing 6♥ has to be worth a try. No doubt you will get a diamond lead which you should win with the Ace, then play K♣, draw trumps, taking care to end up in your hand and then discard dummy's remaining diamond on your A♣. You will lose one spade but even with a 3-0 heart split will be able to reach dummy's hand to discard your losing clubs and diamonds.

## Christmas Closures

**There will be NO BRIDGE on  
Monday 26th December  
Wednesday 28th December or  
Thursday 29th December.  
All other sessions as normal**

Congratulations to Sue Wright and Mary Williams who were the only pair to bid and make a slam on Thursday 13th October. Also to Vera Smith and Molly Bryant, the only pair to bid and make a slam on Thursday 20th October. Obviously the tea is stronger on Thursdays!! LOL

## November's Interesting Hand

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| ♠ Q4    | ♠ A2    |
| ♥ J4    | ♥ KQ109 |
| ♦ K875  | ♦ AQ63  |
| ♣ AK842 | ♣ Q75   |

| W  | N    | E      | S  |
|----|------|--------|----|
| 1♣ | Pass | 1♥     | 1♠ |
| 2♦ | Pass | ?????? |    |

## Master Point Promotions

**September**

**Area Master**

Terry Berkeley

**Local Master**

Margaret Tillbrook

**October**

**5\* Premier Master**

Bruce Carrison

**Advanced Master**

Dee Murray

**Club Master**

**Flowers, together with our love and best wishes, have been sent to John Mawbey and Rosalie Knox-Crawford.**

## Stratification Upgrades For November

*The players below all have NGS rankings of honour cards at the end of October and will therefore be upgraded to "A" status for the month of November 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     Karen Sloan*

*Norman Taylor     Mike Wood     John Revell*

*James Carrie-Wilson     Christine Bond*

*Hilary Levett     John Clark     Claire Weston*

*Muriel Parr     Dee Murray     Betty McKinlay*