

Promotion, Education and Social Team Report– March 2023

Promotion:

We will shortly be writing to all Oxfordshire members with two challenges. The first is to play face to face at four clubs other than their own to include at least three of the smallest clubs in the county and to report briefly on their experience and earn a place on an Honours Board on the website plus £10. The second is to play online at six clubs other than their own and to report briefly on their experience and earn a place on a different Honours Board on the website plus £10.

We also have the idea of organising social bridge around the county in conjunction with clubs, inviting players known to our teachers to visit our clubs for a few hours bridge with refreshments. The intention is to try to organise one such event per month moving round the county's clubs with the county picking up the tab if there is a loss and clubs taking the profit wherever that can be achieved. A small sub-committee (Jonathan Davis and Charlie Bucknell and perhaps others to be found) is working up a pro-forma for what these sessions should look like and the help they can offer to clubs to run them.

For these two initiatives we ask for a budget of £1000 for the next year.

Tony Hughes has carried out a review of the website and reported to us many areas where the information is incorrect out of date. Work is being done to correct these areas.

Education:

Charlie Bucknell and Kathy Talbot are tasked with finding a suitable date to hold a teachers' get-together. This get-together will cover the role of teachers in recruiting new players to our clubs and the coordinating role that Charlie aims to provide as County Education Officer.

Social:

A small sub-committee (Elena Jeffery and Barbara Jordan and perhaps others to be found) has been set up to consider the county running a cafe bridge event in the summer. Henley looks to be the favourite venue so they will no doubt be contacting Joan Bennett to discuss.

We discussed the possible inclusion of a social element in the county's forthcoming Annual Congress and this will be taken forward by the Congress Committee. Whilst the Congress does not come under our remit Kathy and Peter will be able to take those ideas back to their Congress Committee.

Robert Procter