

Chairman's Report for the Committee

6th December 2020

We have successfully run the Kent Congress and the Dyer-Smith on BBO, albeit with some issues regarding the difference between Danish and Swiss movements. Thanks to Stephen Brown for his hard work in promoting the event, and to him, Paul Gibbons and Sharon Bayne for directing the events. We had a total of 75 tables across the 3 events, which was an increase on last year. There were some players from other parts of the country, but in the main they were players from Kent or surrounding Counties. Thanks also to Geoff Smith, who directed the Dyer-Smith.

The Arnold Cup has commenced, with matches being played on BBO.

The Committee have decided that the Corbett Cup/Plate and Mitchell Salver will not be played in 2021.

We are continuing to run online competitions on Saturdays, one for all players and one for NGS 9 and below. They continue to attract a good number of entries. Thanks again to Paul and Stephen for setting up the Saturday competitions and to them, Sharon and Mike Hampton for acting as Directors for them. Also Chris Lohan for her sterling work in producing commentaries on the hands for the NGS 9, which have no doubt helped make them so popular.

We are working on running competitions, and possibly the Saturday events, on Realbridge. The reports of members who have played on this platform are very positive. Farnborough and Bromley North are running taster events on Realbridge this month. This platform provides a much better social experience due to the use of video and audio. My hope is that, not only will it provide a better experience for our regular players, but that it will tempt those of our members who are currently not playing on line to do so. So far we are committed to holding the Hunter Homines and Fleming Femina on Realbridge in January.

As we all know there is now some light at the end of the tunnel in respect of Covid vaccines coming on stream. This should mean that, at some stage in the next year, we can return to F2F bridge, although it seems that it will be

a few months before that can happen. So it is likely that the GP Swiss Pairs in March will be held online. We will keep the situation under review.

I wish all our members an enjoyable Christmas, despite the restrictions that the Covid epidemic continues to place upon us, and hope for a better year in 2021!

Norman Inniss

Chair KCBA

3rd December 2020