

TRUMPIT



WINTER
2014

Christmas parties 'tis the season to be jolly

Monday 15 December – military bridge
Wednesday/Friday eve 19 December – individual (by popular request), no partner required
Bring a plate; collection to Helen & Douglas House. Please see notices on the board.
Tues, Thurs and Fri afternoons have no formal arrangements, but someone may bring a long a mince pie or two!

Committee news

With ever increasing sessions it has become necessary for a division of labour to manage specific responsibilities. Generally:
Finances: Joan Bennett (Treasurer)
Secretarial: Gillian Weatherley/Jayne Watney
Buildings: Norman Gascoyne & Peter Finbow
Competitions: Peter Finbow
Membership: Lyn Arnold & Wendy Roderick
Dealing Manager: Lyn Arnold
Info technology: Francis Glassborow
Bridge supplies: Yvonne Frost
Catering supplies: Pat Swain
H&S/training/special needs: David Seale
Pro-ams – Dave Workman
Web manager: Dermot Paddon/Susan Kane
Web News Editor – Janny Watson
Trumpit Editor: Debbie Roberts

Session organisers (incl. scorer/director rotas):

Mon: David Seale
Tues: Francis Glassborow
Weds: Section A Dermot Paddon
Section B : Carol Pedrick
Thurs: Roy Newman
Friday afternoon: Pauline Dunn
Friday eve: Richard Ford

Welcome additions to the Committee: Pauline Dunn & Roy Newman, as well as Jayne Watney, who will be taking over as Secretary in May 2015.

The smooth running of the club relies on volunteers. Some jobs do need training which the Club will provide e.g. directing, scoring and dealing; several courses have been attended by members this year. Dealers are needed urgently, so please see Lyn Arnold, who will give in-house training, if you could spare an hour or so a month.

Late finishes

Problems: late arrivals, slow movement calls, slow play and bridgemate/computer issues. Players should arrive promptly by 7.20pm. Wednesday evenings are trialling timing software, which seems popular. An earlier start time will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting.

Happy Christmas and new year to everyone

Welcome to new members:

Liz Woodhouse, Berly Brown, Angela Haslam, Peter Briggs, Margaret Lambert, Stephen Marsh, Stephen Quinn, Mike Shemilt, Mary Smith, Vivienne Wheeler, Delia Howarth, Diana Barstow and Louise Anderson.

The following are junior members: George Cooper, Scarlett Anstis, Elizabeth Cooper, Philip van der Veen, Elizabeth van der Veen, Adam Manders, Jamie Muller, Arthur Anstis, and George Anstis.

Our thanks to Lyn, Wendy & others for their excellent work with membership subscriptions.

New room

We can now comfortably accommodate our 3 sessions on a Wednesday; thanks to Dermot Paddon for overseeing the renovations. With training and new equipment, Section B should be able to run as a separate entity, with the hope that some may choose to have a go in Section A at some stage. Standard table layout in the main room will be 5 along the field side, 4 down the middle and 3 Tables along the front entrance side. Costs for the renovation were greater than originally anticipated; the Committee has reviewed its guidelines for future expenditure

Regular sessions – £2.50 (or £4 visitors)

As well as our main sessions, held on Mon, Weds & Fri evenings, why not try one of our other options for entertainment on a cold winter's day:

Tuesday 1.30-4.30pm is social pre scored Chicago, with no partner required. Drop in anytime and stay as long as you want.

Wednesday 7.30-10.15pm Section B for a relaxed 20 board duplicate pairs.

Thursday 2-4.30pm friendly 18 board duplicate pairs suitable for novices, simple systems only.

Friday 1.30-4.30pm 24 board duplicate pairs

PRO/AM – next session 21 November

Aimed at players who would like to improve their game by playing with a more experienced partner.

Held bi-monthly on Friday evenings, organised by Dave Workman. If you want to be a 'PRO' or an 'AM' please see details on our website (sign up list will be available at the club).

Please note that these evenings are still open to all bridge players, not just PRO/AM partnerships.

Many thanks to Beryl McGreevy who, until recently, organised these sessions.

Blue pointed Swiss Pairs

This year's Blue pointed swiss pairs was a great success. 20 pairs competed with many positive comments regarding our club and organisation of the event. Congratulations to the winners, Gordon Carroll and Dave Walton

Teams

Playing pairs needs finely tuned judgement, whereas in teams you always push for game, with no need to fret about an overtrick; these qualities make teams ever more popular. As well as our regular teams night on the 2nd Friday of the month, our club competes in 2 leagues. The Chiltern League, generally considered more social, and the Wessex League in which we have 4 teams – offering bridge for all levels of ability. If you want to find out more, have a chat with Captain of the Chiltern team, Brenda Edwards or a Committee member, who will point you in the right direction.

County Seniors competition

Held at Roke on the 2nd Monday each month, approx 33 board duplicate pairs, 11am – 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome, but those below 55years are non-competing; cost £4; bring your own lunch.

Andrew Robson Masterclass - 9 Feb 2015

We are delighted that Andrew will be visiting the club again, please book your place with Lyn Arnold (01491 836015). Cost is £13 pp to include coffee and biscuits; advance payment required, exact amount please if paying by cash. Allow extra time for parking, and arrive by 7.20 for a prompt 7.30 start. There will be the opportunity to purchase Andrew's excellent books.

Need a partner?

You can apply for a partner online, by entering our member's section, or call:

Mon Sheila Davies 01491 836781
 Weds/Fri Beryl McGreevy 01491 835565
 Thursday Gillian Larter 01865 891544

Capitulation – ode to a bridge player

I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain
 I'm getting those bad cards again and again.
 My partner's a dope and I'm losing all hope
 And when he says "double" there's always trouble

So I leave with few words but some that are true,
 Bridge is a game - not for me but for you.
 So be kind to your partners, don't mind their cheek
 For it's only a game - Yes. I'll see you next week

Bridge and walking holiday

22nd - 27th March 2015 staying at Yarn Market Hotel Dunster, Exmoor. Walks in the morning, with friendly duplicate bridge every evening. For more details contact Mike Brown on 01235850135.

Misjudgement of ethical obligations

Most players are honest, wanting their result to be earned on merit. Sadly, there is a faction that prefers to enhance its performance by dubious means. In the past this was restricted to ploys such as peeking, table talk or gestures (flicking or slapping down a card) intended to alert partner. Technology has provided a whole new can of worms, but also the ability to monitor & expose those who misjudge their ethical obligations. No-one wants to believe such behaviour exists; Francis Glassborow has submitted a paper to the Committee regarding deal security.

Calendar

10 Nov CIN simultaneous £5
 12 Nov CIN simultaneous £5
 30 Nov County Swiss Pairs (Oxford)
 24/25/26/31 Dec No bridge
 22 Feb County Swiss Teams (Oxford)

Handicap Individual

Our competitions year starts on 1 January, so now is the time to plan for the upcoming season. Our Handicap Individual will be held on the 1st Friday each month, with the best 6 scores counting. If you are interested in competing with a partner of less experience (and better handicap!) there is a list of contacts on the notice board; they would be delighted to hear from you.

Class dates

Beginning bridge term 2 - from 20 Jan – 17 Mar
 Continuing Bridge 13 Jan – 24 Mar

Our thanks to Gillian Weatherley, ably assisted by Jayne Watney for the taster sessions at Wallingford and Watlington. A great success, with several joining classes or playing at the club.

A BIT OF FUN

There is a clue in column 1; put the answer in column 2. Remove a letter and put it in column 3. The remaining letters, remixed go in column 4, for which the clue is given in column 5. Column 3 should spell your dreams come true! E.g to help:

Insists	Forces	F	Score	Mark out of 20?
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Answers will be on the notice board on 11 November

1	2	3	4	5
Our game	-----		-----	Do it again
Club or class?	-----		-----	Soul or team?
Local club	-----		-----	Gluing friendship
New to the game	-----		-----an opinion
To the point	-----		-----	In a (flash)
24 each night	-----		-----	Start the defence
Precision or blue	----		---	Initially bid their suit
Top or ware?	-----		----- and braces
Boss suits!	-----		-----	Gush
Red alert!	----		---	Where we want to be!

wee fish ewe a mare egret mouse panda hippo gnu deer