Congratulations to

Inez Richards and her partner who achieved the highest % of the month with 71.69 on Wednesday 7th December. In 2nd place were Vi Boniface and Gary Manley with 65.80% on Thursday 8th December and extremely close behind in 3rd place was Gary Manley (again) this time partnering Mike Ayres and their % was 65.47%. Well done everyone.

Editor's Achievers of the Month go to Nicola Koe and Eileen Fone who achieved 57.20% on Monday 12th December. Well done girls.

With apologies but there is NO BRIDGE on Thursday 2nd February.

Regrettably there will be no host on Monday 6th February. Please contact Barbara by 31st January if you would like to play and require a partner.

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Barbara Herold, Patrick Hutley, Hilary Levett and Alan Miley,

Enjoy your bridge

whenever and wherever you play

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Editorial

Best wishes for a very Happy and healthy New Year to you all.

I have received some complaints about the computer generated boards, the main ones being that they are fixed and are too difficult to play. The former is not true as they are randomly generated, and whilst some of the hands may be thought-provoking, similar hand patterns are often generated with boards that are hand shuffled. However, offsetting the complaints, I have had an equal number of players who like them and enjoy being able to look at the hands afterwards on the web site.

In view of this I will continue to supply these duplimated boards on alternate afternoon sessions as before; that way I may please some of you some of the time. However, only duplimated boards will be used on Wednesday evenings.

The Bridgemates will continue to be used at all sessions I am present at.

To the anonymous person/persons who accused me (through a third party) of only wanting to use these boards so I could look at them in advance and get better results *continued over*

January's Puzzle

♠ Q 5
♥ K 8 3
♦ K J 7 3
♣ A J T 4

♠ 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?

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through prior knowledge, I would say if you are not prepared to say these slanderous allegations to my face then please don't say them at all.

On a happier note, the EBU's club magazine, Club Focus, printed the article published in the Hastings Observer a little while ago which features our club and St. Leonards Bridge Club. There is also a rather nice picture of some of our more senior ladies. A copy of it is available for you to read.

Answers to DECEMBER'S PUZZLE - WORLD'S EASIEST QUIZ!

1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last? 116 Years
2) Which country makes Panama hats? Ecuador
3) From which animal do we get cat gut? Sheep and horses
4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution? November
5) What is a camel's hair brush made of? Squirrel fur
6) The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal? Dogs
7) What was King George VI's first name? Albert
8) What colour is a purple finch? Crimson
9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from? New Zealand
10) What is the colour of the black box in a commercial airplane? Orange of course!

Well done to Pat Neate who got all the answers right. A small prize is on its way to you Pat.

There are new Improvers classes starting on Friday 6th January. Whilst primarily these will be Play & Ask, I will be teaching some of the more useful conventions such as DABs, Fourth Suit Forcing, Transfers and Unassuming Cue Bids. If anyone would like to come along just to learn some or all of these please let me know and I will give you the dates. Cost is £7.00 per lesson

A Bidding Box Rule.
Q. How long should bids remain on the table?
A. Until the auction has ended and the opening lead has been faced and all explanations have been obtained.

If an opponent puts them away prematurely you can ask him to display them, sigh heavily or both as you choose!