

COMPETITIONS REPORT FOR JUNE 2024 AGM

Please find below a breakdown by competitions run by the OBA from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, and a comparison with the previous financial year, where appropriate.

A higher surplus from the Seniors (£500) than expected because the Seniors Room hire was incorrectly calculated a year ago as £948.40 and has been adjusted to an estimate of £498.00. The final figure is not known until the Wallingford accounts are finalised. The county pairs was very successful and has created a surplus of over £400 (which the competitions group plan to use to subsidise a Face-to-Face 9-High event). The December Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs also attracted 20 tables and so an increased income. Other events were similar to last year, but some events restarted in 2023-2024.

There were 9 teams in the Presidents Cup allowing a plate to be run as well (increase from around 4 or 5 in previous years). The cost of entering the Wessex League was increased and there was a surplus, but there will be no need for any increase for a few years.

The Café Bridge event in Henley in September 2024 resulted in a donation to charity of £1200. Many thanks to all those involved in the organization of this.

The Competitions committee is running most events online via RealBridge to allow players from across the county to play and not to compete with club events. There is another Green Pointed Congress planned for August 2024 at a very good new venue. The committee has encouraged clubs (with OBA support) to run Face-to-face Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs and we are pleased that three are planned for 2024-2025 (at Oxford, Wallingford & Abingdon). The committee plan to run a teams league similar to the Chester Cup in 2024-2025. The committee welcomes suggestions from the players in Oxfordshire.

	2023-2024		2022-2023
	SURPLUS	COST	SURP / COST
Thursday Teams	£231.63		£242
X-IMP Pairs	£353.91		£595
Seniors	£587.84		£ 98
Wessex	£413.32		£ 20
President's Cup		£-4.37	£188
County Pairs	£424.50		£152
Cafe Bridge	£ 0.59		
Play with an expert		£-20.40	
Harwell Cup	£ 60.68		
Handicap Pairs	£106.12		
Swiss Pairs	£510.58		£231
Mixed Pairs	£ 27.90		
Junior Fund-Raiser			£186
Congress	£172.46		£551