

OXFORDSHIRE BRIDGE

Newsletter of the Oxfordshire Bridge Association

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Bridge is for all

In 2013-14 some of our junior members played at **international** level. Our recent **young** players' day at Wallingford BC was **fun**, see report on our website: www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk/joomla. A **social** Café Bridge tour in Henley raised £500 for **charity**. Our OBA teams ended a **tough** season of **inter-county** matches with two wins. Almost upon us is Summertown BC's Swiss, a **gentle** entry to the fun of tournament bridge (see p. 2). To find what suits **you**, do browse our website. And perhaps... win a tasty prize in our quiz on p.2? — *David Bygott*



photos: H. Kilpatrick

County Night given a stir

For decades members' contributions have supported **Tuesday** sessions at Oxford BC, open to all OBA members and visitors. Concern over attendance has led the Management Committee (Chairman: Robert Procter) to support a review. Changes formulated for the Committee by Diana Nettleton are already being trialled, such as players to arrive by 7 for a **7.15 pm** start and **no break** plus some new events. Please also note that **Menagerie BC** has been invited to use the **fourth** Tuesday of each month as **its club night**, offering a teams-of-4 league open to all, subject to space; for how to **pre-enter** see Robert Procter's latest blog on our OBA website. Or visit <http://www.bridgewebs.com/menagerie>

OBA's Top Pair

After club heat, semi and final our new County Champions are **Aleks Lishkov & Cathy Rowland**.

Well done also to the nearest runners-up:

2. Nicholas/Roberts,
3. Dobson/Wright
4. Lucas/Potter



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Some OBA dates...

- Sun 18 May Summertown BC Blue Swiss Pairs, Islip
Sun 18 May Oxford Times Cup (for novices)
Sun 8 June OBA **mixed** pairs (1.45 pm at Oxford BC)
Tues 10 June **OBA Annual General Meeting**
7.30 pm at 147 Banbury Rd, Oxford
followed by **free** refreshments **and bridge!**
Then... 14-15 June **Oxfordshire Congress**
Green Pointed Swiss Pairs & Swiss Teams
details: www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk/joomla

Best quality in a bridge partner?

Oxfordshire Bridge is sorry to note the loss of GM **Vic Savage**, peacefully at 82 after illness. A Wessex League partner of his at **Thame**, Paula Hopkinson, told *your Ed* that Vic was amusing and quick witted, hence great fun to play with, "He'll be sadly missed by all his friends and partners."

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Wallingford A topped our **Wessex League** again and represented us in the **Garden Cities** regional heat, sadly failing (with a weakened team) to make the Final. **Ed Jones** and his team of internationals were knocked out of the EBU's star-studded **Spring Fours** but won the consolation **Punchbowl**. In our **President's Cup Final Whitehouse/Sheehy, Rowland/ Lishkov** trailed after 40 by only 1 IMP, but couldn't catch **Brown/Claridge, Williams/Wilson**. Rumour has it that an excellent Devon Cream pudding played a role.

Hiccoughs for the Doctors Team

Despite some slips on the way, the team of Kathy & Denis Talbot, Robert Procter & Nick Smith has won our **Chester Cup**. Well done!

Islip, Sun 18 May, not quite full?

Summertown's **Blue-Pointed Pairs** at **Islip** hall (profits to: Samaritans) may still just have room for you. Check: <http://www.summerbridge.org.uk/>



Lavender from Islip makes up fragrant toiletries sold in aid of charities. See <http://jacobsfieldlavender.net/> and our Quiz 25.

2013-14 Seniors Pairs ladder

Keith Goswell & Dale Thomas won our **Seniors** again. Well done! We are sorry that a former winner **Krishan Jalie** continues unwell, but are assured he welcomes visitors by arrangement.

11 counties meet at Oxford BC

In April teams-of-4 from ten other counties challenged an OBA four in an all-play-all for the **Beck Cup**. Creasey/Handley/Bryant/Evetts of Warks won the Cup, while the OBA team came ninth.



photos: the Editor



The Fish Restaurant and Bar at Sutton Courtenay
<http://www.thefishatsuttoncourtenay.co.uk/>

What would you lead?

In an EBU tournament your partner deals and passes (all vul). You and he/she pass throughout.

Your RHO opens 1♣. Your LHO says 2♣.

Your RHO ends the auction with 3NT.

It's your lead. What will you lead from this?

♠ J86 ♥ QJ92 ♦ QJ65 ♣ Q8

Quiz 25 for OBA members

Win a 3-course *menu du jour* for two cooked and served with French finesse at **The Fish**

or win a fragrant product made with lavender picked in **Jacobs Field** in Islip by filling these 4 gaps correctly.

1. Eric Blair wrote a prophetic novel called...
1914 - 1944 - 1984 - 2014

2. Blair wrote his novel under the name: George...
McKenney - O'Heck - Orwell - Nogard

3. This novel introduced its readers to...
Mary Poppins - Nanny Argus - Big Brother

4. The monument (left) and Blair's grave are in...
King's Sutton - Sutton Courtenay - Burford

Your 4 answers,
with your **EBU** no,

by Wed 11 June *to the Editor* or to the Summertown BC secretary by email:
<Blisses@waitrose.com>