

As I said last year the main problem we have is the lack of new members and this is obvious as the average number of tables this year has been 9 tables compared to 10 last year. It is vital that we all encourage new members to join plus make sure that we retain our current membership. We plan to have an open evening on the 17 October with a glass of wine before playing bridge and it will be a free evening for you to bring your bridge playing friends. If you have any ideas to maintain and increase our membership please do not hesitate to email me at martin@emery.uk.net.

We have now had a host system for several years and this works very well as we normally have at least one person coming to the club each week knowing that they will be able to play. I understand that many clubs provide a similar service to members. The only problem we have is finding a volunteer for every Wednesday. We have about 70 members so it really should not be too much of a problem especially as it means you only have to volunteer about once every 17 months. So please try and help!

As we only pay for the hall from 7.00 it will now be necessary that when you arrive you may have to help put out the tables, chairs, etc – I am sure this will not be a problem. So many thanks for your help.

I would like to thank the directors, Charles, Graham, Harry and Neil for directing during the year. Many thanks are also due to Dawn, Mary, Harry, Paul and Philip for managing the Bridgemates and the production of hands every week. Also many thanks to both Anton and Tony in volunteering to help with the Bridgemates. As always many thanks to Rosemarie for all her efforts in the kitchen and for the Christmas Supper. Lastly I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their constant help and advice. I think the club is very well organised and gives all of us a great deal of pleasure on a Wednesday evening.