



Spring 2007

## Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are due on 1<sup>st</sup> April. These remain unchanged at £5.00 per member. Please pay the first time you visit the club after April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Proposed Constitution Changes

At the Committee meeting in January, it was agreed to propose a new Club Constitution and Rules at the AGM in April. Please see the notice board or the club website for a draft of the new Constitution and submit any comments to Francis Glassborow as soon as possible and not later than Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

## New Handicap Competition

Due to administrative problems the first scheduled date on March 30<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. Anyone who has arranged to take part on the first date is still welcome to come along on the evening when normal duplicate pairs will be played. The competition will go ahead on June 29, August 31 and November 30. The best two results from the three fixtures will decide the winners.

## 2006 Tournament Results

Thank you to everyone who supported the competitions last year. Congratulations to the following winners and runners-up.

### Open Individual

Winner: Mike Brown  
Runner-up: Peter Russell

### Handicap Individual

Winner: Francis Glassborow  
Runner-up: Michael Lucas

### Open Pairs

Winners: Gillian Lonsdale and Clive Keep  
Runners-up: Debbie Roberts and Geoff Nicholas

### Handicap Pairs

Winners: Jayne Castle and Andrew Speyer  
Runners-up: Clive Keep and Nigel Wilkes

## Teams Competition

Winners: Nigel Wilkes, Clive Keep, Mike Brown and John Slater

Runners-up: Gillian Lonsdale, John Clifford, Debbie Roberts and Geoff Nicholas

### Mixed Pairs

Winners: Paula Hopkinson and Ron Quainton  
Runners-up: Debbie Roberts and Geoff Nicholas

## Recent results

The Oxford Times Cup is an annual competition for players with less than 5,000 master points. Congratulations to Andrea Brown and Heather Saysell, this year's winners with 66.44%.

### BGB Winter SIM Pairs

Congratulations to Lamorna Burwood-Smith and Frances Pollitt who were the overall winners in a field of 2354 pairs with 72.16% in the Tuesday session played at Abingdon.

### EBU National Student Pairs

Two of Arthur's students did exceptionally well in this year's event. For the first time since the courses began in 2000, the overall winner came from Wallingford. Congratulations to Heather Saysell who scored 78.19%. Congratulations also go to Yvette Close who finished 9<sup>th</sup> with 71.50%.

### Wessex League update as reported by 23<sup>rd</sup> March

B Team	Played 5	Won 2	Lost 3
A Team	Played 5	Won 3	Lost 2
C Team	Played 6	Won 4	Lost 2
D Team	Played 7	Won 4	Lost 3

### Chiltern League update

Played 6	Won 4	Lost 2
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## A Playing Problem

My thanks to Norman Gascoyne for providing the following poser.

♠ 4		♠ 7 6 5 2
♥ 10 8 3		♥ 5 4
♦ A J 3		♦ K 10 6 5
♣ A K 10 9 5 2		♣ Q 8 7
♠ K Q 10 9 3		♠ A J 8
♥ 7 6 2		♦ A K Q J 9
♦ Q 9 4 2		♥ 8 7
♣ 6		♣ J 4 3

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The contract is 6♥ by South.

West Leads King ♠.

Commentary on the reverse.

## Diary dates

### OBA SIM Pairs

The Club will be holding a heat on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. If there is enough interest, a separate section will be run for Wednesday/Friday players, enabling them to take part in the event in their local club. If you would like to take part, please add your name to the list on the notice board or speak to Norman Gascoyne.

### AGM

All members are invited to attend the AGM which will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm. Following which, there will be a friendly duplicate pairs session open to all members of the Club.

### New Members

A warm welcome is extended to Joan and Michael Bennett, Jacqueline Page and Valerie Welch who recently joined the Club.

### Classes

The current courses have come to an end and will recommence in September. Please look out for further details. Our thanks go to Arthur Tulip, Francis Glassborow and Peter Baxter for giving up their time in providing this valuable service.

### Supervised Play

The last supervised play session for Year Two students will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> March.

We look forward to seeing our current Year two students playing on Thursday afternoon (2.00pm) and/or Monday evening (7.30pm) in the not too distant future.

**The Committee asks members to do their utmost to ensure everyone who plays at our club is made to feel welcome.**

### Housekeeping

Unfortunately the state of the club rooms at the end of some evenings is unsatisfactory. Please be responsible for washing, drying and putting away your own cup/glass and put any rubbish in the bins provided. Please push in your chair and leave the table tidy for the players at the next session.

We have asked to meet with the Village Hall Committee to discuss the ongoing problems with the boiler, cleaning arrangements and the lengthy delays in replenishing hand towels etc.

## Retiring Officers & Committee Members

Norman Gascoyne is retiring as Club Secretary. He has agreed to accept nomination as a Committee member. We offer our thanks for all his past work.

Kate Gould is retiring from the Committee. She has agreed to remain on the property sub-committee.

We thank her for her work in the past and for continuing to look for new premises.

Lamorna Burwood-Smith is retiring from the Committee and as House Manager. In addition to offering our thanks for all her work on the Committee, a special thank you for looking after us so well as House Manager for the past 10 years.

## Committee Member(s) Required

The Club needs to replace the retiring members. As of the time of writing there are fewer than five names proposed for next year's committee. No special skills are required from Committee members other than the desire to help your club.

There are normally four or five Committee meetings a year. Please consider putting your name forward. If you need to know more, please talk with any of the Officers or current Committee members.

## Playing Problem (Commentary)

You need to make 5 trumps, 5 clubs and 2 Aces.

If you win with the spade Ace and draw trumps then you have 2 spades and a club to lose.

If you finesse the club, it loses and you suffer a club ruff.

### A Solution

Win with the Ace of spades at trick 1. Play Jack of clubs rising with the ace when it is not covered. Return the 3♥ to your Ace. Play a small club toward the King. If West ruffs, play low from dummy - this leaves the King in dummy to drop the Queen (once trumps are drawn) and there are no problems with the rest of the play.

What if West does not ruff the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of clubs?

The answer to all your problems is to win in dummy and exit with a club, East must win.

Whatever is then led allows South to make the contract. Either winning in hand with the King if a trump is lead, entering dummy by overtaking the 9 of trumps, running clubs and discarding losers from the South hand. Or, if a spade is returned ruff it in dummy, draw trumps ending in hand, and re-enter dummy with the ace of diamonds.

