

## *Congratulations to*

*Alan Townson & John Clark who topped the Leader Board for September with a whopping 68.47% on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. In second place were Bruce Carrison & Liz Bornecrantz with a lovely 68.06% on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Very, very close behind them was the scratch pairing of Brian Cook & Nigel Allen with 67.99% on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Very well done everyone.*

*Editor's Achievers' Awards this month goes to another scratch pairing of Julia Brown and Fran Candy who were second on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September with 58.75%. Tremendous result girls.*

### ***Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October***

#### ***Really Easy Blue Pointed Charity Swiss Pairs***

***At Horntye Sports Centre Hastings only for members with an NGS ranking of 7 or below***

***Organised by East Sussex and St. Leonards Bridge Clubs***

***1066 Inter Club Teams being held at Tenterden Bridge Club***

***On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00.***

#### ***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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### **Patrick Hutley and Josie Boryn**

*Winners of the Lord  
Newton Link Walk held  
at East Sussex Bridge  
Club on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>  
September*

*I think we all enjoyed entertaining our visitors from the Lord Newton Link Walk who are linking all the clubs in Sussex on foot. Thank you to you all who contributed to their "begging bowl". We donated £124.00 to their charities of Alzheimers Research and Youth Bridge in Sussex and a very well done to Patrick and Josie who were the winners on the day and were presented with mementoes of the occasion. If you would like to read the report from Andy Ryder it may be found at [www.sccbba.co.uk](http://www.sccbba.co.uk).*

*Editorial. A couple of gentle reminders on two points of etiquette. Firstly, it is a requirement of the EBU that the board you are playing MUST remain on the table in the correct position whilst it is being played. This is a very sensible law as it is designed to prevent the cards being placed in the wrong slots when play has finished. Mostly, when this happens the board is deemed to be fouled and has to be withdrawn from the session unless an eagle-*

*Editorial continued* eyed player spots the error at the next table, usually by means of an unusual score on the bridgemate and calls the attention of the director to it.

*I would also like to reiterate, as I have done many times before, that you may not enquire the nature of an opponent's bid UNTIL it is your turn to bid. Asking your partner to ask is neither ethical or allowed. Basically, unless you are intending to bid you do not need to know what your opponents' bids mean until the end of the auction. So please, please, please, save your questions until bidding has finished and your partner has selected their opening lead and placed it on the table FACE DOWN and asks you "any questions" – at which point you may have any or all of the opponents' bids clarified. Of course, if you are on lead, you may ask BEFORE you select your opening lead.*

#### Master Point Promotions for August

Advanced Master

Kate Mullaney

Master

Brian Cook

#### Stratification Upgrades for October

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

Paul Williams

John Clark

Rosamund Palmer

Mike Wood

Tony Dwiar

John Revell

Richard Dewe

Lynne Bayes

Rod Bayes

Christine Williams

Patrick Hutley

Pat Collings

Alan Townson

Kate Mullaney

The Team representing the club in the annual 1066 Inter Club Teams Competition comprises Bruce Carrison, Liz Bornecrantz, Richard Dewe and Gary Young. We wish them every success.

#### October's Lucky Hand

It doesn't matter how skilled a player one might be I'm a firm believer there are lucky and unlucky players and this hand proves my point.

♠ A83

♥ K5

♦ Q986

♣ K642

♠ 7

♥ 864

♦ AK732

♣ AQ75

♠ KQJT964

♥ AQJ73

♦ Void

♣ 9

♠ 52

♥ T92

♦ JT54

♣ JT83

Here, East/West found themselves in the totally unmakeable 6NT contract. South was on lead and with no obvious clues from the bidding had a choice of leading two virtually similar suits, i.e. diamonds or clubs. Poor South chose the diamonds.....Quelle dommage!!

#### Supervised Play and Ask sessions

A good number of you have expressed interest in the above so I will contact you all individually with full details. However, I am looking for three patient souls to come along (free of charge) to partner the three beginners who will be attending to help them along. Please let me know if you can help.

#### Wednesday Evening Bridge Sessions.

Again, thank you to all of you who are making the effort to come and play on a Wednesday evening. Numbers did improve slightly during September so let's see what happens in October.