



TRUMPIT



SPRING 2009

YOUR COMMITTEE

Gillian Weatherley takes a well earned rest from the Committee; our thanks for all her hard work. We welcome Andrea Smith as her replacement, with the rest of the Committee unchanged as follows:

Chairman	Colin Jones
Secretary	Andrea Smith
Treasurer	Richard Moore
Club Captain	Ron Quainton (Debbie Roberts deputising)

Members: Norman Gascoyne, Marion Allin, Jennie Griffiths, John Barton, Francis Glassborow and Irene Lascelles.

Graham Rayner continues as President, with Vice Presidents Jean Squires and Philip Simmonds

AGM 2009

Chairman's report

The Chairman thanked all those who help in the Club; bridge remains such affordable entertainment because of their time and effort. Gillian Weatherley was presented with a bouquet and particular mention was made of Phillip Simmonds services on Mondays and Thursdays.

EBU Pay to Play will start next year. In effect, rather than funding via subs, the EBU will charge per head per game. For more information, please visit the EBU website. We expect the OBA subs to follow along similar lines.

There are plans to improve parking/access visibility and to upgrade toilet & kitchen facilities; the latter should provide vital additional storage.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented the Club accounts for the year to 31 March 09. After expenses the Club had a surplus of about £5,000 this year. The trend of falling attendance continues, particularly on Friday evenings.

Our bank balances seem too substantial for ongoing management, but too little to be of significant use to the Club e.g. to buy premises.

Club Captain's report

One of our most successful year's in the Wessex League; our first division team finished 4th, our second division team finished 2nd (promoted to 1st division) and our 4th division team finished 1st (promoted to the third division).

Next year will be an even bigger challenge, our goal to build on these successes by maintaining 2 teams in the 1st division and expecting even greater things from our 3rd division team. With a few players falling by the wayside, we are hoping that there may be some who strayed previously that might return to the fold; our arms are open and very welcoming!!

Our Chiltern League team won 5 matches and lost 2, winning the league and returning with the cup.

A big thank you to all those who competed and particularly our team captains: Debbie Roberts, Jennie Griffiths and Wendy Roderick and also Peter Baxter for organising the Chiltern matches.

Debbie Roberts, deputising as Club Captain until Ron Quainton returns, is gathering information on who would like to play in the Wessex next year.

The Committee would certainly consider putting a fourth team into the League if there are enough players interested. This team would enter in the fifth division so, if you wanted a gentle place to start competing at teams, this is the perfect opportunity. This offer is open to the whole club, not just those who play on Wednesdays & Fridays. There is a list on the white board for all those interested – please sign up or have a word with Debbie.

AGM - Motions tabled, discussed and carried

1. The Committee was authorised to spend up to 10% of the Clubs reserves (approx £5,000) in the management of the Club; it was noted that an extraordinary meeting could be called if the Committee deemed it appropriate.
2. Subscriptions will not be payable from 1 April 2010
3. Table money increases to £2.50 immediately.
4. Definition of a member: an individual who has made a written application and played at least once in the previous 12 months ending 31 March.
5. The Committee was authorised to invest in Bridgemates

Any Other Business

Beryl McGreevy expressed the following:

Concerns regarding falling attendance, suggesting lack of courtesy a significant factor. Beryl recommended provision of a 'yellow' bidding card to alert the opposition to poor behaviour.

Classes are doing well, thanks to Francis Glassborow and Gillian Weatherley; Beryl asked and Francis confirmed, that steps will be taken to integrate these students into the Club.

Last year Monday players were approached regarding interest in playing teams; Beryl suggested that further attempts should be made. Debbie Roberts, deputising as Club Captain will do her best to encourage those who would like to play and Beryl agreed to help.

Beryl and others referred to the feeling of Monday Club being segregated from the mainstream. We should be proud of our Club; very few have the facilities to offer different levels, depending on ability or eagerness to compete. However, with this we all need to work on integration to ensure that we feel we are one club, not two. The Committee will consider.

WELCOME ON WEDNESDAYS/FRIDAYS

In the past few years, with falling attendances, there has been a far more relaxed attitude to who can play on a Wednesday or Friday. If you are looking for a more competitive arena, Monday Club members are welcome to play on a Wednesday or Friday, particularly on non-competition nights.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions (£5) remain unchanged this year – these will be collected by Gillian Weatherley & Marion Allin. **PLEASE PAY NOW.**

RESULTS 2008

The Teams and Open Pairs final results were not available at release of the last edition of Trumpit; the eventual winners were:

Open Pairs: Gillian Lonsdale & Clive Keep
Teams: Gillian Lonsdale & Colin Jones,
Debbie Roberts & Geoff Nicholas

Other Results:

Grand Masters pairs

Debbie Roberts & Geoff Nicholas 2nd

Life Masters pairs

Colin Jones & another 3rd

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Ginny Morrison, Betty-Anne Henderson and Adrienne Bromley

MEMBERS LEAVING

We will be very sorry to lose Tony & Lamorna Burwood-Smith. Tony and Lamorna have been staunch club members over the years, both sat on the Committee and were recently made life members in honour of their services to the Club. We wish them all the very best in their resettlement to Surrey and hope they return when they can to see their friends at Roke.

DIARY DATE

The Oxfordshire green pointed congress is being held at Stevenston this year; pairs on 27 June and teams on 28 June.

NEW WEBSITE

If you haven't looked at our website recently, please check it out: www.bridgewebs.com/wallingford/

Roger Stammers, our web guru, has investigated and set up a new website. Our thanks to Roger

CHARITY NIGHT 2009

With falling numbers on Weds/Fri for this event the Committee decided to try a Monday evening this year, with great success. Particular thanks to Enid Barnard for donating the proceeds from handmade cards. The evening raised £194 for Leonard Cheshire Homes.

The Committee is aware that this evening was an event shared by Monday and Weds/Friday players in the past and will be reviewing its format.

ALERTING

We seem to remember most of the alerting procedure changes, e.g. generally not alerting bids above 3NT. However, many of us still struggle with less normal bidding sequences. One example of this happened recently and is worthy of mention.

The modern style, when you have a fit with partner is to jump raise on a weak hand and bid 2NT with a high card point raise. However this style is not standard and if the jump is a weak raise it must be alerted in the following circumstances:

	N	E	S	W
1.	1H	P	3H	
2.	1H	2C	3H	
	1H	D	3H	

Conversely, a weak jump raise after a D by the opposition is deemed standard and so is not alertable i.e.:

Still a bit confused? – join the Club!