# Chairman's Report for the Committee – September 2023

The AGM was held in conjunction with the Phillimore Cup on 6th August. We had 15 tables, which was pleasing progress. All Committee members agreed to stand again, and I am grateful to all of them for the hard work that they continue to provide for us.

Congratulations to Ian Draper and Joe Sivayogan, who won the Phillimore Cup in a tight contest that was decided on the last board!

On September 2nd, we held our first F2F 9High event at Tunbridge Wells. We had a good attendance, 9 ½ tables in the first session and 10 tables in the second session. Congratulations to Ian and Pat Jordan, who won the morning session; and to Sue Cooper and Valerie Bailes, who won the afternoon session.

We continue to hold our 9 High events on Saturdays, and numbers are holding up. My thanks again to Paul Gibbons, Sharon Bayne and Stephen Brown for organising and running them.

We are now preparing for the Dyer-Smith (mixed pairs) on 10th October and the joint Kent/Sussex Congress on the 27th and 28th October and we hope that we will see a continued uptick in the number of players attending F2F events.

The treasurer reported that Kent continues to be in a very healthy financial position, but we are always open to using some of our funds in a constructive way that will further bridge in our County.

On 20th September there was a meeting of the EBU County Chairs. Unfortunately I was unable to attend but David Powell deputised for me. He reported that there was nothing discussed that would directly affect Kent at the moment, but I have concerns regarding the EBU initiative around 9 High events. I hope that things will be clearer in the months to come.

Stephen is currently running training courses for directors, which will aid clubs to run their sessions. If anyone is interested in becoming a director please contact him.

I hope to see you all at a Kent event soon.


Norman Inniss

Chair KCBA   26th September 2023