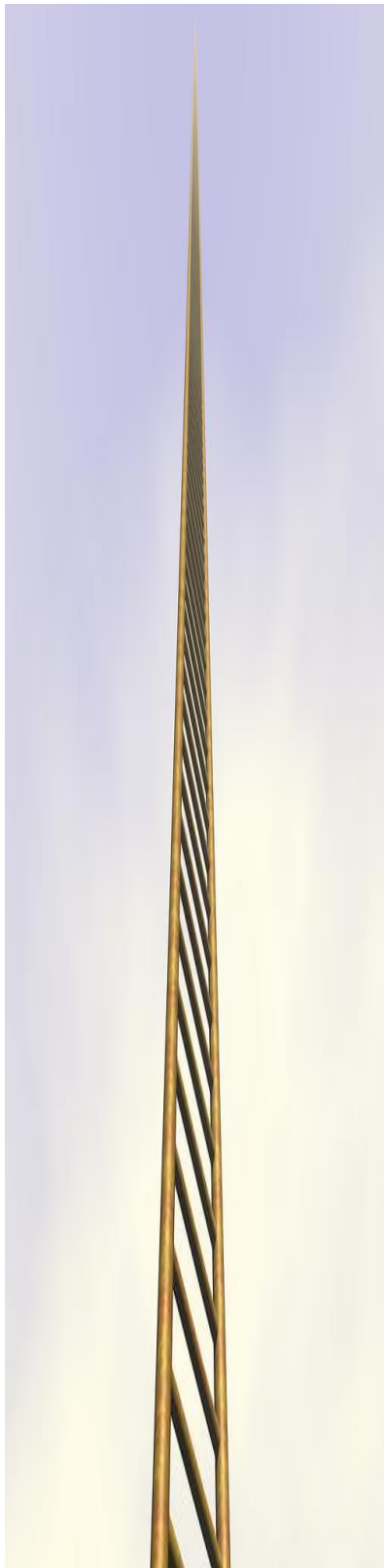


# CLIMBING THE MASTERPOINT LADDER



When you play in club events you will notice that the top third of the field have masterpoints awarded. What are they? What do you do with them? Can you cash them in? (sorry no cash value!)

Masterpoints are a way that the WBU (and other bridge Unions) recognise your achievements in bridge. Over the course of your bridge career the total builds and as it does you rise up the ranks.

You don't need to do anything with them – they are automatically credited to your WBU masterpoint account.

The numbers awarded for club nights depend on how many pairs are playing with seven tables the top award is 30 but if there are 11 tables it is 48.

The first step on the ladder is **LOCAL MASTER** which takes 100 local points (these are the sort that the club awards).

Once you have reached this you are on your way to the next rung **CLUB MASTER** at 200 local points and then it's onward and upward to **AREA MASTER** at 500 points.

These early steps seem to take an age to attain but keep going – play in club duplicates and when you are ready try a novice (No Fears) or a Simultaneous Pairs event, (look on the Cardiff Bridge Club website for upcoming events) – they are a great way to boost your total and propel you up the ladder.

The steps continue:

<b>DISTRICT MASTER</b>	1,000
<b>COUNTY MASTER</b>	2,500
<b>MASTER</b>	5,000
<b>ADVANCED MASTER</b>	7,500
<b>1 STAR MASTER</b>	10,000

And then you add a star for each 5,000 up to

<b>5 STAR MASTER</b>	30,000
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There are two other sorts of Master Points

**BLUE POINTS** are awarded at some special club and county events, and at Regional and National events that are not of sufficient status to merit Green Points

**GREEN POINTS** are awarded for County Major Championships, and at Regional and National events of sufficiently high status.