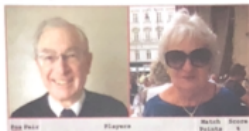


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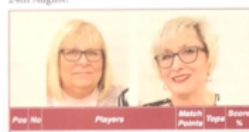
The EBU's terrific tech team has pulled together great facts and figures showing the amazing feats some players achieved in 2022.

The top scoring pair at sessions with three or more tables was achieved by Michael Clydesdale & Bettie Sweet who scored a whopping 89.58% at Dry Drayton Duplicate Club on a 12-board session in mid-June. Even more incredible – the pair had never played together before.



1. 2 Michael Clydesdale & Bettie Sweet 83/ 48 89.58

While almost touching 90% is a remarkable feat, it is easier to score highly on fewer boards so our congratulations also go to Carol Brocklehurst & Sharon Bayne who achieved a heroic 85% in a 24-board session played at Broadstairs Bridge Club on 24th August.



1. 8 Carol Brocklehurst & Sharon Bayne 88 80 85.00

In all, 98 pairs managed to score 80%+ in sessions with 12+ boards, and this fell to just 44 pairs in sessions with 20+ boards, so if you were one of the pairs that managed this – you're in rare company!

How about the biggest gain on a pair's expected grade, based on their NGS? Neil Chisman & Graham Cheetham scored 38 over par in an online EBU Fast Game on 21st July.

And if there has to be a biggest gain, there has to be a biggest drop ... We won't name and shame, but the biggest NGS drop of the year by a mature



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partnership was -37.08 against par on a 12-board session. (*Eek! I wonder if that was me ... Ed*)

The strongest sessions of the year by Strength of Field (SOF) were:

Rank	Event	SOF
1	Premier League Division 1	65.17
2	Crockfords Cup	64.54
3	Senior European Trials	63.87
4	European Mixed Teams Trials	63.80
5	Teltcher Trophy 2023 Trials	63.79

Outside of national events, by far the strongest bridge was played in the Super League, organised by the Young Chelsea Bridge Club in London. The strength of field was 62.85.

The strongest club session was a five-table Monday Pairs session, also played at the Young Chelsea with a strength of field of 61.00. In fact the Young Chelsea achieved the top seven slots for club pairs. The strongest club session that wasn't played at the Young Chelsea was enjoyed by Tunbridge Wells Bridge Club on a Tuesday evening pairs with a strength of field of 59.96.

Spare a thought for BBO's robots who played in 27,613 sessions – a total of 423,148 graded boards. Robots have been in the winning partnership in 2,522 distinct games. In reality they have won more as some clubs scrub the robot scores. The robots earned 294,467 local points, 191 blue points and 449 green points. *Advanced BBO Bot A*, who plays far more than its friends, is now a 96 Star Premier Tournament Master. It needs to focus on getting more Green Points to move through the Master Point ranks. Their NGS grades fluctuate quite a bit, but are most commonly a queen. Rohan Bagshaw achieved the highest score with a robot: 85.42% in a 12-board game. ☐