

WHAT THE OBA DOES FOR ITS CLUBS AND MEMBERS

EDUCATION AND DUPLICATE BRIDGE PROMOTION

- publicises learning opportunities within the county
- contributes to costs of training teachers
- advises teachers and clubs on teaching materials
- promotes duplicate bridge within the community
- contributes to costs of training club tournament directors
- provides grants to assist clubs with activities to expand their player numbers

SELECTION AND COUNTY TEAM MANAGEMENT

- selects teams to represent the county
- runs three teams in the Midlands Inter-County League
- enters a team for the Inter-County Championships for the Tollemache Cup
- enters teams in other counties' invitation events
- provides written reviews of performance in inter-county matches
- holds feedback sessions after matches to assist players to learn from their mistakes

COMPETITIONS

- runs the Wessex League, an inter-club team of eight competition, determining the county's representatives in the Garden Cities inter-county competition
- runs the Chester Cup, a social teams of four league played in players' homes
- runs the President's Cup, a team of four knock-out competition, determining the county's representatives in the Pachabo inter-county competition
- runs a County Pairs Championships, determining the county's representatives in the inter-county Corwen Trophy
- runs a Multiple Teams event, The Harwell Cup, determining the county's representatives in its own invitation event, The Beck Cup

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- runs a number of one-day events such as Mens, Ladies and Mixed Pairs, Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams
- with the help of a separate Congress Committee, runs an annual two-day green-pointed Congress
- promotes a number of county evenings with a view to giving those with aspirations to play for the county the opportunity to show their skills against those who already represent the county

YOUTH

- runs Sunday sessions for juniors
- trains teachers and bridge players in how to teach minibridge
- helps schools to find people to teach bridge and minibridge
- organises and supports Oxfordshire's juniors' trips to national junior training weekends

SOCIAL

- runs cafe bridge days from time to time and provides advice and assistance to clubs wishing to do the same
- plans to run an Oxford Bridge Festival aiming to provide an enjoyable experience for players of all standards from beginner to expert mixing together

OTHER

- runs a county website
- publishes a county newsletter
- provides duplimated boards for clubs that do not own their own duplimator
- attends EBU meetings at regional and national level to express our views on the administration of bridge in England

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