

Congratulations to

The top three winners during April were all above 70% again. Wow. Top of the heap were Bruce Carrison & Liz Bornecrantz with 70.65% on Thursday 11th April. 2nd with 70.60% were Alan Townson & Christine Till on Monday 29th April and in 3rd place was Christine Till (again) this time playing with Marian Bisson on Monday 8th April and their score was 70.45%. Come on you defenders – don't let them get away with it.

Editor's Achievers' Award this month goes to Annette Janes who was third on Monday 1st April with 54.92%. Very well done Annette and two slams bid and made to boot.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

UNFORTUNATELY THERE WILL BE NO BRIDGE ON THURSDAY 23RD MAY DUE TO MEP ELECTIONS.

In the unlikely event that a Brexit deal is agreed in time and the MEP Elections are cancelled then Bridge will be held providing there is enough time to publicise it.....(AND PIGS MAY FLY).....

Please check the web site nearer the time.

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Enjoy your bridge whenever and wherever you play

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Editorial

Reluctantly table money increases this month to £3.50 per member and £4.00 for visitors bringing the afternoon sessions in line with Wednesday evenings. Running costs have all increased this year, namely hall hire, duplimating of boards, printing etc. It has been many years since table money increased and hopefully will be many more before another increase.

Dress Code. As summer is approaching (I think) just a reminder



NO
THANKS



YES
PLEASE

of the

Club's dress code.

Ladies – Capri pants or ankle grazers are fine

Bridgemates etiquette. I have been asked to point out the etiquette of use of the Bridgemates. If you are responsible for the Bridgemate as either North or South, please make the opening lead before attending to the Bridgemate. If you are the verifier (either East or West, once you have satisfied yourself that the entry is correct, please turn the Bridgemate around, flat on the table, so that the other 3 players can read the % and then you can move the screen on so that everyone can see all the other contracts. Very good for practicing your “upside down” reading!!!!

Stratification Upgrades for May

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

Paul Williams	Mike Wood	Alan Townson
John Revell	Betty McKinlay	John Clark
Pat Collings	Christine Till	Patrick Hutley
Richard Dewe	Christine Williams	Lynne Bayes
Rod Bayes	Tony Dwiar	

Bank Holiday Mondays in May

There will be bridge as normal and a host is available on both 6th May and 27th May. Visitors welcome.

Master Point Promotions for March

1 Star Tournament Master	Paul Williams
2 Star Master	Christine Williams
1 Star Master	Vickie Penfold
County Master	Julia Brown
Club Master	Jane Sage

No members of the club were promoted during April

Advance notice – Christmas Party

I have been fortunate enough to secure the Tennis Club for our Christmas Party which will be held on Friday 20th December, start time 6.30pm. This is a little closer to Christmas than I would have liked but was the only free evening we could hire the hall, so hopefully by giving you lots of notice you can mark your diaries accordingly. List to put your names on will be available from end of October. It will follow the usual format with some "silly bridge" and a finger buffet, not to mention one of my devilish quizzes.

Records seem to be being set on a regular basis.

Raquel Berdichevsky who has recently moved to this area partnered one of the Improvers, David Roberts, and they managed to clock up THREE slams during the afternoon of 4th April. Now Raquel is obviously a **very** experienced player but as I tell my students, one player can drag a pair down to the bottom but to do well it takes two of you. I will obviously have to have another category for End of Year Prizes, namely the most number of slams bid in any one session. Very well done Raquel and David. One other pair bid one of the slams but the rest of the players remained rooted in games or part scores. Did I overdo the Valium in the tea?

Christmas Presents over Easter??

You may remember I was surprised and delighted at the Christmas Party by a collection from members which came in the form of garden centre vouchers, valid at most of the large garden centres. With spring hovering, I took myself off to the Tenterden Garden Centre on Good Friday to find some unusual plants. Below are some of the purchases with grateful thanks to you all.



Having had to replace a trellis, the climbing rose it was supporting was damaged so I was on the look-out for a patio rose which grows to a maximum of 8 feet. Ideally I was looking for a prolific flowering one, preferably in an orange shade. This one ticked all the boxes and it was named "Bridge of Sighs", so it was meant to be. The two blue ceramic pot holders above it were also perfect to replace the previous metal ones which had gone rusty.

Two more exotic purchases, on the left is a Tree Peony in a delightful shade of deep burgundy and on the right a white weigela with very dark green (almost black) leaves called Ebony and Ivory. This in addition to a white maple will be planted in very large blue ceramic pots.

