



TRUMPIT



Summer 2006

Changes to the EBU Orange Book

For those who are not sure, the Orange Book basically lays down what you are allowed to do at different levels of competition. The English Bridge Union Laws & Ethics Committee has published the new Orange Book 2006, which will take effect from August 1st 2006. There will be a year's grace to familiarise yourself with the changes, so there is no need to panic about getting everything right immediately. Here is an example:

Currently when partner opens 1NT and you bid 2C (Simple Stayman), opener **alerts** your 2C bid. Opener, without a 4-card major, bids two diamonds which you **alert**. Here is how the above auction will change after 1st August.

When partner opens 1NT, you will **announce** the point range of the 1NT bid say, "**12-14**", and if relevant "**May contain a singleton.**" If you bid 2C, partner **no longer alerts** the bid, he/she **announces** "**Stayman.**" If opener now bids 2D, denying a 4-card major, you take no action, it is not necessary to alert the 2D bid.

An Announcing and Alerting Card, summarising the main changes, will be left on the tables for all members to take away. (Please leave the laminated copies on the tables.) Copies can also be found on the notice board and the club website. If you have any questions you will be able to put them to the Director prior to play at **7.20pm for the first two weeks in August**. Or you can contact: Peter Baxter (01491) 612418, Arthur Tulip (01491) 612652 or Norman Gascoyne (01235) 847014. Further information is available on the EBU website: www.ebu.co.uk. The new EBU 20B convention card, which should be used in competition from 1st August, can be downloaded from the EBU website.

Conduct at our Bridge Club

As stated by our Chairman at the recent AGM, we are losing new members because they feel unwelcome or intimidated or consider the behaviour of some players rude. Established members have left the club because of attitudes that they felt unacceptable. Please take away a copy of our **Code of Conduct**, which will be left on the tables. The Committee asks members to do their utmost to ensure everyone who plays at our club has an enjoyable evening.

New Members

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members: Mrs. J. King, Mr. R. Jenson, Mrs. H. Jenson and Mr. R. Hotoph.

Master Points

From now on, would members please personally collect their Master Points from the card index box on the trolley. Thank you to Jean Squires who has previously given out the certificates.

Wessex and Chiltern Leagues

After a disappointing season last year, things can surely only get better! I hope to see lots of names on the teams list this year. The Chiltern League is very friendly and a good starting point for less experienced pairs. **I hope that some Monday players will consider playing this year**, either in pairs or singly and we will endeavour to fit partnerships together. The Wessex League is probably more competitive, but it would still be nice to see new names on the list (on the notice board), as well as everyone who played last year. Do speak to me if you are interested in playing.

Jennie Griffiths, Club Captain

Classes recommence

Courses for complete beginners (Unit 1) and Improvers (Unit 3) will take place at Roke. The classes will start on the following dates:

Unit 1 Wednesday 20th September at 10.00am.

Unit 3 Tuesday 19th September at 10.00am.

and Tuesday 19th September at 7.30pm.

For further information on the courses please contact Arthur Tulip (01491) 612652 or Peter Baxter (01491) 612418.

Diary Dates

Pead Plate (Teams competition) - Friday 8th September.

3rd Fixture of the Mixed Pairs - Friday 29th September.

Charity Night (Beneficiary Macmillan Nurses.) Friday 20th October.

Children in Need Sim. Pairs - Wednesday 15th November.

Website Update

Thank you to Roger and Isobel for their continued hard work in keeping our website.

(www.bridgeclub.fsnet.co.uk) All of the club's results can now be found under one button. Click the **Results** button and then click which day's results you would like to see. It is now also possible to view copies of Committee Meeting Minutes and Trumpit on the website.

Bridge Club Calendars 2006/07

If you have changed your address or telephone number in the past year, please let us know by the end of July writing the amendments on the list on the notice board.

Late finishes

Slow play often results in finishing late in the evening. This is undesirable especially for those who have some distance to travel and/or who have to go to work the next day. Slow play can also put unfair pressure on the next opponents, who may feel under time constraints to complete their boards before the move is called. If you are affected by slow play please notify the Director. Sometimes it may be necessary to take a board away in which case an average score will be given. Please aim to play your boards **within** the time allowed and don't start a new board if the move is about to be called. To ensure play starts at 7.30pm, please make the three boards on the table when you arrive. Time can also be saved by making the opening lead **before** writing the contract in the score card. Save any post mortems until the end of the round, when you know if there is time to do so.

Recent Results

Congratulations to Jo Murray and Malcolm Currie who finished second in a field of 5550 pairs with 73.3% in the World Wide Bridge Simultaneous Pairs Contest.

Congratulations to John Slater and Partner on winning the Championship Pairs. John had a very successful weekend as he was also a member of the winning team in the Swiss Teams Competition at the Oxford Weekend Congress.

Competition

Most night's there is a board that has some interesting bidding or playing problem. Often these just disappear the next time the board is dealt. The Committee has agreed to a trial for a new annual competition. You are invited to write up any interesting board you play on a Club evening and submit it for posting to the Club's website. At the end of the year, there will be a prize for the best write-up. I hope many of you will want to write up at least one board over the year. The effort of writing up a board is amply repaid in the understanding you get from doing so. Of course, if this is as successful as it can be, we might finish up with a book to boost the Club's funds. Please give your hand write-up to a member of the Committee. We look forward to reading them. Thank you to Francis Glassborow who has submitted the first entry.

One That Got Away

At a recent pairs evening South dealt and picked up:

♠ -- ♥ KQ53 ♦ A10762 ♣ 9743

She decided that even not vulnerable it was not worth an opening bid. The bidding continued at the table with: 1♠ double 2♠ What should South bid now? That hand has been greatly improved by the round of bidding. In the event South chose 4♥ and the bidding continued with 4♠ 5♥ passed out. Before going on, what other bids could South consider. As N/S were not vulnerable North might have had only 3 hearts but that seems unlikely. Nonetheless South has to be willing to play in a 4-3 fit

when making the 4♥ call. I think 3♠ would have been an interesting choice. Whilst the meaning of 3♠ is far from clear it must contain the message that something has happened in the bidding to make South radically revalue her hand. South could also double the 2♠ with the message that she was happy to support any of the other three suits. I would be interested in hearing other opinions.

West led the A♣ and North put down the following Dummy:

♠ J9 ♥ A764 ♦ K5 ♣ KQJT5

What are your thoughts on making 5♥? The lead looks suspiciously like a singleton, and that was strengthened by the continuation with a low spade. West is definitely after a quick ruff. At the table South played the 5♣ on the first round (the 10♣ might have been better as it provides an extra entry to hand, which might be useful later on). South ruffed East's Q♠ and played the KQ of trumps. West showed out on the second round, so now there is definitely a trump loser. South entered dummy with the K♣ and played clubs until East ruffed the fourth round. East returned a diamond which South took and cleared trumps. It was all over, South had to concede either a spade or a diamond at the end.

Look at what would happen if instead of playing a third club, South had ruffed dummy's second spade. Now she enters Dummy with the K♦ and this is the position:

North	♠ --	♥ A7	♦ 5	♣ KQJ
East	♠ xx?	♥ JT	♦ xx?	♣ 8
West	immaterial			
South	♠ --	♥ --	♦ AT76	♣ 97

I have no idea whether East's thirteenth card was a Spade or a Diamond and it does not matter. Declarer runs the clubs until East ruffs, takes the return, draws the last trump and cashes the remaining minor suit winners. What if East refuses to ruff a club? Declarer draws one more round of trumps with the A♥ and then plays the 5♦, East can take his trump winner but dummy's 7♥ is the eleventh trick.

The traveller shows that no one playing in hearts made 11 tricks so South should not feel bad about the result.

Several pairs finished in 5♣ doubled and making. But what are the chances for making 6♣ (6♥ would make on a 3-2 trump split). As long as Diamonds break no worse than 4-2, I think it makes even with the 4-1 heart break.

Laws and Ethics

There appears to be an increase in the practice - inadvertent or otherwise - of defenders varying the tempo during the play of the hand, when there is no demonstrable bridge reason for such action. The penalty for such variations can result in the offending side being given the most unfavourable result that was at all probable.