

OXFORDSHIRE BRIDGE

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Fancy some bridge? Played out in Bali?

This month in Bali (16-29 Sept) the world's top teams events unfold - the **Bermuda Bowl** (open) and the **Venice Cup** (women) - allowing you to marvel online at the play of our England teams, which you via your club fees have helped to fund.

Our open team includes **Andrew Robson**, popular in Oxon for his workshops.

Our women include ex-OBA player, **Susan Stockdale** (see newsletter 14).

Check the daily bulletins from Bali, free, via www.ebu.co.uk.

Gasp, groan or grin at how the experts play.

I'm sure you'll learn and enjoy. — *David Bygott*



Some winners

Belated congratulations to **Wallingford A** on retaining their **Wessex League** title, and to all teams that got promoted. At the **Scarborough** summer congress **Kathy & Denis Talbot** came a fine 1st/160 in a tough Swiss Pairs (despite the 84th board of the event, see right).

Many congratulations too to the winners of our prize quiz in issue 21.

(Answers: Hideous Hog, church, 40 minutes)

Nick Smith (*Oxford Times* bridge columnist and a selector of our **England stars in Bali**) wins a signed copy of *All Fall Down* by novelist **Sally Nicholls** while **Lyn Arnold**, wins a meal for two at the award-winning **Great Western Arms**.

<http://www.great-westernarms.co.uk/>

To win your signed copy of Sally's novel ("a terrific story," *the Telegraph*) guess **where** your *Ed* was when he snapped this scene. (Send answer to address on p. 2)



Scarborough, board 84

With a joint count of 15hcp you risk aiding oppo if you reveal your shape, yet a swift 'barrage' may hinder oppo. The last board (of 12 x 7) saw **S** as dealer, E/W **vul**. Should E/W compete? If so, how high? To 2♠? To 4♠?

| West | East |
|---------|----------|
| ♠ KJ83 | ♠ AQ9752 |
| ♥ K8643 | ♥ Q92 |
| ♦ 3 | ♦ 85 |
| ♣ T93 | ♣ 64 |

After **Kathy** (S) opened and **Denis** responded, E/W quickly bid 4♠. Elsewhere **Summertown BC's Steph & Steven Bliss** opened 1♣ and their E/W kept low. **Steph & Steven** used the space well to explore and reach a making 6♦.

Kathy & Denis, with no room to investigate, faced a guess. They judged to settle for 5♦+1 (a poor score) but still won the event.

Of course a barrage won't pay off every day, but how would **you** have fared as N/S? Imagine you are S, dealer, your fave partner is N.

| South | North |
|---------|-----------|
| ♠ 4 | ♠ T6 |
| ♥ AJT5 | ♥ 7 |
| ♦ 762 | ♦ AKQJT94 |
| ♣ KQJ72 | ♣ A85 |

Does S open? If E overcalls and W bumps to 4♠, can **you & your pard** bid safely to 6♦?

More congratulations

Results from **Wallingford BC**'s much enjoyed **Swiss Pairs** on Sunday 1 September:

1 **Gascoyne/Squires**; 2 Quainton/Keep; 3= Carroll/Sadler & Nicholas/Roberts; 5 Wadsworth/Kyle; non-e (9) Cole & Cole.

Oxford BC's **Freddie Illingworth** has won the EBU's Young Player of the Year award.

At the EBU's flagship congress in **Brighton**, **Kathy & Denis Talbot & Beryl Kerr (+1)** won the Seniors Teams. Later, and beaten only by **Zia's** squad, a team with OBA's **Chris Cooper & Ed Jones** came 2nd in the open teams 4Star final, possibly the best EBU cup result by an OBA pair since **S. McPhee & R. Lonsdale's** 2 Star victory in **Bournemouth** in ...

(Oops, I'm old enough to remember staying to clap, but I can't remember the year. - Ed)

Find more results at www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk

A tip for defenders

With West as dealer, this hand was played in ♥ by E, in ♠ by S or in NT by N or E. Various declarers netted between 4 and 12 tricks.

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|--------|---------|--------|
| ♠ 984 | | |
| ♥ T8 | | |
| ♠ T32 | ♦ AK976 | ♠ Q6 |
| ♥ 9653 | ♣ AT7 | ♥ AQJ4 |
| ♦ QJ8 | | ♦ T53 |
| ♣ KJ6 | ♠ AKJ75 | ♣ Q832 |
| | ♥ K72 | |
| | ♦ 42 | |
| | ♣ 954 | |

One S declared 3♠. W led ♥9 ("top of nothing") won by E's ♥A. This E had been told always to return partner's suit. But E knows S has ♥K (and ♠Q sits badly) plus dummy's ♦ suit is ominous. On this deal returning a heart is too passive! At trick 2, instead of playing a heart, E can switch and knock out a key entry to dummy. Can you see which suit E must switch to? By switching to it, E can hold declarer to a bare 9 tricks.

But... this E returned a 'loyal' heart. Oh, no! Declarer came to 12 tricks! Can you see how? And see which card in dummy was the entry to the two extra tricks in diamonds?

Your Ed is grateful to an OBA county player for this tip: "Partner may not know what the best opening lead is. Always study dummy at trick 1."

An offer to OBA clubs

Wantage BC has 12 *bridgemate pros* that are no longer required. If any club is interested, please contact: keith.robbs@care4free.net

Prize Quiz 22

To win a **meal for two** at the ever-popular **Trout Inn** on the edge of Oxford by the Thames **send in the 4 answers.**

1. Bob ... starred in the film **The Road to Bali?**
Geldof - Hope - Charity
2. A show tune from 'South Pacific' is **Bali... ?**
High - Higher - Ha'i
3. The capital of **Bali** is...
Badandh - Dunbiddha - Denpasar
4. Which one wasn't a Mayor of Oxford?
Philip the Miller (1214)
Reginald P. Capel (1944)
Richard Whittington (twice)
Nigel Pong Barley (1947)

Your 4 answers

(with your EBU no)

by Friday 4 October

to the Editor or

to the OBA membership secretary:

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Only members of the OBA may win.

Norman Gascoyne of Wallingford BC, our issue 14 winner of a meal at **The Trout**, e-mailed *your Ed* to say "What a lovely evening we had. The food and service were superb. Please tell the manager that his staff can be congratulated. We will certainly recommend **The Trout** to all our friends."

(photo: the editor)

