

Congratulations to Top of the leader board this month were Bruce Carrison and Neil Flowerdew with 69.17% on Wednesday 10th August. In second place were Hilary and Robin Levett with 68.64% on Wednesday 3rd August. In third place were Patrick Hutley and David Gillespie with 68.52% on Thursday 4th August. Very well done everyone.

Editor's Achievers of the Month awards this month go to the partnership of Terry Berkeley and Annie Barber who were first on Thursday 11th August with 58.49%. However, a special mention goes to Alison Lowe playing with Eileen Stray and they were second on Wednesday 31st August with 57.50%. Keep it up girls.

Date for your Diary

1066 Teams Event to be held at St. Leonards Bridge Club on Friday 18th November. If you are interested in being part of a team representing the Club, please speak to Barbara

Club Directors:

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

Enjoy your bridge

whenever and wherever you play

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Newsletter

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Editorial

I was certainly surprised by the number of members who came along to the Masterclass on Benji Acol and hope they all enjoyed it.

Of course, now they need to put it into practice, so for the rest of the year we will trial allowing Benji Acol to be played at all our sessions.

In November I will put out a referendum form to find out your views, I.e. Whether you are happy to continue having Benji Acol played at all sessions or not. As you all know the club is run democratically so it will be up to you to let me know your views.

For those of you who did not come to the Masterclass, the overview on the opening bids for Benji Acol are as follows:-

2♥ or 2♠ weak, a six card suit showing 5 - 9 points

2♣ 8 playing tricks in an unspecified suit OR a balanced hand with 19/20 points

2♦ A strong, game-forcing bid showing EITHER 23+ points OR a distributional hand with 3 losers or 10 playing tricks.

If your opponents open with a Benji bid you may of course enquire what the bid means AT YOUR TURN TO BID.

Answer to August's Puzzle

♠ 97
 ♥ J653
 ♦ KJ92
 ♣ A103

 ♠ KJ84
 ♥ AKQ104
 ♦ 754
 ♣ 4

After a 1NT opening bid from East (showing 12 - 14), North/South buy the contract with 4♥, with South as declarer. West leads ♣7. How should South proceed in order to make his contract?

After you win trick one and before you embark on drawing trumps, take a moment to consider whether you are going to attack the diamonds or spades for extra tricks before you draw trumps as you will need to play the trump suit carefully in order to create entries to dummy.

The spades are a logical choice with West having no more than six points maximum. Assuming trumps break 2 - 2, play A♥ then 10♥ and overtake with the Jack. Now play 9♠ and cover whatever East plays. If West has the Ace you are now able to get back to Dummy by playing 4♥ to Dummy's 6♥ and so take a second spade finesse. If West has the Queen then he will either have the Q♦ or A♦ so after the second spade finesse you will be able to play a diamond from hand in order to set up a diamond trick. Next time you try this and it fails PLEASE don't ring me!!!!!!

Congratulations to Tony Andrews who passed his Club Director's course with flying colours and has already directed his first session at the club. Treat him gently.....

September's Puzzle

♠K10
 ♥852
 ♦A872
 ♣K1074

 ♠J843
 ♥K76
 ♦QJ1063
 ♣5

 ♠Q972
 ♥J1093
 ♦K94
 ♣32

 ♠A65
 ♥AQ4
 ♦5
 ♣AQJ986

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	3♣	3♦	6♣
All Pass			

Another example of highly technical bidding! Given the fact that the K♥ is likely to be offside, how are you going to make what you bid?

Master Point Promotions July 2016

Master	Paul Janes
County Master	Nigel Allen
Area Master	John Revell
Club Master	Ken Lofts
Local Master	Valerie Hood

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Advanced Master	James Carrie-Wilson
Area Master	Christine Till
Club Master	Annette Janes

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	Richard Dewe	John Mawbey
Mike Wood	Lynne Bayes	Rod Bayes
John Revell	Karen Sloan	Gary Young
Norman Taylor	Betty McKinlay	Claire Weston
James Carrie-Wilson	Hilary Levett	
John Clark		