

## *Congratulations to*

*David Gillespie and Tony Dwiar who topped the Leader Board in November with a stunning 70.42% on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Not that far behind them were Christine Till and Alan Townson with 68.80% on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November and very close behind them were Patrick Hutley and Anne Kersley with 68.06% on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. (And not a Bruce or Richard to be seen!!) Well done all of you. Come on you Monday and Wednesday players.....*

*Editor's Achievers' Award this month goes to Di Saunders who was second on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November with a great 58.46%. She was very ably supported by Julia Brown.*

### *Date for your Diary*

*The Christmas Party is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at the Bexhill Senior Citizens Club. Buffet starts at 6.30 pm and Fun(ny) Bridge will start at approximately 7.30 pm.*

*At the moment the list is full but let me know if you would like to go on the Reserve List as there are usually one or two players who find they cannot make it nearer the time.*

### *Club Directors*

*Anthony Andrews: Barbara Herold: Patrick Hutley:  
and Hilary Levett*

Enjoy your bridge whenever and wherever you play

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# East Sussex Bridge Club

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## Newsletter

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*A very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful Christmas to  
all our Members*

### *Christmas Closures*

*The Club will be closed on the following dates:*

*Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December*

*Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December and*

*Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December*

### *There will be bridge on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December*

*The Supervised Play sessions on Friday afternoons are proving very popular, largely because of the "Experts" who are giving up their time to mentor those who are less experienced than themselves. A huge THANK YOU to Liz Bornecrantz, Bruce Carrison, Richard Dewe, Carol Morrison and John Revell. If there is anyone else out there who would like to join the "Experts Team" please have a word with me. The Supervised Play Sessions will be 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December and then 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January. They are held at the Tennis Club start time 1.30 pm until approximately 3.30 pm.*

### **Stratification Upgrades for December**

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

Paul Williams	Mike Wood	Richard Dewe
John Revell	John Clark	Lynne Bayes
Rod Bayes	Alan Townson	Christine Williams
Tony Dwiar	Rosamond Palmer	Gary Manley

### **Master Point Promotions for October**

**Congratulations to Peter Preedy who has been promoted to a Master Player.**

Inspired by last month's ode by Kay Theron, Rosamond Palmer was prompted to put pen to paper with the following

Mildred and Anne are tempting fate, Mildred insists North South is best  
She likes control of the Bridgmate, while Anne's determined to play East West  
My new partner is a total pain, Last session 32% what a disaster  
My NGS has slipped again, along with my dream of becoming a Master  
"Lead out of turn, Director please", Don't lead away from an Ace, that's the lore  
"This Bridgmate's not working, Director please" We agreed 5 card majors you opened with 4  
"Please keep the noise down, people are still at play"  
The MacTavish's are off to a bumpy start, "You should have been counting" he protests  
"You ruffed my master heart". She takes one of her little rests  
"Move for the next round; did you hear me Fay?"  
"You've revoked, Director please" "I had three Aces I had to lead something"  
"I've only got twelve cards, Director please" "You could have made it by finessing your king"  
"I'm giving you an average, there's been enough delay"  
Lionel's spitting tacks, it is good fun, Seven no trumps without any Aces.  
Austin forgot five clubs meant four or none. Steam's escaping from their fuming faces  
Take tea quickly please, we haven't got all day  
And the same members win the cups and wine, but they're getting older, some look quite frail  
And I'm honing my skills by playing on line Cos I wanna bag the bridge Holy Grail

Anyone there you recognise???????????

**Bouquets of flowers along with our best wishes for a speedy recovery have been sent to Sue Hammond and Marilyn Rutherford, both of whom are recovering from major surgery. We hope to see them both back at the bridge table in the New Year when they will be able to drive again.**

**Congratulations to Annabelle Riseborough and Val Hart who were the only pair to bid and make a slam on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November.**

### **December's Outrageous Hand**

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

Oh woe is me!!

Sitting East I had this shapely hand recently. North opened 1♥ and I bid 2NT (the unusual no trump showing at least five cards in both the two lowest unbid suits). South bid 3♥ and my partner replied with 4♣. North/South bid 4♥ and East bid 5♣. North replied with 5♥. A very spirited auction indeed; obviously another magic pack with at least 75 points in it. I deliberated for a short while but decided to pass.

**WRONG.....** two pairs sacrificed into 6♣ for a shared top whereas we had a shared bottom. My excuse.....I had taken an optimistic view on a previous hand and was trying to avoid another bad score

**What would you have done?**