

OXFORDSHIRE BRIDGE

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Saint Valentine's Day (post mortem)

Did you get a Valentine card ♥♥♥ from your fave partner,
vowing never again to revoke?

Did your fp also vow to enter our new prize quiz (see p.2)
and, if unlucky in the draw, to treat you well anyway? - David Bygott

At the 2013 Pro/Am

Our December quiz winners were drawn from the hat by the OBA's chief TD, mere seconds after **Veronica Wilson** had helped him to win January's Pro/Am event. Well done, both! And many thanks to **Chris Earl**, at short notice assisting a rare visitor, **Ameena Ahmad**, to a place in the Top Ten.

Our December quiz answers...

1. George 2. The Seven Stars 3. John Le Bigod

A treat at the **George** in Dorchester, a beautiful 15th century coaching inn in an idyllic location, was won by **Nick Smith**. More winners on p. 2.



<http://www.thegeorgeorchester.co.uk>



(photo: courtesy of Gillian Weatherley)

In December a very enjoyable session of **Military Bridge** went off without a bang at Wallingford B.C. Lots of flags, lots of fun (no blood).

If you fancy holding a Military Bridge at your own club, why not contact WBC to check the rules? Can't hurt, can it?

A tip for beginners (part 1)

During a national event in 2012 ever-friendly **Krys Kazmierczak**, a regular in the OBA's teams, had to face "one of the leading pairs in the country, some would say in the world."

North to bid: ♠Q732 ♥KQ964 ♦AK10 ♣8

South holds: ♠AKJ10 ♥J87 ♦763 ♣K42

With oppo silent, how would you bid here with your fp? To a game in ♥ perhaps or in ♠?

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The George Hotel, Dorchester on Thames, offers modern British dishes and exotic treats, as well as fine real ales and traditional Sunday roasts with Yorkshire puddings. An a la carte menu is available 12-3pm and 6pm-9pm daily and a senior citizen menu is available 12pm-3pm at £5.50. Tel: 01865 340404.

A tip for beginners (part 2)

At **Krys**'s table the auction died in 2♠ for a poor score when 4♥ or 4♠ can make, maybe with an overtrick. But it was the star pair, not **Krys**, who held the p.1 hands and rested in 2♠. So can you guess **Krys**'s tip? When you meet strong opponents, don't feel intimidated. Just play as well as you can. "You see, experts are perfectly capable of getting it wrong too!"

Fancy your luck... ?

- **2nd Monday** of every month the County Seniors daytime ladder at Wallingford BC
- Eat, chat & play on **Wed 6 March** at Oxford BC with the newly formed **Lunch Bunch**.
- A **charity** event in Kingston Blount on **12 March**.
- **Cafe Bridge** in Henley on Tues 16 April.
- Summertown BC's first **Blue-Point** Swiss Pairs on **Sun 28 April** in Islip, already filling.
- A **new Mid-week Congress** to be run by the **EBU** at Belfry OX9 2JW near Wheatley on **28-30 May**.
- Our annual **2-day Congress**, including social events, this year **in Woodstock** on **15-16 June**.
- Plus numerous events for **Juniors**.

For details and more events:
www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk

Some recent fine results

Sun 27 Jan: **OBA Swiss Teams** championship:
S. Brown, J. Deech, J. Williams, C. Wilson.

Sun 3 Feb: **Wallingford BC Swiss Pairs:**

1. **C. Rowland & N. Wolfendale**
2. **R. Todd & C. Benzie**
3. **G. Nicholas & D. Roberts**

Sun 17 Feb: **BerBuckOx Teams** (for golfers):
Nine teams from the 3 counties took part.
Won by **J & B Edwards** and **R & C Moore**
from **The Springs Golf Club**,
which lies not all that far from Cholsey.

Sun 24 Feb: **Harrogate Swiss Teams:**
1. **E. Jones (+3)** 2. **S. McPhee (+3)** 3. **A & O Woo (+2)**

More December quiz winners

Music CDs showcasing violin maestro (and bridge player) **Alfredo Campoli**, generously sponsored by **Blackwell Music**, were won by **Neil Whiting** and **Simon De'Ath**.



(photo: the editor)

Wise words at the Pro/Am

Juliet's pro looked on as her defence fell apart. Unsure how many ♣s declarer held, she let 3NT make. In the post mortem **McPhee** spoke gently, "Try to keep the auction in mind."

It was 1♠-2♣, 2♦-2♥, 3NT. Once declarer had followed to ♥s three times, was it possible he'd begun with more ♣s than a singleton?

Prizes after St Valentine's Day

To win a **meal** for two at the popular **Seven Stars** in Dinton (off the Thame Road, HP17 8UL, easy parking) – **or** to gather an armful of **fab flowers** free at fabulous **Babylon Nursery** in Cuxham...

answer 3 questions.

1. The 1950s film **Some Like It Hot** opens with a...
1929 massacre - horse race - curry cook-off
2. Which key card solved an early case for **Poirot**?
♠6 - ♦8 - ♣K
3. **Poirot's** author **Agatha Christie** lies buried in...
Chelsea - Cholsey - Solva

Get your 3 answers (& **EBU no**) by Fri 22 Mar to the Editor or to OBA membership secretary:
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