

*Congratulations to
Top of the leader board this month was Paul Williams
and his partner with 71.78% on Wednesday 23rd
September. In second place were Claire Weston and
Dee Murray with 68.06% on Wednesday 2nd
September and close behind them in third place were
Ann and Peter Preedy with 67.86% on Monday 28th
September. Well done everyone.*

*Editor's Achievers of the Month award this month goes
to another of our new members, Catherine Sutherland
who was first on Monday 28th September with 60.83%.
She was ably assisted by Molly Bryant.*

Dates for your Diary

**EBU British Autumn Pairs
Wednesday 7th October
Last Sim Pairs this year**

Visitors welcome but No Host available. Cost £5.00 for all.

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Barbara Herold, Patrick Hutley, Hilary Levett and Alan Miley,

Enjoy your bridge

whenever and wherever you play

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Editorial

Christmas Party. Our new venue for Wednesday evenings, the Bexhill Senior Citizens Club, are happy for us to hold our Christmas Party there, so this will take place on Wednesday 16th December. Because we do not have the kitchen space/facilities we had at Catsfield the format will be slightly different this year. We will have a cold finger buffet and wine. The cost will be £5.00 per head (including table money) and the food and wine provided. I hope to dust off some of my recipes and do most of the food myself but if anyone would like to lend a hand and make any items on the menu they would be reimbursed for their costs.

The list for you to put your names down will be available from 1st November and numbers will be restricted to 12 tables maximum, so it will be on a "First come, first served" basis. However, a reserve list will operate in case anyone has to drop out.

As many of you will know sadly Ted Weare has decided to retire from the bridge table due to health reasons. Ted has been a stalwart at the club for almost as long as the club has been in existence and has never been anything other than a true gentleman. He has always been a delight to both play with and against and I for one will miss him tremendously. Many of us signed a card which was sent to Ted and I have received an email from him thanking us all.

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Answer to September's Puzzle

♠ QJ10
 ♥ AJ72
 ♦ AQ5
 ♣ A103

 ♠ 987
 ♥ 1054
 ♦ KJ9
 ♣ Q875

 ♠ K
 ♥ Q83
 ♦ 108743
 ♣ J942

 ♠ A65432
 ♥ K96
 ♦ 62
 ♣ K6

South to make 7♠ Opening lead 9♠

Wow, this was really difficult. Declarer wins with the Ace and finesses in diamonds. Trumps are drawn then ♥J led, covered and won by South. Declarer plays two more trumps and West is squeezed in three suits and will unguard a minor so dummy discards the other minor. Declarer now leads the ♥9 which is covered and won in dummy. If West has unguarded clubs then ♦A, club to the king and the lead of the last trump squeezes East in hearts and clubs. If instead, West has unguarded diamonds then the A and King of clubs are cashed and playing off the last spade squeezes East in hearts and diamonds. I should be so clever.....

Editorial continued

Some of you may be aware that a Judicial Review has taken place as to whether Bridge should be considered a "sport" as far as Sport England is concerned and a ruling is expected in a few weeks. The EBU's information on this may be found on the Club Table.

Master Point Promotions September
Master Dee Murray
Area Master Adrienne Roberts
Local Master Jackie Bastian
Margaret Crisp

Riddles for October

1. This runs fore to aft on one side of a ship and aft to fore on the other. What is it?
2. Many have heard it but nobody has ever seen it, and it will not speak back until spoken to. What is it?
3. Although it is neither big nor small, nor liquid, solid or gas, it can be broken without being dropped. What is it?
4. What can go up a chimney down, or down a chimney down, but can't go up a chimney up, or down a chimney up?
5. What does no man want, yet no man want to lose?
6. What is lighter than a feather and if you put it in a barrel it will make the barrel lighter?
7. What has a head and a tail but can never see its tail?
8. I am a protector. I sit on a bridge. One person can see right through me while others wonder what I hide. What am I?
9. What falls but doesn't break, and what breaks but doesn't fall?
10. I travel all around the world but never leave the corner. What am I?

Judi Sibson RIP

Sadly Judi passed away on Thursday 24th September after a long illness. She had not been able to play all year and we have missed her.

The funeral has already taken place.

Stratification Upgrades For September

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

Paul Williams Norman Taylor John Mawbey
Bruce Carrison Dee Murray John Clark