

*** TRUMPIT ***

WINTER 2008

CHRISTMAS 2008

Season's greetings to everyone – ho ho ho!
Xmas parties – Monday 15th December with Military bridge and Friday 19th December with Goulash hands, prepared by Francis Glassborow with our thanks.

On 19th December there will be a raffle in aid of Helen & Douglas House – a bottle or a gift would be much appreciated.

CHILDREN-IN-NEED 2008

Thank you to those who participated – we raised £250; total raised from BGB events was over £50,000 (see BGB website for details).

LEN SALMON TROPHY

We recently hosted our annual battle against Abingdon. Having won the last few times, Wallingford decided to let Abingdon win this year. Thanks to those who organised things, particularly for the sumptuous tea.

RESULTS 2008

The battle is not over for the Open Pairs or the Teams; results for other competitions are as follows:

Mixed Pairs	Betty Yearling & Gordon Carroll
Handicap Prs	Francis Glassborow & Lo Su Kong
Open Indvl	Ron Quainton
Handicap Indvl	Ron Quainton
Pead Plate	Wendy Roderick & Liz McGiven,
	Amanda Potter & Michael Lucas
Penny Marris	Gillian Weatherley & Gordon Spencer

Other Results:

<u>Malvern Congress</u> (field of 150)	
John Slater & Helen Lawton-Smith	2 nd
Jean Squires & Isobel Townley-Freeman	4 th

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Jennifer Bower & Janny Watson

PENNY MARRIS 2009

In an attempt to find a popular format, next year it will be run as a competition for students.

WESSEX LEAGUE

At the risk of tempting fate, our teams are doing well so far this season; long may it continue:

1 st Division	52/80
2 nd Division	63/80
4 th Division	52/80

DIARY DATES

Mon 29th Dec

The Mixer evening publicised has been cancelled; however, if anyone gets fed up with Christmas cheer, everyone and anyone is very welcome to come along on Monday 29th Dec.

Haddenham Swiss Teams	4 Jan 09
BGB Simultaneous	14 Jan 09
Harwell Cup	18 Jan 09
Pro am (Oxford Bridge Club)	27 Jan 09
National Pairs Heat	28 Jan 09
Natnl Newcomers Simultaneous	22 Mar 09
Natnl Pairs Regional Finals	22 Mar 09

COMMITTEE CHANGES

A warm welcome to Irene Lascelles who has been co-opted onto our Committee. Gillian Weatherley has decided to take a well earned rest and will be standing down as Secretary at the next AGM. The Club needs your help; would you be willing to take this job? Our Chairman, Colin Jones, would really appreciate hearing from you with any offers; there are plenty of small jobs, so even a little time would be appreciated. If you play on Mondays or Thursdays, please approach a Committee member.

CLASSES

The Club's Training Officer, Francis Glassborow is searching for members to cover supervised play on Friday evenings. You don't have to be a top player (patience, understanding and good basic knowledge are preferable) – can you give about 4 Fridays a year? If so, please give Francis details of your availability. Classes start again on 6th Jan 09; as before:
Introductory 10am and 7.30pm - Improvers 7.30pm

CHARITY NIGHT – 11 MAR 2009

Please mark your diaries and come along if at all possible. There will be a small raffle, but no need to bring anything along. As last year, the table money will be £3 per person. Please let a Committee member have any ideas you may have for the charity that should benefit.

EBU – PAY TO PLAY

As well as organising events and issuing point awards, the EBU provides uniformity of standards, a forum for communication and arbitration as well as training for directors.

At present, those who are not members are not contributing to the costs for running the organisation.

There are moves afoot to charge clubs directly per capita, so it is likely that most local clubs will be increasing table money to meet this cost.

For more info. on this subject please see the EBU website. There seems to be a great deal of angst over the proposed increase. Most hopefully recognise that £2 for an evening's entertainment with free coffee is amazing value for money; an increase of 50p, or even £1 still makes it about the price for a pint of beer!

Whilst reviewing table money to meet the above cost, your Committee is actively considering removal of the Club's annual subscription (currently £5) and rounding up the table money. Subs are an annual nightmare, terribly time consuming and arduous for the poor soul allotted this tiresome job. This will be discussed at the next AGM, so if you feel strongly about this issue, please mark it in your diary –

22 APRIL 2009

HOST SYSTEM (WEDS & FRI)

This system has been running successfully for some time now. Please continue to support it by putting your name down on the Host List. Just a reminder - Beryl McGreevy acts as monitor for the host system; so if you have put your name down, but find you need to cancel, please give Beryl a call.

BALANCED HAND OPENINGS

An age old discussion covered in an article by Andrew Robson and recently debated in the EBU magazine. There are many arguments on this subject; Mr Robson thinks as follows:

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| a) ♠ | A86 | b) AQ84 | c) KQ52 |
| ♥ | AJ75 | K75 | J74 |
| ♦ | AJ75 | KJ52 | J6 |
| ♣ | Q2 | A10 | AKQ3 |

The modern approach to Acol is to place emphasis on the major suit, thus opening the higher suit first. With

a) open 1♥; b) & c) open 1♠.

Plan to rebid notrumps:

- at the lowest level with a) & c)
- with a jump (after partner bids) with b)

Opening the minor when partner is weak with two 4 card majors, you will miss your major fit

e.g. in c) $1\clubsuit$ P $1\heartsuit$ P

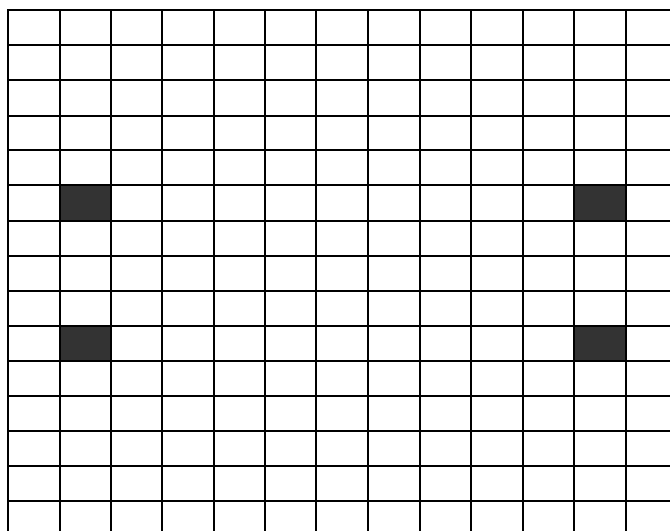
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Opening the higher suit takes more bidding space and so makes it harder for the opposition to interfere.

As with all systems there are pro's and cons;
whichever you choose, just ensure partner agrees!!

CROSSWORD TEASER

You must figure out where each answer has to be placed, but it must be symmetrical. Four blanks have been included to help you on your way. The answers will be put on the notice board on 12 Dec.



Across	Down
1. Nothing negative about this	1. Most vital part of the game
3. Starting point for a rubber	2. Hit to reach dizzy heights?
5. Forage in the larder?	3. 3 across.....it out!
7. Backing into the auction	4. Understanding, implied
9. Time for 26 across?	5. Phoned for endless limit
10. It's a frustrating one	6. Best ... to maximize tricks
11. Gnashing at the table?	7. Scoring aids
13. Some form of goulash?	8. New suit at 3 level (2wds)
15. Daft chatter on the griddle	11. 1 down must be this
16. Burn off for watery search	12. Warm...half...down....
17. Strong feeling v opponents	14. Plaything
18. Assert - oddly off putting	15. Tool back in the past
20. Feed avidly, a bit of a king	17. Map they understand?
23. It's where we're playing	19. "Don't go, old boy"
25. Just a few	21. Not one, so try to miss
26. Available here on Tuesdays	22. Flooring
27. Don't do this at the table	24. Basically, what most play
28. 29 across school visit	25. Put upon
29. Start the bidding	

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A FEW CLUES TO HELP WITH
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