



News

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Results

The County teams played against Nottinghamshire last month. The competition takes place in three layers simultaneously. Our A-team lost narrowly; the B-team won 20-0; and the C-team won convincingly.

Brenda and John Edwards won the County Seniors Pairs last month.

Events

The County Mens Pairs and Ladies Pairs have been postponed from the end of this month. They will be rescheduled for a time in the New Year.

The OBA Swiss Pairs (in which Blue Points are awarded) will take place in Oxford on Sunday 3rd December 2017. In the Swiss Pairs format, the field is rearranged after each round so that pairs play other pairs with a similar score, which tends to push the stronger or more fortunate players to one end of the room and the less exalted to the other end. If you haven't tried a County event before, this would be a great one to consider.

Preparations are in hand for the County's next annual Congress, to be held at Woodstock during the weekend of 9th and 10th June 2018. Do pencil it into your diary and watch the website and this newsletter for more details.

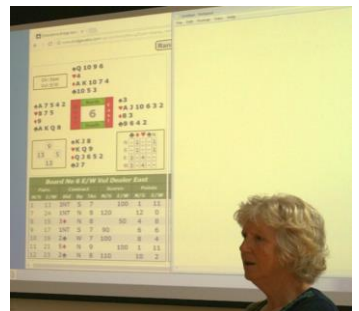
Oxford Festival of Bridge 2017

The County's Festival received great feedback from participants and considerable interest from the EBU and other counties. If you have thoughts about future Festivals, please email obafestival@gmx.co.uk or contact OBA Chairman Robert Procter. Now is a good time to speak up.



OBA Secretary

The role of County Secretary is currently vacant. The OBA is looking for a volunteer to take on this role in time for the next Management Committee meeting on November 20. Much of the work relates to the three scheduled Committee meetings each year and to the AGM, involving the production of agendas, collation of reports and taking of minutes. The Secretary is also at the centre of communications between the OBA and third parties, and for communication within the officer team and club representatives, and maintaining the county's contacts register. If you would like to contribute to the work the county does for its 1,800+ members by taking on this job please contact the Chairman, Robert Procter (robert.c.procter@btinternet.com). If the whole job seems too much, please don't hesitate to call Robert and talk about what you are willing and able to do.



This is an important role for the OBA and so benefits all players in the County. It doesn't call for any particular abilities as a bridge player – please don't think you need to be a regular at County bridge events in order to consider being Secretary. Much more important is having a bit of time and the readiness to do something to help.



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