

OXFORD BRIDGE

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tues 15 Sept 09: EBU Simultaneous Pairs, 7.30pm (Oxford BC)

Tues 13 Oct 09: COUNTY PAIRS HEAT, 7.30pm (Oxford BC)

**Sun 8 Nov 09: MEN'S & LADIES' PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP
1.45 for 2.00 pm (Oxford BC)**

**Sun 22 Nov 09: OXFORD TIMES CUP PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP
(for less experienced players)
1.45 for 2.00 pm (Oxford BC)**

**Sun 6 Dec 09: SWISS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP
1.45 for 2.00 pm (Oxford BC)**

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FOCUS ON PLAY - OBA SIMS

Love All. Dealer West.

NORTH			
♠	J7653		
♥	4		
♦	1052		
♣	7643		
WEST		EAST	
♠	Q1082	♠	AK9
♥	92	♥	AK87
♦	AQ43	♦	KJ96
♣	AQ8	♣	109
SOUTH			
♠	4		
♥	QJ10653		
♦	87		
♣	KJ52		

East-West win the deal on Board 8 of this year's OBA Sims. The combined point count of 32 means that 6 no-trumps will be a doubtful contract, but should make in practice because of the favourable lie of the cards.

Reviewing the Wantage results for this deal, out of 9 results, 6 were in slam and 3 were in 3NT. Of the 6 no-trumpers, 2 made an overtrick, one just made and two were defeated. (How? I wonder...) The star bidders were those who bid 6 diamonds, the technically best slam, but only 4th out of 9 in the scores. What an unfair game bridge is!

AROUND THE CLUBS – 6

Frilford Heath

An offshoot of the well-known Golf Club, the Bridge Club has been in existence for 20 to 25 years and holds Duplicate evenings on Tuesdays at 7.15pm.

The Club fields two teams in the Wessex League (both promoted last season!) and holds an annual tournament in memory of one of their most notable golfers (and bridge players), Brigitte Wilenkin.

COUNTY LEAGUE TEAMS OF EIGHT FINAL AT SOLIHULL ON 5 JULY 2009

By Clive Keep

Every year the winners of all the respective teams of eight leagues across the country meet in a multiple teams event to determine the overall National Champions. Last year our representative County B team brought home the Cup. Could our County C team (winners of the Markham Trophy) do the same this year?

Those picked to represent Oxfordshire were Joe Clacey and Gregg Moss, Malcolm Currie and Jo Murray, David Flower and David Stead, and Clive Keep and Mike Brown. They travelled up the motorway to the West Midlands Bridge Club on Sunday 5th July to do battle with the best that Essex, Manchester, Avon and Hertfordshire could muster. The county were lying second at half time, but then produced the goods in the second half to win by 12vps over their nearest rivals, Essex.

This was the last hand for me in the North seat (N/S vulnerable):

♠ K1065	Bidding	N	E	S	W
♥ J1054	goes....	1C	1H	Double	Pass
♦ None		1S	Pass	4S	all pass
♣ AK1098					

Partner puts the following down on the table after the ♦5 has been led:

♠ AQ82
♥ K82
♦ K10974
♣ 3

Well, you put in the ♦10, covered by the J, and you ruff with the ♠5. Now what? Prospects do not look too good- with presumably five hearts on your left to the A Q...however you try to sneak a heart through by leading the 10, but LHO rises with the Ace (his partner playing the 9) and plays the 3 back..ah well.. perhaps RHO will be ruffing from 4 spades....no - he follows suit when you play the eight and this wins!

Things are a lot better now!! It appears that ruffing another diamond in hand will give you 10 tricks as long as trumps break 3-2. So you now ruff a diamond and play the ♠K.

The Jack appears on your left! Oh dear, they are probably breaking 4-1. Still, what do I know about LHO's hand? He has 4 hearts, presumably a singleton spade, and has led the ♦5. Is he 1444 in shape? If so, I can eliminate three clubs in RHO's hand and end play him to lead away from (presumably) the Ace of diamonds. I therefore play the ♠10, ducking in dummy, and then ♣AK and another club, ruffing in dummy with the Queen, then I cash the Ace of trumps followed by the ♥K. RHO has to win with his boss trump and lead away from the Ace of diamonds, the full deal being:-

North	East
♠K1065, ♥J1054, ♦none, ♣AK1098	♠J, ♥AQ73, ♦Q865, ♣QJ62
South	West
♠AQ82, ♥K82, ♦K10974, ♣3	♠9743, ♥96, ♦AJ32, ♣754

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