

OXFORDSHIRE BRIDGE

Newsletter of the Oxfordshire Bridge Association

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Step Up Bridge

For a novice a duplicate game in a club is a **big step up** from a beginners' class. For a keen club player a **step up** may be a chance to represent club or county or to enter a tournament, e.g. the EBU summer congress in Brighton. According to a bridge teachers' meeting (see Issue 26) what might give many a club player a lift is a dose of **Step Up Bridge**. Therefore OBA education officer **Jonathan Price** has set up a short booster programme for small groups, with its launch in Oxford but with plans to share the model throughout the county.

SUB Club sessions offer insights to players at a particular stage in their bridge development (roughly guided by NGS ratings). A pilot **SUB** session, led by **Cathy Rowland**, targeted those with an NGS of c. 45-50 %. Its focus was on *hold up play* and in *thinking*. The group loved it!

Let **Step Up Bridge** add some **spice** to your game and/or your partner's! Turn to page 2 for more details. — *David Bygott*



*What new OBA event did they all enjoy on 9 Aug?
What is a SUB CLUB session?*

A 4♥ hand from Brighton 2014

If you missed the 2014 Congress you can still play this hand. It's from a Pairs semi-final.

1♥ (2♦) 2♠ (P)
3♣ (P) 4♥ all pass

You are declarer, West. North's lead is ♦A.

West	East (dummy)
♠ T94	♠ KQ652
♥ AQJT3	♥ K92
♦ -	♦ T876
♣ KQJT5	♣ 2

Oppo may force you with ♦ leads. Spades may sit badly. See any chance to make 4♥? (see p. 2).

OBA events for your diary

Check the updated calendar on our website
<http://www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk/joomla>

Chester Cup (team of 4) entries by **31 Aug**
President's Cup (team of 4) entries by **31 Aug**
new juniors Sunday club starts on **21 Sept**
Men's Pairs and Ladies' Pairs on **Tues 28 Oct**
(£4 on the night and cash prizes)
Swiss Pairs will be played on **Sun 30 Nov**

Also in September...

To the south of our county, **Wallingford BC**
(our Wessex League victor 3 years in a row)
is running a **blue-pointed** event

Sunday 14 September

Swiss Pairs

6 x 6 boards

Roke and Berrick Salome Village Hall
OX10 6JJ

1.15 pm for 1.30 pm start

£12 per player

including refreshments and tea

Easy parking

For more details or to enter...

online: www.bridgewebs.com/wallingford

phone: Barbara Antrobus 01865 40785

email: barbara.antrobus@vdveen.co.uk



Cathy Rowland demonstrating a hold up

Techniques Tuesday

for a small group

9 September

2 – 4 pm

an OBA event

at Oxford BC

147 Banbury Road, Oxford

open to any OBA member (if signed up)

but intended for players

with an NGS of about 45-50 %

introductory session fee: £7.00

led by

2014 Oxfordshire County Pairs champion

Cathy Rowland

This *SUB CLUB* session will focus on:

using trumps effectively, making a plan

Should I draw all trumps at once or draw some or delay?

Have I enough entries? Can I develop a side suit using trumps?

For more info check the Education menu at

www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk/joomla

To sign up, contact

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A Sunday bridge club for juniors...

... (from age 9) is starting in Summertown Church Hall, Oxford on **21 Sept**, 2.30 – 4.30 pm (£3.00).

For info phone [Holly Kilpatrick](tel:01865512358):

01865 512358 or 07753 672001.

"Bridge benefits concentration, memory, arithmetic, reasoning and judgement," says Holly, "and it's fun!"

Prize Quiz 26: answers

If — impostors/imposters — Bocchi — food.

The draw will be made shortly. The winner's prize: a great meal for 2 at **Cibo**, Summertown, Oxford.

Your lead on bd 30?

Mere days after her **SUB** session in Oxford, **Ursula Bowler** & partner **Howard Arnes** played in Brighton's prestigious Swiss Teams. On board 30 they defended against **Sarah O'Connor & Mike Bell's** 4NT.

The uncontested auction was: 1NT-2♣, 2♦-4NT.

What would you lead from this?

♠ T984 ♥ AK72 ♦ 62 ♣ 987

That 4♥ contract (from page1)

You are declarer (West) in 4♥. Can you see how to make it now, double-dummy? North's lead is ♦A..

North

♠ 87

♥ 75

♦ AKQJ5

♣ A974

West

♠ T94

♥ AQJT3

♦ -

♣ KQJT5

East (dummy)

♠ KQ652

♥ K92

♦ T876

♣ 2

South

♠ AJ3

♥ 864

♦ 9432

♣ 863

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Congratulations to all Oxon folk who did well at **Brighton**, e.g. **Alan & Olivia Woo's** team and **Robert Procter & Michael Robinson's**, finishing 4th and 5th respectively in the seriously tough **Four Stars A Final**.

Catch more details soon on our OBA website

<http://www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk/joomla>

or check: <http://www.englishbridge.co.uk>