

# OXFORDSHIRE BRIDGE

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## Fancy some bridge? Played out in Bali?

This month in Bali (16-29 Sept) the world's top teams events unfold - the **Bermuda Bowl** (open) and the **Venice Cup** (women) - allowing you to marvel online at the play of our England teams, which you via your club fees have helped to fund.

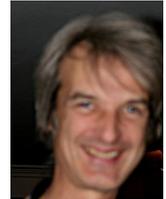
Our open team includes **Andrew Robson**, popular in Oxon for his workshops.

Our women include ex-OBA player, **Susan Stockdale** (see newsletter 14).

Check the daily bulletins from Bali, free, via [www.ebu.co.uk](http://www.ebu.co.uk).

Gasp, groan or grin at how the experts play.

I'm sure you'll learn and enjoy. — *David Bygott*



### Some winners

Belated congratulations to **Wallingford A** on retaining their **Wessex League** title, and to all teams that got promoted. At the **Scarborough** summer congress **Kathy & Denis Talbot** came a fine 1st/160 in a tough Swiss Pairs (despite the 84th board of the event, see right).

Many congratulations too to the winners of our prize quiz in issue 21.

(Answers: Hideous Hog, church, 40 minutes)

**Nick Smith** (*Oxford Times* bridge columnist and a selector of our **England stars in Bali**) wins a signed copy of *All Fall Down* by novelist **Sally Nicholls** while **Lyn Arnold**, wins a meal for two at the award-winning **Great Western Arms**.

<http://www.great-westernarms.co.uk/>

To win your signed copy of Sally's novel ("a terrific story," *the Telegraph*) guess **where** your *Ed* was when he snapped this scene. (Send answer to address on p. 2)



### Scarborough, board 84

With a joint count of 15hcp you risk aiding oppo if you reveal your shape, yet a swift 'barrage' may hinder oppo. The last board (of 12 x 7) saw **S** as dealer, E/W **vul**. Should E/W compete? If so, how high? To 2♠? To 4♠?

West	East
♠ KJ83	♠ AQ9752
♥ K8643	♥ Q92
♦ 3	♦ 85
♣ T93	♣ 64

After **Kathy** (S) opened and **Denis** responded, E/W quickly bid 4♠. Elsewhere **Summertown BC's Steph & Steven Bliss** opened 1♣ and their E/W kept low. **Steph & Steven** used the space well to explore and reach a making 6♦.

**Kathy & Denis**, with no room to investigate, faced a guess. They judged to settle for 5♦+1 (a poor score) but still won the event.

Of course a barrage won't pay off every day, but how would **you** have fared as N/S? Imagine you are S, dealer, your fave partner is N.

South	North
♠ 4	♠ T6
♥ AJT5	♥ 7
♦ 762	♦ AKQJT94
♣ KQJ72	♣ A85

Does S open? If E overcalls and W bumps to 4♠, can **you & your pard** bid safely to 6♦?

## More congratulations

Results from **Wallingford BC**'s much enjoyed **Swiss Pairs** on Sunday 1 September:

1 **Gascoyne/Squires**; 2 Quainton/Keep; 3= Carroll/Sadler & Nicholas/Roberts; 5 Wadsworth/Kyle; non-e (9) Cole & Cole.

Oxford BC's **Freddie Illingworth** has won the EBU's Young Player of the Year award.

At the EBU's flagship congress in **Brighton**, **Kathy & Denis Talbot & Beryl Kerr (+1)** won the Seniors Teams. Later, and beaten only by **Zia's** squad, a team with OBA's **Chris Cooper & Ed Jones** came 2nd in the open teams 4Star final, possibly the best EBU cup result by an OBA pair since **S. McPhee & R. Lonsdale's** 2 Star victory in **Bournemouth** in ...

*(Oops, I'm old enough to remember staying to clap, but I can't remember the year. - Ed)*

Find more results at [www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk](http://www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk)

## A tip for defenders

With West as dealer, this hand was played in ♥ by E, in ♠ by S or in NT by N or E. Various declarers netted between 4 and 12 tricks.

	♠ 984	
	♥ T8	
♠ T32	♦ AK976	♠ Q6
♥ 9653	♣ AT7	♥ AQJ4
♦ QJ8		♦ T53
♣ KJ6	♠ AKJ75	♣ Q832
	♥ K72	
	♦ 42	
	♣ 954	

One S declared 3♠. W led ♥9 ("top of nothing") won by E's ♥A. This E had been told always to return partner's suit. But E knows S has ♥K (and ♠Q sits badly) plus dummy's ♦ suit is ominous. On this deal returning a heart is too passive! At trick 2, instead of playing a heart, E can switch and knock out a key entry to dummy. Can you see which suit E must switch to? By switching to it, E can hold declarer to a bare 9 tricks.

But... this E returned a 'loyal' heart. Oh, no! Declarer came to 12 tricks! Can you see how? And see which card in dummy was the entry to the two extra tricks in diamonds?

*Your Ed* is grateful to an OBA county player for this tip: "Partner may not know what the best opening lead is. Always study dummy at trick 1."

## An offer to OBA clubs

**Wantage BC** has 12 *bridgemate pros* that are no longer required. If any club is interested, please contact: [keith.robbs@care4free.net](mailto:keith.robbs@care4free.net)

## Prize Quiz 22

To win a **meal for two** at the ever-popular **Trout Inn** on the edge of Oxford by the Thames **send in the 4 answers.**

1. Bob ... starred in the film **The Road to Bali?**  
**Geldof - Hope - Charity**
2. A show tune from 'South Pacific' is **Bali... ?**  
**High - Higher - Ha'i**
3. The capital of **Bali** is...  
**Badandh - Dunbiddha - Denpasar**
4. Which one wasn't a Mayor of Oxford?  
**Philip the Miller (1214)**  
**Reginald P. Capel (1944)**  
**Richard Whittington (twice)**  
**Nigel Pong Barley (1947)**

Your 4 answers

**(with your EBU no)**

by Friday 4 October

to the Editor or

to the OBA membership secretary:

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Only members of the OBA may win.

**Norman Gascoyne** of Wallingford BC, our issue 14 winner of a meal at **The Trout**, e-mailed *your Ed* to say "What a lovely evening we had. The food and service were superb. Please tell the manager that his staff can be congratulated. We will certainly recommend **The Trout** to all our friends."

(photo: the editor)

