

Congratulations to

John Clark and Inez Richards who achieved the highest % of the month with an obscene 71.47% on Monday 16th January. On the same day Edward Wallbutton & Chris Bond had a cracking 68.75% and in 3rd place were two of our most senior ladies, Molly Bryant and Barbara Jack who had a wonderful 67.82%. Well done everyone, very high scores this month.

Editor's Achievers of the Month go to John Cant and Vicki Hodnett who came 4th on Monday 23rd January with 57.05%. Not bad for a scratch partnership! Congratulations to you both.

Dates for your Diary

There will be NO HOST on Monday 2nd April or Monday 14th May.

If anyone would like to volunteer to be a host on either of those days it would be much appreciated.

A gentle reminder. Membership subscriptions are now due. Cost £15.00. It would be helpful if you could pay by cheque.

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whenever and wherever you play*

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Winners Gallery

Inez Richards who emerged as the winner of the Yearly Combined Scores with 56.54% over 86 sessions during the year. Now that's what I call being consistent.



John Clarke was the leader of the Monday afternoons and received the Monday cup for achieving 58.91% over 42 sessions. Still on top form John!

The Improvers Trophy was very deservedly won by Bill Pender who improved his average by a massive 5.42% from 2010. Mind you I think his regular partner, Barbara Hinnigan might have contributed a bit as well! But it takes two to do well.



With apologies that Thursday Afternoon averages are not yet available, but I am awaiting to award the new Thursday Rose Bowl to the winner.

Answers to January's Puzzle

♠ Q 5
♥ K 8 3
♦ K J 7 3
♣ A J T 4

A K J 8 4 3
7
9 6 2
9 6 3

T 2
J T 9
Q T 8 5 4
K 8 2

♠ 9 7 6
♥ A Q 6 5 4 2
♦ A
♣ Q 7 5

South is in 4♥ after West opened the bidding with 2♠ (weak showing a 6 card suit and 5 - 9 points).

West leads the Ace, King and a third spade with East playing high-low. How are you going to make your contract?

For the declarer whose glass is always half full and hopes the trumps break 2-2 you will be sadly disappointed. If you take the pessimistic view of a 3-1 break in trumps, suggested by the bidding you cannot avoid losing either a trump trick or an overruff. With West having shown 8 points so far East must hold K♣ so will you go for a squeeze or an endplay?

The endplay is the better option. Ruff the third spade high (K♥) and cash the top two trumps. Cash A♦ and exit with a trump; East will be forced to play into one of dummy's tenaces thus taking care of your club loser.



The Ken Latty Memorial Trophy for the period September to December for Thursday afternoons was won by our dynamic duo of Felix Franks and Brian Bestley who make a very good partnership. Well done boys.

February's Puzzle

			♥	A				
		♦	J			♥		Q
		Q		K				J
NT						♣	K	
				♦				
	J	A						♦
K				NT		J		
A		♥			J	K		
				♥	♠			

Improvers Classes. Conventions.. I will be covering DABs and Fourth Suit Forcing (the former useful when the opponents intervene and you want to be in no trumps) on Friday 10th February, Transfers (used after partner opens with 1NT) on Friday 24th February and Unassuming Cue Bids (useful to find out if partner's overcall was strong or not) on Friday 9th March. Please come along if you are interested to the Cooden venue. Time 1.30 to 3.30 pm. Cost is £7.00 per lesson

An Interesting Fact. The Tunbridge Wells Bridge Club ran a quiz over Christmas presenting 6 sets of boards, 3 of which had been computer generated and the remaining 3 hand shuffled, asking members to stipulate which was which. Out of the entries, only 14% got it right!

Don't forget - if your partner does not follow suit you may now check with them that they have not revoked - there have been quite a few revokes this month and they are easily prevented if you check with your partner.