

Thanks to all that played on Thursday 12th December and sorry for the delay in getting these results out as I was out all afternoon and evening after the session. We had a full 12 tables and as usual played 9 rounds of 2 board per round.

There are lots of boards I could comment on this week and as I was short of time I provided a very brief summary in my usual email. This is the extended report (with a couple of corrections) which is available on our websites see www.radlettu3a.org.uk/duplicate_results or on www.bridgewebs.com/radlettu3a under Results -> Results Reports.

Board 4 – the first of the slam hands today as NS can make 6C, 6H or 6NT. One pair bid and made 6NT and another bid and made 6H. The rest of the pairs were in 3NT or 5C, most making 12 or 13 tricks.

Board 6 – 6D or 6NT are on for EW here. No one bid a slam with most people staying in 3NT, a couple of whom made 12 tricks.

Board 11 – 6C and 6H are on for NS here. Again no one bid a slam, though several made game in 3NT and 4H.

Board 12 – 6C, 6H, 6NT and 7S are all on for NS here. Several pairs bid and made 6NT, one pair even bid and made 7NT which shouldn't make.

Board 15 – another slam hand for NS who can make 6H, 6S or 6NT. Every pair was in a spade contract with most making 12 tricks. Two pairs bid and made 6S.

Board 16 - after all the slams this is a very flat hand with no one having more than 11 points and no contract higher than the 1 level that should be made. Not surprisingly it was passed out at most tables. It is always difficult to stay at the one level however on two tables North bid and made 1H giving them clear tops.

Board 19 – 6C is on for EW here and two pairs bid it, both making an overtrick.

Board 21 – another slam hand for EW who can make 6C, 6D or 6NT. Here no one bid a slam though a few made 12 tricks in diamond or NT contracts.

There were some comments by EW about them having poor hands this week and to some extent that was true with the average points for NS being 21 and EW across the 24 boards. However as you can see from the above the available slam split was only 4-3 to NS.

There are other interesting hands and results and as always you can see the hands, scorecards, ideal contracts and the 'play it again' option as well as many other statistics on our BridgeWebs site, www.bridgewebs.com/radlettu3a.

So to the results for this week.

<i>Pos</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Players</i>	<i>Match Points</i>	<i>Tops</i>	<i>Score %</i>
1	2	Jeffrey Calvert & John Whiting	219	288	76.04

2	7	Marlene & Danny Goldstein	198	288	68.75
3	14	Ruth Green & Sandra Frankfurt	188	288	65.28
4	13	Charles & Ruth Sigler	186	288	64.58
5	1	Sandra Solomon & Gary Harding	185	288	64.24
6	23	Valerie Newman & Joan England	171	288	59.38
7	5	Linda & Melvyn Bloomfield	158	288	54.86
8=	8	Richard Kirk & Joyce Marston	154	288	53.47
8=	20	Di & Frank Hoeksma	154	288	53.47
10	6	Jill Rouso & Sheila Samuels	145	288	50.35
11	10	Tony Hyams & Pamela Kanter	142	288	49.31
12	24	Phillipa & Sandy Aspis	140	288	48.61
13	19	Christine Essex & Duncan Moffat	138	288	47.92
14	11	Jackie Cohen & Chris Parkin	137	288	47.57
15=	15	Amanda Cheek & Catherine Treves Brown	135	288	46.88
15=	18	Marilyn Rose & Sue Upstone	135	288	46.88
17	22	Stephen & Vicki S	129	288	44.79
18	16	Barry & Helen Jacobs	126	288	43.75
19	4	Harvey & Maureen Singler	121	288	42.01
20	3	Mehri Smyth & Jacqueline Garber	116	288	40.28
21	9	Anthea & Anthony Brick	109	288	37.85
22	17	Elaine & Stephen Forman	93	288	32.29
23	21	Stephen & Vivien Summers	89	288	30.90
24	12	Adrienne Cohen & Ros Jackson	88	288	30.56

As usual very close at various points in the table with ties for 8th and 15th places and only 1 or 2 MPs (less than 1%) separating several other places. Congratulations go to Jeffrey Calvert & John Whiting, again winners this week.

This was our last session for this year so may I take this opportunity to wish you all a great festive season whatever you celebrate, be that the Winter Solstice, Hanukkah, Christmas or the calendar New Year (there may also be other things you wish to celebrate as well!).

We will play 3 times in January 2020 on the 9th, 23rd and 30th (these are all included in the current 'term') and twice in February on the 13th and 27th. If you have not already done so it would be useful if you could let me know if you want to play on these dates or not.

I will also remind season ticket holders that I will start taking payments for next term (February to June 2020) from the 9th January.

Sandra and I would also like to thank you all for your wonderful presents we received yesterday.

Regards,
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