

# Trustees Report to the members for year ended 31/03/2024

## Our charitable aims are:

For the public benefit

The advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of bridge for the benefits of the residents of Preston and the surrounding area; the provision of facilities for the learning, teaching and playing of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Preston and the surrounding area with the object of improving conditions of life.

## During the year we have carried out the following in accordance with our aims:

We are continuing to run three club sessions every week plus The Gibb /Parkinson once a month on the 2nd Monday at 7.00pm. Monday/ Wednesday afternoon sessions start at 1pm Friday evening at 7pm. We are running our improver/supervised play session on a Tuesday evening at 7pm and would welcome any members who would like to play in a relaxed playing session where questions can be asked as they arise. You do not need a partner to attend a Monday afternoon or Tuesday evening session as there will always be someone available to partner you. I am pleased to be able to tell you that we have 2 members who have put themselves forward to become Trustees and 1 other who is considering standing. This will mean that 2 Trustees who no longer live in the area will be able to stand down - Charles Nixon and John Gordon. We thank them for all their hard work and commitment and hope that they will still play on line for the foreseeable future. The remaining member of the team who would like to stand down is also the Club Secretary and if anyone is willing to take on this role please let me know as Maxine no longer plays at the club and is out of the country several times every year. We also would be pleased to welcome anyone who is willing to join the committee and help with the day to day running of the club. As you will hear in the Treasure's Report we are on course to make a loss in the coming year but if numbers can be increased in all our sessions by a small amount we will be in a break even position. Please therefore try to make a commitment to a regular weekly session (or two ) as this will be of benefit to all. I look forward to seeing you all many times in the coming year.

**Christine Club Committee Chair.**

This year we have promoted our services to the people of Preston

by:

Our website is our current means of promoting the club and promotes our facilities, lessons, and novice sessions to all who might want to learn more about Contract Bridge and to experienced players who may want to join

### **Education Report**

We ran a fast track course for beginners last term (September to December 2023).

15 students started the course with 12 completing, some of whom are playing in the supervised play sessions and a couple also playing in the open club sessions.

The supervised play sessions on a Tuesday evening are continuing to be well attended with approximately 12-20 regular attendees.

We intend running another teaching session for beginners next academic year.

# Treasurer's Report to the Trustees and Members

This year we budgeted for a loss of £3348 mainly due to this being the first year of full rent. In the event we kept costs down and income up and got close to break even ending up with just a small loss. Slightly improved outlook leads to a budget of more or less break even again.

Much is due to the hard work of the volunteers who do the teaching, the TD , dealing and assisting play etc. The club owes them a great deal.

**Bill Alston**

# Accounts year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Accounts Preston Contract Bridge Club Y.E 31/03/2024

	2022/23	2023/24
Table Money and Membership	£9,452.56	£10949.21
Bank Interest	£82.57	£480.38
Room Hire	£300	
Grants	£10,000	
LOP Income	£919.30	£168.90
Teaching		£763.00
From Petty Cash		£22.00
Bank Compensation		£150
From Oliver Cowan		£67.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£20,754.43</b>	<b>£12600.99</b>
Rent	£3750	£9375
Repairs and Improvements	£105.19	
Housekeeping	£455	£927.60
Online Bridge Costs	£433	
Stationery		£46.86
IT Costs	£389	£64.90
Internet Telephone	£512.64	£465.19
Accounts System	£240	£240
Competition Entries	£48	£48
EBU & LCBA	£935.84	£1137.32
Teaching Costs		
Bridgewebs	£73.20	£76.80
Insurance	£391.75	£391.75
Alarm Maintenance	£97	
Misc		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7430.62</b>	<b>£12773.42</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£13323.81</b>	<b>-£172.43</b>

## Bank Balances

Brought forward	£49146
Deficit	£ 172
c/f	£48974
Petty Cash	£28.82
Members account	-£1432