

COMPETITIONS REPORT FOR AGM - SEPTEMBER 2023

The committee has planned a varied programme of events for 2023-2024

Summary:

Sun 1 Oct 2023	Harwell Cup
Thu 5 Oct 2023	Play with an expert
Sun 5 Nov 2023	Handicap pairs
Sun 3 Dec 2023	Swiss Pairs Championship
Thu 1 Feb 2024	\
Sun 11 Feb 2024	County Pairs Semis
Mon 19 Feb 2024	/
Sun 17 Mar 2024	County Pairs Final
Sun 5 May 2024	Swiss Pairs (Junior Fundraising)
Sun 16 June 2024	Mixed Pairs

The cost of Sunday competitions remains unchanged at £9 per person for Blue Pointed, £6 per person for non-blue pointed. The Wessex League Entry fee up to £60 (from £50), £30 for daytime.

A successful F2F congress was run in August attracting over 20 tables at a new venue, Radley College, Abingdon.

To encourage more entries:

The County pairs will have be revamped to encourage more entries with two weeks chosen in which any club duplicate (Pairs must play in their regular club) qualify a pair for a county pairs semifinal (choice of three, two midweek, one on Sunday). There will be a county initial heat open to all (RealBridge). Pairs will then qualify for the final in proportion to numbers in each semifinal.

The top pairs in the Harwell Cup will gain free entry into the Presidents Cup (player that are Primary OBA Members)

There are new competitions: Cross-Imp pairs ladder and Thursday Teams ladder and Handicap pairs.

Oxfordshire Online Player (OOPs) and Oxfordshire Top Travellers (OOTs) introduced to add a bit of fun and encourage players to play at different clubs.

Competition Bylaws

Are all modified and uploaded to the website to reflect changes above.

Stephen Brown. Sept 2023