

Congratulations to

Some high scores again this month but not as high as last month. In pole position were Bruce Carrison and Liz Bornecrantz with 69.37% on Wednesday 28th August, in second place was Pat Collings and her partner with 68.71% on Wednesday 14th August and in third place was Richard Dewe and his partner with 68.65% on Wednesday 21st August. Sorry all you Monday and Thursday players.

Editor's Achievers' Awards this month go to husband and wife team Jane and Richard Sage who were first on Thursday 1st August with 63.89%. Well done Richard, you'll be allowed out again!! A special mention to a scratch partnership of Sue Wright and Di Saunders when neither of their expected partners turned up and they were second on Thursday 29th August with 56.02%. Well done everyone.

Dates for your Diary

SCCBA Worthing Welcome Pairs

Sunday 22nd September

SCCBA Autumn Congress

12th & 13th October at Patcham

SCCBA Ladies Pairs 20th October at Patcham

SCCBA Basic Bridge Pairs at East Grinstead

Entry forms are available at the Club

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Editorial

DIRECTOR PLEASE!!

There are many reasons to call the director ranging from asking the director to stop your partner harassing you to finding at the end of play that one player has one card less or more than everyone else.

A director's life is seldom dull.....

One of the most disappointing reasons is arriving at a table to find that one player had made an insufficient bid and when told by the other players of the infringement (or realising it for themselves) promptly changes their incorrect bid to a pass, at which point the director is then called.

Sadly when the director hears what has happened he/she has no choice but to rule the offending player's partner must then stay silent for the rest of the auction (Law 27 C) whereas if the director had been called before the offending player had changed their insufficient bid, in the majority of instances a ruling would be made that would allow the auction to continue without penalties. So please call the director as soon as you notice something amiss. In addition, a little known fact is that dummy MAY NOT call for the director whilst a hand is in play. So for example, as dummy if you think a revoke occurred then memorise the offending trick, leave your cards face down at the end and then say that you think a revoke occurred at Trick (whatever) and if you are correct the director may then be called.

Stratification Upgrades for September

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

Paul Williams	Raquel Berdichevsky	Mike Wood
John Revell	Betty McKinlay	Richard Dewe
John Clark	Alan Townson	Lynne Bayes
Rod Bayes	Norman Taylor	

Master Point Promotions for August are not yet available.

The annual 1066 Teams Competition for all local clubs is being held on Friday 27th September. This year the Club is represented by Bruce Carrison and Raquel Berdichevsky, Liz Bornecrantz and Peter Carbutt. Lots of luck to them.

Get well soon wishes to Marilyn Rutherford who underwent surgery at the end of August and to Vicky Penfold who was also admitted to hospital at the end of August. Marilyn hopes to be back to bridge very soon and Nigel will keep me informed as to Vicky's progress.

Question: Is it alright if I use Stayman and I don't have a 4 card major?
Answer: Yes, perfectly ok. Called Non-Promissory Stayman. Usual criterion applies – you need to know what your next bid will be whatever your partner replies, e.g. either no trumps if you have 11 or more points and perhaps a singleton or void in one of the majors or 3♣ if you are weak and have a 6 card club suit

September's Interesting Hand

♠ AK85	N/S vulnerable	Dealer West
♥ 3	Talk about a car-crash of a hand for defenders.....This hand was spotted by an eagle-eyed player who asked me how it was that the computer print-out stated 8 tricks in hearts were available to East or West and yet the board was played 8 times with every single East/West making 9, 10 or even 11 tricks. Had the board been fouled he wondered? Having played the board myself I was able to recall the defence and assume that something similar happened at the other tables. North/South had competed in spades but few had pushed East/West beyond the 3 level.	
♦ 10843		
♣ Q1092		
♠ Q	♠ J76	
♥ AQ976542	♥ K8	
♦ 7	♦ KJ952	
♣ J53	♣ K87	
♠ 109432		
♥ J10		
♦ AQ6		
♣ A64		
North led ♠A and even though declarer played the Queen at Trick 1, continued with the King, thus promoting the Jack in dummy upon which declarer was able to discard his losing diamond. My defenders then compounded their felony by playing their ♦A after they won with ♣A. Poor North then discarded a club on my never-ending heart squeeze, despite my having shown out in both spades and diamonds. The moral of this story for all defenders is firstly "if you think declarer may have played a singleton on your opening lead of an Ace, don't automatically play the King, change the suit to one in which you think your partner may be able to win so they can lead your original suit back to you" and secondly "if you are defending a trump contract and declarer forces you to make multiple discards on a long suit, discard the cards in suit or suits you know he is trumping and keep all the cards you can in the remaining suit or suits".		