

Congratulations to

Bruce Carrison and Richard Dewe who topped the leader board with a whopping 74.79% on Wednesday 31st October. In second place was Bruce Carrison again, this time playing with Liz Bornecrantz who managed a “not to be sneezed at” 68.75% on Wednesday 3rd October. Close behind them was Richard Dewe and his partner with 68.13% on Wednesday 17th October. If anyone is able to suggest an additive to the teas and coffees of both Bruce and Richard, then I’m all ears!!!!!!

Editor’s Achievers’ Award this month goes to Annie France-Jackson playing with Bill Fuller who were first on Thursday 18th October with a lovely 64.40%. Our commiserations to Annie who has very recently broken her wrist. The good news is that she hopes to be back at bridge very soon.

My thanks to the team of four representing East Sussex Bridge Club, Bruce Carrison, Liz Bornecrantz, Richard Dewe and Gary Young, who finished mid-way in the 1066 Inter Club Teams on 12th October against a strong field from St. Leonards, Tenterden, Hawkhurst, Bexhill, Cross in Hand, Weald of Kent and Rye Bridge Club.

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Editorial.

Another gentle etiquette reminder – your Score Card in which you lovingly write the system you have agreed with your partner, together with all the conventions and unusual niceties you have decided upon, is there for your opponents to read. Regrettably you MAY NOT look at this yourself during the bidding period. Equally you may not ask your partner if you are playing this convention or that convention during the auction. Please try and remember your system and if either of you get it wrong then please do not tell your partner or the opponents that a mistake has occurred. To do so could cause the director to award an adjusted score against you.

Another little known fact is that after your partner’s opening bid a double jump bid from yourself above the 3NT level (i.e. 1NT Pass 4♣) is actually alertable.

Wednesday Evening Bridge Sessions.

For those of you who have not read the notice on the Home Page of the web site, the Wednesday evening players have voted to keep the sessions going but to increase the table money to £3.50 for members and £4.00 for visitors. We are not out of the woods yet as the Senior Citizens Club have ceased to employ their resident Steward so from December onwards I am not sure what will happen regarding teas and coffees and our normal Christmas Party which we hold there. Unfortunately the Tennis Club is not available on a Wednesday evening.

Stratification Upgrades for November

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

Paul Williams	Mike Wood	Rosamund Palmer
John Revell	Richard Dewe	John Clark
Christine Williams	Alan Townson	Patrick Hutley
	Lynne Bayes	Rod Bayes
Tony Dwiar		Kate Mullaney

*I am indebted to Mary Varela who found this oh so truthful bridge poem
by Kay Theron*

*We play it for our pleasure, we play it with great zest, and we think and
plan and cogitate as though 'twere life and death*

*And yes the game is bridge, and I love to play it's true, but when my partner
frowns at me I wonder what to do*

*I didn't lead her suit, I know it was a sin, but what about my Ace of Trumps?
I knew that that would win.*

*I can see she isn't happy, In fact she looks quite mad, I'll lead my ten of
diamonds.....well now she's really sad*

*I think my teeth are clenched my smile is not sincere. I didn't have her
wretched suit, you'd think that that was clear.*

*The opposition's smiling, their tricks are coming fast, oh good! They've
played my partner's suit, they've trumped, Oh Damn - Oh Blast.*

*We could have got them down, she says; she's smiling, quite restrained,
she's lecturing me gently but I know the mood is feigned*

*She's mad, she's cross, she's agro, her cheeks are all aflame, I return her
crooked smile.... I know I'm not to blame*

*I'd really like to punch her, instead because I'm tame, I grit my teeth and
take a breath.....Thank God it's just a game*

Master Point Promotions for September
3 Star Regional Master **Bruce Carrison**
Area Master **Sue Hammond**
Marion Nicholls
Local Master **Anne Topp**

November's Unfortunate Hand

Most books dealing with basic Acol for Beginners and Improvers recommend that an opening of 2NT should not contain a singleton or void, even if the singleton is an Ace. This is certainly what I have taught for the past twenty years and I have to say I mostly stick to that advice myself, with only the odd deviation which sometimes works as my partner will produce a four card or better suit to match my singleton. Sadly, however, for the unfortunate South with the hand below who opened 2NT and whose partner raised to 3NT, a spade lead resulted in going three off.

♠ 5	
♥ K1092	
♦ KJ106	
♣ J865	
♠ J872	♠ KQ109643
♥ 754	♥ Q86
♦ Q74	♦ 9
♣ 943	♣ 107
	♠ A
	♥ AJ3
	♦ A8532
	♣ AKQ2

To add insult to injury the print-out of the hand maintained that both North or South could make 7♣, 7♦, 7♥, or 7NT. I was somewhat puzzled by this so had a closer look and YES, with the benefit of hindsight and "double dummy" providing you take the heart finesse the "wrong way round", i.e. North to South, 13 tricks are indeed there to be had. What a silly game this is.....