

Chairman's Report

KCBA Committee Meeting 5th September 2021

With the relaxing of the Government Covid restrictions, we are slowly moving back to some form of normality. Face to face bridge has resumed in some clubs, and the EBU have run the Summer Meeting as principally F2F, with a few online events. The numbers were disappointingly low but generally the events ran smoothly and I am not aware of any issues arising. On a personal note the fields were very tough!

As far as Kent is concerned the resumption is quite patchy. Some clubs are staying online for the moment, some are offering a mixture of online and F2F bridge, a few are opening up F2F only. It will take some weeks for it all to settle down and a clearer picture to emerge. We will be making decisions about our own competitions at this Committee meeting. We are continuing for the moment to run our online Saturday games, but will keep the situation under review. The numbers for the 9 High games are holding up well, but the general Saturday morning game is attracting quite low numbers and we will have to decide whether or not to continue those.

My proposed sub-group to produce a plan for the next few years has yet to meet, but I hope to have that up and running soon, and we will hopefully have more information upon which to base our projections as the post-Covid picture unfolds. I am hoping to run our planned initiative to attract new players next year, probably around September time.

Financially the County remains in a strong position and I am looking to use that to progress the drive to recruit new players and to try to attract unaffiliated players to join Kent and the EBU.

Finally my congratulations to Norman Selway and Kay Preddy who won the Phillimore Cup, and also won the London Congress Swiss Pairs.

Norman Inniss

Chair KCBA

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