



Warwickshire CBA

Regional Club Committee Representative

Chris Harris

Warwickshire welcomes Chris Harris to the post of Regional Club Committee representative. Chris will be talking to all our clubs in due course.

Chris Harris Profile



Bridge background

I first learnt bridge at school over 45 years ago. I played a little at University but only took up the game seriously when I started work playing for Lloyds Bank in the then flourishing "London Inter-Banks League" in the 1970s. I then pretty much gave up the game for about 15 years whilst I started a family and developed my career. I really only took up the game seriously again when I settled in Birmingham in 2004 and joined Sutton Coldfield Bridge Club. In between I have been a member of both the Basingstoke and Salisbury clubs (I moved around a lot with my work). I am also a member of Bridge Club Live, the online club affiliated to the EBU, and I play probably about 50% of my bridge there.

Career background

My career was initially in IT but latterly I moved into general management and I was part owner and Finance Director of a professional services practice. I took early retirement in 2008 when we sold that business. Since retiring I have done a little management consultancy but my major occupation has been, and continues to be, studying for a History degree with the Open University. My first degree was in Electronics and I also have a Masters in Business Administration but my abiding interest has always been history and retirement has given me the opportunity to pursue that. I may well undertake a Masters in History on completion of my BA.

Reasons for candidature

I am concerned about the future of the game in England. The issues are well known but it how clubs, counties and the EBU react to these that is important. I am not wholly convinced that we are "getting it right" and now I have the time available to be able to make a contribution. I have recently joined the Committee at Sutton Coldfield and I see the Regional Club Committee as an opportunity to contribute further. I am the type of person who has strong views on issues but I understand that this is a representative role and I am an effective committee member (I have been a member of the Boards of many companies) because my orientation is to find pragmatic solutions to issues and problems.