

Congratulations to

Judy Stewart and Tessa Leonard who achieved the highest % of the month with 69.35% on Wednesday 17th August. Hot on their heels were John Clark and Inez Richards with 68.39% on Monday 15th August and they were very closely followed by Eileen Pavey & Kathy Genders with 67.92% on Thursday 4th August. Good to see all 3 sessions were represented this month. Editor's Achievers of the Month goes to Lesley Gould playing with Marion Bisson - they were 2nd on Monday 8th August with 56.15%. A special mention to Paula Abbey who was top on Thursday 11th August with 60.08% after spending a few weeks in the doldrums. Well done everybody.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 7th September

Welsh Sim Pairs

Wednesday 12th October

British Sim Pairs

Both are Green Pointed. Cost will be £6.00

Children in Need Sim Pairs

Wednesday 16th November

Club Directors:

Diana Cooper, Barbara Herold, Patrick Hutley, Paul Janes, Hilary Levett and Alan Miley,

Enjoy your bridge

whenever and wherever you play

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Newsletter

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Editorial

August has seen us all (myself included) getting much more comfortable with the Bridgemates and we have been able to do away with travellers altogether. I have managed to resolve the one problem I had of correcting the input of a wrong name or EBU number, so if this happens to you, please shout for the director and it will be put right.

My novice duplicate sessions end this month and some of the players will be attending on a Thursday afternoon. I know you will make them feel very welcome and be tolerant of their hesitancy. As always, the novice players will be treated with extreme leniency by the director for any wrongdoings.

Recently, regretfully, there have been two Monday sessions where I have not been available to host. Fortunately this does not often happen, but if any of you out there would be prepared to be a host in the future for the odd time I cannot be there, I'm sure everyone would be most grateful.

I am indebted to Ted Weare for his analysis of passed out hands which I have printed in its entirety. I found it most interesting and it definitely made me re-think my normal policy of bidding with 11 points, especially in the 4th position.

Answer to August's Puzzle

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

Well done to Vi Boniface who presented me with the correct answer. Sorry it took up so much of your time Vi! Also well done to John Hunt, again a correct answer

Passed Out Hands - courtesy of Ted Weare.

I extracted from my files that I had played 3134 hands at ESBC in the last 18 Months to 30th June 2011 of which 15 had been passed out, but many deals were reshuffled. I averaged 57.68% and only 2 were under 50%.

Assuming a passed-out hand, there are only 4 distributions:-

11 11 11 7, 11 11 10 8, 11 11 9 9, 11 10 10 9

Occasionally there is a bad 12 hcps with a dearth of 8,9 and 10 cards

At the best declarer has a maximum of 22 points. Worse still. his partner will bid unless the opposition bid, and it is difficult to make 1 no trump or 2 of a suit **continued over**

Passed out Hands continued

As the original opener I bid 1 of a 5 card respectable suit, providing I have no more than 7 losers.

In second or third seat, I do not call clubs or diamonds and hope to bid 1 spade or heart; again with a respectable 5 card suit and not more than 7 losers. I never open with 11 hcps in the 4th seat.

Maybe I am being conservative, but results support this strategy.

Masterpoint Promotions July and August

Advanced Master - Claire Weston & Chris Bond

District Master - Richard Beauprez, Pam Cooper, Peter Easton, Rosemary Easton & Carol Hutley

Area Master - Kate Mullaney & Christine Palmer

Club Master - Barbara Draper & Judy Stewart

Local Master - Vicki Hodnett

September's Puzzle

Location, Location, Location!

♠ J T 9
♥ Q 9 7 2
♦ K J T 9
♣ K J

♠ 7 6
♥ A K J T 8 6 5 3
♦ Void
♣ T 8 7

The bidding has gone

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	4♥

All pass

You have potentially 4 losers here depending on where the K♣ is. West leads the K, Q and 5 of spades with Declarer trumping East's Ace. Is there a way of locating the K♣ to make the contract?