



TRUMPIT



SPRING 2008

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

23rd APRIL 2008

Starting at 7p.m., PLEASE COME ALONG. As usual this will involve Committee appointments, presentation of trophies and any other issues affecting your Club.

SUBSCRIPTIONS – 1st April 2008

The Committee proposes that subscriptions remain at £5 for the coming year. Subs are due on 1st April and will be collected by Marion Allin and Gillian Weatherley.

With over 250 subs to collect this is one of the most tedious jobs in the Club. The Committee asks that all payments are made by the end of April and that each member takes responsibility to approach Marion & Gillian with their payment. It is not reasonable to sit back and wait until you are asked; please give some thought to the ladies collecting.

CHARITY NIGHT – 12th March 2008

This is our annual night to give a little to those less fortunate. Monday Club members are to be congratulated for past years support. It is hoped that as many members as possible will turn out; this year it will be a duplicate pairs with proceeds to Friends of Wallingford Hospital.

PLEASE COME ALONG - There will be a small raffle, but no need to bring along a prize. Table money has been fixed at £3.

RESULTS 2007

Club Competitions: Congratulations to the winners of:

Open Pairs: Ron Quainton & Norman Gascoyne
Handicap Pairs: Andrea Brown & Francis Glassborow
Teams: Jennie Griffiths, Ron Quainton,
Paula Hopkinson & Peter Russell

Open Individual: Ron Quainton

Handicap Individual: Andrew Speyer

Penny Marris: Nancy Parker & Frank Feates

Wessex League to date:

We are struggling this year, with the exception of our D team, currently in 2nd place with 1 match to play. Keep flying the flag!

Other Results

Haddenham Swiss Teams

1st Norman Gascoyne, Peter Finbow,
Peter Russell & John Clifford
3rd Gillian Weatherley, Arthur Tulip & friends
4th Carol & Richard Moore, Brenda & John Edwards

Oxfordshire Swiss Pairs

Debbie Roberts and Geoff Nicholas

Harwell Cup

Gillian Lonsdale, Nigel Wilkes,
Clive Keep & John Clifford

DIARY DATES

Charity Night	12 th Mar 2008
Handicap Prs (Calendar adj.)	28 th March 2008
BGB Simultaneous	9 th April 2008
OBA Simultaneous	21 st April 2008
AGM	23 rd Apr 2008

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to new members:
Wendy & Bill Simon, Beryl Game, Edward Horsup,
Jennifer Bannister, G Poole & H Warburton

HOST SYSTEM

The Host System has been working well; our thanks to all those who have participated. As with all new systems there has been the odd 'hiccup'.

To help Hosts, a short job description is as follows:

When a player arrives without a partner, please direct them to a table. Advise them you will join them at **7.25pm**, if no one else arrives without a partner.

If more than one player arrives without a partner, please ask them to play together. All players should be seated by 7.25pm. If an expected player doesn't arrive by 7.25pm, their partner may not be guaranteed play if the host is seated.

If required to play, the host does not pay table money. In the event that your services are not required, please collect £5.00 from the treasurer.

DEALING MACHINE - Voids

Some players continue to express surprise at the way computer deals seem different to those they have experienced with hand dealt hands. More worryingly a few seem to think that the distributions produced at WBC are significantly different to those they find in other clubs that are using computer dealt hands.

Statistically there is about 1 chance in 20 that you pick up a hand with a void i.e. that you would expect about 5 voids in 24 boards (96 hands). However if a set of 24 deals always contained exactly 5 voids it would not be random and a player could use that information to modify his play. In simple terms, once you had played boards with 5 voids you would know that there would be none on subsequent boards. In other words the deals would not be independent of each other.

Now a few figures: given a properly random dealer for 24 boards you should expect the following:

Voids	Probability (%)
0	0.72
1	3.67
2	9.18
3	15.14
4	18.53
5	17.94
6	14.32
7	9.69
8	5.68
9	2.92
>9	2.21

Given the above, randomly dealt sets of 24 boards will include eight or more voids over 10% of the time. If you are playing once a week you should expect 8 or more voids roughly 5 times a year.

Warning: these figures are based on a first order analysis and do not take into account the existence of one void in a deal making it slightly more likely that there will be a second one.

A similar analysis can be applied to point distributions. If the total points EW is always between 19.5 and 20.5 the deals are being 'rigged' in some way. Our software is set to reveal the entire set of boards if there is a noticeable imbalance between EW and NS points; however even that means that while individual boards are random, the set of boards is not. Furthermore such rigging of the points EW versus NS falls over when

you are using a Howell movement, with players moving between NS and EW

Many thanks to Francis Glassborow for the above; by popular demand he will be publishing a further article.

DEALING MACHINE - Travellers

At the bottom of each traveller, the computer details contracts that could (NOT should) be made; i.e. with Superman's X ray vision coupled with Sherlock's powers of deduction! An example from the deal on 22nd February is detailed below:

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

The traveller stated 4C to be the limit of tricks available to NS. The question is 'How can the defenders hold this contract to 10 tricks?'. For those who are interested, the only line found is detailed at the bottom of this page.

MIXER EVENINGS & PENNY MARRIS

The intention of these evenings is for members who normally play on different nights to meet each other. It also provides an opportunity for the Monday players who want to, to play with a Wednesday and Friday player. This year, Mixer evenings are held on 5th Mondays and The Penny Marris is held on 5th Fridays in any month.

If you normally play on Mondays but would like to play with a more experienced player please let Gillian Weatherley or Lyn Arnold know and they will help you find a partner.

Just a reminder:

- Any pair with a combined handicap of 100+ is welcome to play on Wednesday and Friday evenings.
- Please sign up for the Open Pairs and Handicap Pairs by the end of April.

How to hold contract to 4C (see above)

A Club Guru came up with the lead of the QC. This cuts down the ruffs available and, because declarer has

to ruff with JC, the 10C is promoted, so the trump lead doesn't cost a trick!

If you found this lead your oppo's might think you seeked a peek, whilst your partner would simply gaze across the table in awe!