

## **OBA COUNTY TEAMS REPORT AGM JUNE 2024**

The county teams finished the 2023-24 season in the Midland Counties League around March. Congratulations to the B team, who won their division and will therefore have another outing in the national inter-county league finals on 2 June (on RealBridge). They won 2 of their 5 matches in this event. The A team finished second in their division (they were the only team to beat the winners, Gloucestershire, but weren't quite so consistent against the other teams), while the C team finished third. The new season starts in September.

One member has left the selection committee after changing his county of allegiance, but we still have a committee of 6. We have spent some time discussing the possibility of trials to aid selection, particularly for the Tollemache, but eventually voted narrowly against this.

There is a plan to try to get a 9-high league established alongside our existing county matches, and with this in mind county organisers are being asked to contact their opposite numbers well in advance of each match to agree on whether a 9-high match will be played. In practice, I believe Oxfordshire will only be able to take part in this if its organisation is in the hands of somebody other than the county selection committee, who are more familiar with the higher-ranked players in the county. It would be helpful therefore if the Management Committee could appoint somebody to take charge of inviting expressions of interest, contacting opposing counties and selecting teams as appropriate. The members of the Full Committee Meeting are searching to find someone to do this.

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