

Congratulations to

Top of the leader board this month were Richard Dewe and Gary Young with a whopping 71.43% on Wednesday 23rd August. In second place were Patrick Hutley and David Gillespie with 69.05% on Thursday 3rd August and in third place were Kate Mullaney and Carol Morrison with 66.73% on Wednesday 16th August. Good scores everyone, very well done.

Editor's Achiever of the Month award this month goes to Linda Farrell who achieved her personal best on Monday 21st August with a score of 52.55%. Congratulations Linda, improving all the time.

Date for your Diary

1066 Trophy for Teams of 4

to be held at Hawkhurst Bridge Club

Friday 20th October, 7.00 pm start

If interested in playing in a team please let Barbara know.

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

Enjoy your bridge

whenever and wherever you play

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Editorial

This month I will try to clarify the new Law 23 which came into effect as of 1st August with regard to a Comparable Call after an insufficient bid has been made. Next month I will give you a couple of examples of a comparable call after an opening pass out of turn which is not accepted by the opponents.

The definition of a comparable call: a call that replaces a withdrawn call is a comparable call if it:-

- 1. Has the same or similar meaning as that attributable to the withdrawn call or*
- 2. Defines a subset of the possible meanings attributable to the withdrawn call, or*
- 3. Has the same purpose (e.g. An asking bid or a relay bid) as that attributable to the withdrawn call).*

So for example if North opens 1H, East bids 4D (pre-emptive), South doesn't notice and bids 4C (Gerber) and if the opponents do not accept the insufficient bid, the director must be called who should allow South to bid 5C as a comparable call having the same meaning as 4C (Gerber). Another example of a comparable call after an insufficient bid is where 2nd player hasn't noticed dealer opened with a weak two and then tries to open with 1NT. If the 2nd player is playing a strong no trump then to make the bid good to 2NT would be a comparable call as an overcall of 2NT would have a similar meaning, BUT if that player's system is a weak no trump then the 2NT bid would either mean the Unusual No Trump (5 - 5 in the two lowest unbid suits) or 20 - 22 HCPs depending on your system, so would not have the same meaning at all.

With regard to lead penalties, if a comparable call has been used then lead penalties do not apply if the player ends up defending. But when a comparable call has not been used, then the declarer may prohibit the offender's partner, at their first turn to lead, from leading any one suit that was not specified by the offender in the legal auction. So you can see it is even more important than it was to call the director if one of you makes an insufficient bid.

September's Hand of the Month

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

Dealer East. All vulnerable.

Of course there is an awful lot of luck in bridge. Take the above hand for example which occurred some time ago. As East my partner opened 1NT (strong 15 - 17). I was about to respond 2NT when South intervened with 2♠, a perfectly reasonable overcall, although I think I might have doubled with the South hand. Well, what to do? I could bid 2NT and hope partner had a couple of spade stops: I could pass: 3♦ didn't look terribly attractive or I could go with what I was taught a lot of moons ago, i.e. If you have the balance of points and the opponents have done you out of a possible game contract, then DOUBLE. So that is what I did. The poor gentleman sitting South hadn't heard my say 15 - 17 and got in a bit of a tizzy when he saw his partner's hand. Needless to say he didn't make his contract and we ended up with a good score. Remember, if the opponents diddle you out of a contract, double them.....you will be right more often than you are wrong.

Master Point Promotions for July

Area Master

Julia Brown

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3 Star Master

Chris Bond

County Master

Cuckoo Healey

Area Master

Steve Baker

Club Master

Sylvia Benford

Local Master

David Rogers

Table Etiquette. This past two/three weeks following a particularly bad Wednesday evening when there were several opening leads out of turn due to bids being picked up too soon, there has been a blitz on reminding players that ALL their bids should remain on the table until the opening lead has been made. Thank you all very much for your co-operation: with players reminding their opponents as well, there has been a huge improvement. This month I thought we would have a similar crack-down on making the opening lead BEFORE writing in our score-cards/ doing the Bridgemates/ renewing our lipstick/talking about the weather/chatting to your partner or opponents, making a phone call etc and so on. Reminders will be on the tables. Please help by reminding the person on opening lead to "get on with it"!!

Bidding Boxes

I have noticed that quite a few of the bidding box cards are looking a bit tatty. If you use one in the next month please leave it on the computer table at the end of the session and I will replace the necessary cards. Many thanks.

Improvers Classes

I will be running a short 6 week course for Improvers on Tuesday afternoons, starting 3rd October. If you are interested please ask me for the syllabus.

Stratification Upgrades for September

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

Paul Williams

John Clark

Richard Dewe

Tony Dwiar

Norman Taylor

Lynne Bayes

Rod Bayes

Mike Wood

Hilary Levett

John Revell

James Carrie-Wilson