

Chairman's Report for the Committee

3rd May 2020

This is our first online Committee meeting. Perhaps it might become the norm in the years to come!

The last couple of months have been interesting, to say the least. On March the 8th we held a successful GP Swiss Pairs, with 66 pairs competing at Tunbridge Wells. We were also looking forward to the Larsky Cup final being held on 21st March, the George Griffiths and the GP Swiss teams in due course. However the Coronavirus swiftly changed all that and the Larsky Final had to be postponed, with the hope that it can be played later in the year, and the George Griffiths and the GP teams cancelled. We also had to cancel the 'Taste of Bridge' day which was scheduled for 18th April, but we hope to run that either later on this year, or next year.

We are hoping to transfer the Green Point Licence to the teams contest at the Congress in October.

My thanks go to Paul Gibbons and Stephen Brown for setting up the current online competition running on Saturdays, and for Paul acting as Director for them. This is proving popular with the members. The EBU have enabled clubs to be able to run virtual club nights, and I hope that as many clubs as possible will avail themselves of this facility.

Whether or not we are going to be able to hold the AGM and Phillimore Cup competition on 28th June is unknown at this moment, but the prospects are not good. We will discuss alternatives at the Committee meeting.

I am pleased to record that Brian Crack has agreed to take up the post of Honorary President.

There have been no significant contacts with the EBU since the last meeting.