

TRUMPIT



Summer 2015

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Your Committee:

Chairman	Colin Jones
Vice Chairman	Norman Gascoyne
Secretary	Jayne Watney
Treasurer	Joan Bennett
Membership Secretary	Lyn Arnold
Committee Members:	Francis Glassborow, John Bird, Pauline Dunn, Peter Finbow, Richard Ford, Yvonne Frost, David Seale, Graham Shaw

Committee members are allocated areas of responsibility and a warm welcome to new members/previously co-opted:

Jayne Watney - our new Secretary

John Bird – our new Wednesday organiser

Graham Shaw – our future Scoring Administrator

Pauline Dunn – Fri afternoon organiser

Dermot Paddon and Roy Newman have resigned from the Committee; thanks were expressed to them and the many others who help to run the club. A special thanks to Gillian Weatherley who resigned as Secretary; our Chairman mentioned his indebtedness for her support and hard work.

Jean Squires has sadly moved from the area and has resigned as Vice President.

Chairman's report summarised as follows:

Another successful year, started with re-introduction of subscriptions. Improvements and repairs have been made to the small room, lighting, heating and car park. Winter car parking remains problematic, stacking and packing generally worked when overflow was not available.

Table numbers remain steady, bolstered with student intake; teaching sessions are crucial to the club's future. Some Friday evenings are poorly attended.

With so many sessions our committee continues to review procedures; scoring is undergoing a review and the role of session organiser has been introduced.

SLOW PLAY

Discussed at the AGM; the clock is a useful tool to keep things moving. Slow pairs must be encouraged to catch up; removing a board and giving them an average minus could help.

BLUE POINTED SWISS PAIRS 13 SEP 2015

Our annual blue pointed event takes place on 13 September 2015. Very popular, so please enter early to avoid disappointment. Entry fee of £12 includes tea and refreshments. Prizes: 1st - £100, 2nd - £60 with £40 for top non-expert pair and 2nd half biggest riser. Start time is 1.30pm with 6 x 6 board matches. Enter online please; any problems contact our organiser Barbara Antrobus

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Our thanks to all those who pay by standing order, it makes collection so much easier. Anyone who has yet to pay, please come forward immediately and offer up your £10.

Cut off date next year for payment of your sub will be 30 April 2016. Visitors' rate of £4 applied from May until you pay.

SCORING

As previously reported, our scoring structure and management has been under review. If a member has a scoring issue, he/she will report it to the scorer, director or session organiser, who, if necessary will refer the problem to Wendy Roderick (or depending on the issue to another appropriate person). A new role of Scoring Administrator has been created to act as a conduit, receiving and passing system updates/information to our scorers. Lyn Arnold is acting Scoring Admin and our new committee member, Graham Shaw is training to take over.

New scorers must be found to meet our future needs. Roger Stammers and Lyn Arnold, our training gurus are keen to hear from anyone who may be willing to give it a try. Please chat to them or any Committee member – your club needs you!

SESSION ORGANISERS

Monday	David Seale
Weds	John Bird
Thurs aft	Roy Newman
Fri aft	Pauline Dunn
Fri eve	Richard Ford

This role was created to manage 2 problem areas:

- 1) to deal with issues and members' concerns not falling directly within the directors' remit and
- 2) to look for opportunities to bring back/involve members who may attend less regularly or have not played for some time

DECLARER – plan the play

You are the dealer (S) and end up in 6♥, with W overcalling 1♠ and E raising to 4♠. W leads Q♠. Plan the play: Solution below.

NORTH

♠ 84
♥ AQ987
♦ K65
♣ 843

SOUTH

♠ A
♥ KJ1065
♦ AJ
♣ AJ1052

PREMISES - PAINTING PARTY

Norman Gascoyne will be organising the painting of the exterior of the building during the summer. He will be looking for volunteers, so if you are handy with a brush, please offer him some help; even a couple of hours will make a difference.

The Village Hall Committee is looking ahead at some stage, to improve the outside cladding and install double glazed windows.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members:

Jane Boszermenyi, Sara Brown, Christopher Clarke, Malcolm Currie, Gaye Kyle, Avril Machiavelli, Alistair Swanson, Sue Waddington & Sarah & David Thomas

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to all our members for their achievements over the past year. In particular congratulations to Gay & Chisholm Ogg for winning the Graham Rayner Cup for Most Improved Player



CLASSES

Beginning Bridge & Continuing Bridge:
6/10 – 15/12 (half term 10/11). Please contact Francis Glassborow or Gillian Weatherley

WEBSITE

We are always looking for current news, (particularly good news!) for our website. If you have anything that would be of interest to our members, please contact our web organiser, Gillian Leaver. Contact details are on our website.

NEED A PARTNER

You can apply for a partner online, by entering our member's section, or call:

Mon Sheila Davies 01491 836781
Weds/Fri Beryl McGreevy 01491 835565
NB. No partner is needed for afternoon sessions.

FRIDAY EVENINGS

Your Committee is looking to stimulate numbers attending Friday evenings. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

As a trial, the Committee has agreed that the OBA County Night could be held at the club (probably on the third Friday of the month), on three nights between June and September 2015. Agreed dates will be posted on the website.

DEFIBRILLATOR

A defibrillator has been installed on the exterior of the village hall. When an ambulance is called, a code is given to the caller who can then unlock the case to remove the defibrillator. Training available, please contact Peter Finbow.

♠ 84
♥ AQ987
♦ K65
♣ 843

♠ QJ1097
♥ 3
♦ 972
♣ KQ96

♠ K6532
♥ 42
♦ Q10843
♣ 7

♠ A
♥ KJ1065
♦ AJ
♣ AJ1052

West overcalled, so you are pretty certain he will have both the missing club honours. How do you avoid 2 losers?

Draw trumps and strip the hand, ruffing a diamond and a spade, ending in dummy – now lead a club putting up the J♣ (or the 10!) – poor West now has no safe exit, he has to give a ruff sluff or play a club into your A 10, either way you lose only 1 trick.

Golden rules: Consider eliminating side suits to create a source of tricks and never give up! Don't underestimate the power of positive thought.