



TRUMPIT



Summer 2007

Contacting Members Electronically

Thanks to all those members who have provided an email address. If you have not already done so and have an email address it would be of great help if you could let the Secretary have a completed enquiry form (Copies available at the Club.)

Finding Partners

Your Committee has been giving thought to how to make it easier for members to find partners both on a regular basis and at short notice for an evening.

If you look at the top of the home page for our website (www.bridgeclub.fsnet.co.uk) you will see a link to the 'Wallingford Messageboard'. If you follow the link you will be able to read messages from other members and leave one yourself. We intend that the main use of this will be for those looking for partners either for a single occasion or on a regular basis.

We are also going to try a host system that has worked for several other local clubs. This will involve a rota of members who make themselves available at the Club to play with anyone who turns up on a speculative basis. If more than one person (hopefully this will normally be the case – it is elsewhere) they are paired up. The host plays with anyone who still has no partner. If there is no odd player then the host goes home when play starts.

Your Committee has decided that in the case that the host goes home they will receive £5 towards their travel expenses. Should they play they will not pay table money.

For this to work, we need to ensure that there is always a host on duty. To minimise the burden we expect that most members will volunteer to be on the rota. If ever (hopefully not) the system breaks down and a member arrives and is unable to play, he/she has the £5. Please watch the notice board and talk with Lamorna Burwood-Smith.

We hope this encourages more people to play and in particular, keen Monday players to try a non-competition Wednesday/Friday evening's bridge.

Please note that both the above are intended as additions and not replacements for the current Partnership Host system.

Computer Generated Hands

Your Committee has decided to purchase the necessary equipment and software to generate hands. One advantage is that members will be able to take copies of the hands away with them at the end of the evening.

Change of Contact details

Jennie Griffiths has a new telephone number: 01862 822168

Francis Glassborow's new telephone number is 01865 717797

If you have any changes to your contact details please make sure they are added to the list on the notice board by July 1st to be included in the new calendar.

Future Premises

Your Committee is continuing to look for new premises. If you know of anywhere you think we could use please contact a member of the committee.

Diary Dates

The Penny Marris Competition

The first fixture of this new competition will take place on Friday June 29th. The rules are:

1. The competition will be a handicap pairs competition open to all club members.
2. To win the trophy a pair's combined handicaps must not exceed 115.
3. The competition will be decided by the average of the best two scores from a possible 3 sessions. The scores being the % scored adjusted by a factor obtained by adding the players' handicaps together and subtracting 100 and dividing by 2.
4. The qualifying nights for 2007 are the 5th Fridays of the month; June 29th, August 31st and November 30th.

The evening will be treated as a normal club evening, so pairs not competing in the competition are welcome to play.

If you need help finding a partner from those who normally play on a different night to yourself, please add your name to the appropriate list. (There is one for those who mainly play on Mondays and one for those who play on Wednesdays and Fridays.) You could also use the Club's new message board. (See above.)

Benson Congress - 23rd and 24th June

Saturday 23rd: 2 session pairs at 1.00pm.

1. Sandra Landy Trophy (For players with fewer than 10,000 master points.)
2. Championship pairs.

Sunday 24th at 11.00am Green pointed Teams. Further information and entries: Keith Sadler OBA or EBU website.

Mixer Evening

The recent mixer evening, held for the first time on a Monday, was well received. Another has been scheduled for Monday 31st July. If you would like to play with a Wednesday/Friday player, please add your name to the list on the notice board by the end of June, in time to arrange for partners to be found. If you play on a Wednesday or Friday and would like to take part, please contact Gillian Weatherley.

Supervised Play

Thanks to all those who have agreed to donate a couple of Tuesday evenings; helping inexperienced players with sets of prepared boards. (Brief comments on each deal are provided.)

While aimed at giving practical experience to those taking introductory courses, these evenings are open to all members of the club who want to improve. Conventions are limited to Standard English (Modern Acoll). You do not need to have a partner.

Bridge Courses

The course for absolute beginners will be given by Francis Glassborow and start on Tuesday 18th September. There will be both a morning (10 am start) and an evening (7.30 start) series. This year we will be using the new EBU curriculum and there will be two 12 week terms followed by a 6 week term.

The year two course for those who did year one this year and for anyone who wants to repeat year 2 will be given by Arthur Tulip on Tuesday morning (10 am start) and evening (7.30pm start) for two 12 week terms, starting on 18th September.

Arthur Tulip will be holding a four week revision course on Competitive Bidding on Tuesday starting on 14th August at 7.30 pm. The course will cover Suit overcalls, Competing after 1NT opener and 1NTx, Competing after weak and Strong openers, Protective seat bidding.

Peter Baxter will be running a short series of classes on Defence starting at 10.00 am on Wednesday 19th September.

All course sessions are two hours. For more details please contact Arthur Tulip on 01491 612652.

Recent results

Wessex League Final Results for 2006/7

B Team	52 Vps	6 th Division 1
A Team	80 VPs	3 rd Division 2
C Team	77 VPs	4 th Division 3
D Team	74 VPs	4 th Division 5

Chiltern League

Played 6 Won 4 Lost 2 47 VPs 2nd place

Congratulations to:

Jo Murray and Malcolm Currie who won the OBA Mixed Pairs Championship.

Peter Finbow and Alan Prior who won the Berks and Bucks CBA Seniors Pairs (Directors' Cup).

Jean Squires who had a very good week at the EBU Jersey Congress. She and her partner Peggy Moss were 5th in a field of 54 in the Championship Pairs for the Mary Ann Trophy. They were 8th in a field of 108 in the Swiss Pairs, 10th in the Seniors Pairs and 6th in the Seniors Teams.

Andrea Brown for winning Most Improved Wallingford BC player of 2006

Ray Kelly for winning the Most Improved Monday Player at Wallingford BC

David Norbury for winning the Most Improved Student at Wallingford BC.

Functionaries and Sub-committees 2007/8

Partnership Hostess Monday	Nancy Parker
Partnership Hostess Wed/Fri	Beryl McGreevy
Membership Secretary	Marion Allin
House Manager	No replacement found.
Training Officer	Arthur Tulip
Tournament sub-committee	J. Griffiths (Chair), N. Gascoyne, G. Nicholas, Tony Burwood-Smith (Back up Arthur Tulip)

Thursday Duplicate Stationary	Philip Simmonds
Handicapping	John Barton
	Automatically by scoring programme (Tony Burwood-Smith) and G. Nicholas, N. Gascoyne, A. Tulip and P. Welch
Laws and Ethics	Peter Baxter (Chair), Bob Sloper, Clive Keep, Geoff Nicholas, Norman Gascoyne, Francis Glassborow.
Senior Director	Peter Baxter
O.B.A. Reps	Peter Baxter and Norman Gascoyne
Web Site	Isobel and Roger Stammers
Catering Supplies	Esme Collins
Scorers	Peter Baxter, Arthur Tulip, Philip Simmonds, Tony Burwood-Smith and Francis Glassborow.
Publicity Coordinator/Trumpit	Debbie Roberts
Premises sub-committee	Norman Gascoyne, Kate Gould, Isobel Townley-Freeman.

Make life difficult

Thanks to Arthur Tulip for providing the following.

We all like to bid and make slams. However, it becomes difficult after the opponents have pre-empted. When we are learning the basics of the pre-emptive bid we are often taught not to pre-empt if your partner has not bid.

Consider the following hand

♠ A 6 5
♥ A
♦
♣ A 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3

As dealer what do you open? The simple answer is to open 1♣ and wait for developments. When this deal occurred in a team match the next player bid 1♥ and the dealer's partner doubled. The RHO then jumped to 5♦ and now you have a problem, it seems that 6♣ doubled will be the final contract which actually went 1 down.

Now consider what happens when the dealer pre-empts – at what level? You are definitely too strong to bid at the 3 level and probably the 4 level as well. What happens with a 5♣ opening bid?

The full deal was

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

This will almost certainly be passed out and makes.

♣♦♥♠