



TRUMPIT



AUTUMN 2008

YOUR COMMITTEE

At the AGM, Peter Baxter retired as Chairman and Jennie Griffiths retired as Club Captain; our thanks for all their efforts. Our new Chairman is Colin Jones and Ron Quainton replaces Jennie as Club Captain; we wish them well in their endeavours.

We also thank retiring member Lyn Arnold and welcome Marion Allin to the Committee, detailed as follows:

Chairman	Colin Jones
Secretary	Gillian Weatherley
Treasurer	Richard Moore
Club Captain	Ron Quainton
Members:	Marion Allin, Norman Gascoyne Jennie Griffiths, John Barton, Francis Glassborow

Graham Rayner continues as President, with Vice Presidents Philip Simmonds & Jean Squires

Currently, Kath Mander has agreed to act temporarily as Monday Club liaison, but we would really appreciate another Monday/Thursday representative on the Committee. There are so many small jobs, even washing hand towels or emptying bins which, if shared are not a burden. If you would be willing to become, even slightly more involved, please have a word with Kath or Marion. The Club runs on the good graces of the few who give up there time; please help if you can.

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to new members:
Colin Hoad, Glynn Leaney, Pete Preston, Ann Wieland
John Cecil, Berly Brown, David Howard-Allen,
Maggie Wheeler & Jean Alexander

CLASSES

On Tuesday 7th October, we will be restarting courses for newcomers to duplicate bridge as well as courses for those who already know the fundamentals. The courses will be the official English Bridge Union 'Bridge For All' units which come complete with notes, hands to try at home and revision exercises. The introductory course is 10.00 – 12.00 Tuesday mornings and is repeated 7.30 – 9.30 Tuesday evenings. An improvers course, for those who know the basics, will be run 7.30 – 9.30 Tuesday evenings.

Please spread the word, tell your friends and take info. sheets (available at the Club) to your local library etc. For further details please ring Francis Glassborow on 01865 717797 or francis.glassborow@btinternet.com

RESULTS

Congratulations to our Most Improved 2007:

Most Improved Player	Andrew Speyer
Most Improved Monday Player	Anne Silvester
Most Improved Student	Janet Moor

National Pairs

John Slater & partner finished 10th in the final
Ron Quainton & Roger Haycock – 2nd in semifinal
Oxfordshire County Pairs (4 Corwen qualifiers):

Ron Quainton & Norman Gascoyne
Jean Squires & Isobel Townley-Freeman
Debbie Roberts & Geoff Nicholas
Nigel Wilkes & Mike Webley

Oxfordshire Congress

Saturday Pairs: Ron Quainton & Peter Russell 1st
Green pointed Teams: Peter Russell & others 3rd

Oxfordshire Mixed Pairs

Erica & Chris Sheppard 1st
Debbie Roberts & Geoff Nicholas 2nd
Sandra Landy & Ron Quainton 4th

OBA Simultaneous Pairs

Erica & Chris Sheppard 1st

Jersey Congress

Debbie Roberts & Geoff Nicholas 2nd

Eastbourne (Seniors)

Jean Squires & Norman Gascoyne 1st in 2nd session of
qualifier, finishing 9th in the A Final.

DIARY DATES

Oxon green ptd Swiss Teams	27 th September
BGB Simultaneous	8 th October
County Pairs heats: Abingdon	14 th October
Wantage	16 th October
Oxon Mens & Ladies Pairs	9 th November
Children-in-Need Simultaneous	10 th November
Children-in-Need Simultaneous	12 th November
Len Salmon Trophy	23 rd November
Oxon Swiss Pairs	7 th December
Xmas Party (Mon)	15 th December
Xmas Party (Weds/Fri)	19 th December

CHARITY NIGHT – MARCH 2008

A very successful evening, with £250 donated to Friends of Wallingford Hospital. Congratulations to all who participated.

MONDAY PARTNERSHIP HOST

Due to ill health Nancy Parker cannot continue as partnership host for Mondays. We thank her for her help and send our very best wishes.

Lyn Arnold has agreed to stand in; if you do not have a partner for Mondays please contact her 01491 836015.

NEW RULES

From 1st August there have been a few changes that may be useful to you. Before a card is played to the next trick you can do 2 things you were unable to do before:

- 1) If partner has not followed to the suit played, but you think he may have one – you can say ‘Having none partner?’ This should save many a revoke.
- 2) If partner has turned his card the wrong way (eg you won the trick, but he has placed it as a loser) you can let him know.

Also, the new rules require each hand to be shuffled after play. Please make this the lightest shuffle possible, to inflict minimal wear & tear on the cards.

USE OF THE STOP CARD

Bidding should be in tempo in a competitive auction. If you bid too quickly, or hesitate for any length of time, you can be passing information to your partner e.g.

S	W	N	E
1H	1S	2H	2S
4H	D		

The Stop card is an important tool; with any jump bid, it is left on the table for 10 seconds to protect both sides as follows:

- 1) In the above example, the speed of the D is imperative. If it hits the table with the speed of light, it tells partner ‘We’ve got them, don’t bid!’; whereas a long think with a slow D infers ‘I don’t know what to do – you choose’.
- 2) When a jump bid is made, the next bidder needs time to consider his options, without there being any question of a hesitation. If the Stop card is merely waved in the air for a few seconds, you have taken away this time.

You may be oblivious to the problem until a Director is called. Arguing that no inference was taken from the speed (or lack thereof) of partners bid is not a defence, it is how it can be perceived that is important. Of course, there are many occasions (particularly in non-contested auctions) where the Stop card seems irrelevant; however, it is very much part of the rules, so better to get into the habit and count to 10 every time. This is one of Ed’s bugbears, apologies to anyone who has been snarled at for lack of respect shown to the revered Stop card.

HOST SYSTEM (WEDS & FRI)

Beryl McGreevy has agreed to act as monitor for the host system; if you have put your name down, but find you need to cancel, please give Beryl a call. Beryl also continues as partnership host – thanks Beryl.

LEN SALMON TROPHY

Our annual battle with Abingdon will be played at Roke on 23rd November. If you are interested, please sign up on the list on the noticeboard, or have a word with Ron Quainton.

Continuing the theme of many hands making light work, we are looking for volunteers to help with food – if you are willing to make up a loaf of sandwiches, please speak to Colin Jones or Ron Quainton.

XMAS PARTIES

Monday Club will play Military bridge, Weds/Fri will play pairs – both events will be played with goulashed hands, to add a little Xmas spice.

PENNY MARRIS COMPETITION

A variety of formats have been tried over many years, with indifferent success. So next year the competition will be for students, with a more experienced partner – a pro-am. Further details to be posted.

HOUSEKEEPING

In past times we have been lucky enough to have someone to take care of housekeeping matters, particularly the kitchen. With no individual designated we rely on the doers who see an empty cup or a dirty work surface and clean up.

Paying your £2 does not cover the cost of some fairy to wave a magic wand over your cup. As Club members we each have a responsibility for the running of the Club; with plastic cups available there is no excuse for using china and then not cleaning it thoroughly before returning it to the cupboard. If coffee is not on the go, please take responsibility and make it – clear directions are on the wall.

Many hands make light work, please share.

PREMISES

Parking – If everyone parks with minimum space wastage, there is generally enough parking; until the winter wet the field is available as an overflow. Please avoid parking on the road and give consideration to other ‘parkers’.

Drainage – With work taking place, hopefully we will no longer have to drive through a pond after heavy rain.

General – Our Committee meets regularly with the Village Hall; they continue to try and improve our playing conditions. The floor, kitchen, bathrooms and general cleaning are all currently under discussion.

BRIDGEMATES

Under discussion – issues such as cost, security and training are being addressed.