



THE PENYLAN CLUB

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Secretary's Report for the Cardiff Bridge Club 48th AGM

Tuesday 24th January 2023

Welcome to you all and thank you for attending this years' AGM.

Before we start the proceedings could I ask you all to take a minute to remember those Members who are sadly no longer with us.

I am giving this Annual Report as Secretary because we do not have a Chairman. No-one stood last year. David Buttrick was initially appointed by the Committee but he felt he had to resign on a point of principle, for which I take major responsibility. Thereafter either Sarah Wilcox or I chaired the monthly Meetings. During the year both Teresa Goss and Simon Lee were co-opted and have proven invaluable. I am pleased to say that everyone on this year's Committee has agreed to stand again this year.

Sarah's plea for more TDs went unheeded in the main, so I have to give a big thank you to Sarah Amos, Ian Evans, Angela Gilbert, Simon Gottschalk, Peter Knowles and Brian Quinlan, for running our sessions be they in the Club or online. We could not have managed without them.

When 2022 began we were still playing online because of Government Rules. When these relaxed we gradually returned to playing face to face on Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons. Some Members preferred to stay playing online and still do both on Monday evenings and now on Wednesday evenings. Attempts to play face to face on Wednesday evenings failed due to lack of support.

Two initiatives started in February have proven most effective. The first is the Beginners' Lessons started by Simon Gottschalk and run by him, Jon Jones (now a qualified Bridge Teacher) with the help of Sooz Nesom (who will also be qualified in February), Steve Webb and others. Thanks to them all. These lessons have gone much better than we could have hoped for and we will be starting the third Course next month. Most of those who attended also took the subsequent Continuing Course and some are now playing in Club sessions. Between the end of one Course and the start of another Simon is offering Supported Play Sessions.

The second initiative is the start of sessions in the Club on Monday afternoons run by the Club. These are proving very popular and wouldn't have been possible without Ian Evans and Aileen Ashmore.

We were prepared to offer Supported Play sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings but there was very little interest. Thursday mornings are happening though. The offers of Book a Table or of Book a Game have not been taken up much.

The Brainstorming Meeting in August was well attended and produced a lot of food for thought. What was pleasing was that it was apparent that people cared about the Club and wanted it to flourish. It produced a number of things. Liz Atkinson felt it was the right time to restart the Winter League on Thursday evenings. Maggie Pierce and David McAndrew offered to put on 3 Introduction to Teams lessons also on Thursday evenings. These proved very popular and helpful and were well supported not only by the average Club player but also by some of the top ones, who helped make up the Teams and give guidance. Thanks to you all. These created an interest in Teams and as a result we are starting Pro- Am Teams events for 3 months initially starting this Thursday evening (26th January).

A Social Committee comprising Veronica Burrows, Teresa Goss and Sooz Nesom was also formed. Their first event was the return of the Geoff Evans Quiz in December. This proved to be extremely popular and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The Hall was full to capacity. Our grateful thanks go to all on the Social Committee for their hard work and to Anna and Kevin, whom we have already booked for next year. The Committee have of course already run a successful event this year; more about it at next year's AGM.

During the year it was also decided to honour the memory of two legends of the Club and of Welsh Bridge, Mike Hirst and Filip Kurbalija, by holding a Swiss Teams Event. All the planning was completed but because of the WBU Calendar, it was not possible to hold the event until earlier this month. I can say that it was really successful and had a lovely atmosphere.

It is sad that membership numbers are down again. Some have moved away like Caroline Stephenson and Derek Adams, who often TD'd. Others for some reason or another simply have not renewed. Despite this, I am pleased to confirm that the Bridge Section has more than met its financial target for the year and contribution to central funds. Thanks to all the Members who support the Club from their homes or face to face whatever the weather.

We had limited Club Competitions in 2022. We expect to return to normal this year and hope for your continued support, so that CBC remains the premier club in Wales.

At this point, I would like to offer congratulations to Members, who have won a broad array of competitions that did take place or who represented Wales in International Competitions

Cardiff Bridge Club – Roll of Honour 2022- External competitions

WELSH REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS (Selection)

Lady Milne Trophy (Ladies Home International)

Wales - Gilly Clench, Mia Deschepper, Ceri Pierce and Maggie Pierce

WBU Team – Mrunalini Dewan

Teltscher Trophy (Seniors Home International)

David Birt and Gilly Clench (npc Simon Gottschalk)

Junior Camrose (Junior Home International)

Sophie Akers, Joseph Bentley, Steph Dux and Alua Serikbajeva

WBU CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

WBU Inter-Club Teams of 8

In winning Penarth Team – Simon Brindle, Mrulanini Dewan and Adrian Trickey

Runners-up- Cardiff – Tim Barsby, David Birt, Gilly Clench, Mia Deschepper, Ceri Pierce and Steve Webb

EAST WALES REPRESENTATIVE – WINNERS

Perry Shield (WBU Inter-Area Teams)

Winners East Wales; the team included 3 Cardiff Members: Tim Barsby, Sue Ingham and Steve Webb

Spicketts Bowl

Winners East Wales; the team included 5 Cardiff Members: Gilly Clench, Mrunalini Dewan, Angela Gilbert, Helen Houston and Mel Thomas

EAST WALES CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS – WINNERS

Mixed Pairs:

Sue Ingham

East Wales Congress – Swiss Pairs

Tim Barsby and Steve Webb

Autumn Congress Swiss Pairs

Mia Deschepper and Richard Plackett

EBU CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS – WINNERS

EBU Summer Festival Swiss Pairs Championship

Mia Deschepper and Richard Plackett

Cardiff Bridge Club- Roll of Honour 2022 –Internal Competitions

Club Championship Pairs

Simon Gottschalk and Chris Rochelle

Club Championship Mixed Pairs

Mike Best and Mia Deschepper

Forgive me if I have omitted anyone.

In addition to those people I have already mentioned, I think it is important for you to know which of our Members are doing what. Here goes:

Club captain

Liz Atkinson

Membership Secretary

Ray Kemp

Spade Tickets

Brian Quinlan

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| Chief Tournament Director | Sarah Amos |
| Tournament directors | Sarah Amos, Ian Evans, Angela Gilbert, Simon Gottschalk, Peter Knowles and Brian Quinlan. |
| Assistant TDs | Aileen Ashmore |
| Teachers | Simon Gottschalk, Jon Jones, Sarah Amos and Brian Quinlan |
| Masterpoints Secretary | Arthur Matheson |
| Handicaps Secretary | Angela Gilbert |
| Webmaster | David Buttrick |
| Pre-dealt hands Organise | Liz Atkinson |
| Purchasing Officer (Refreshments) | David & Jane Buttrick |
| Purchasing Officer (other Consumables) | Liz Atkinson |
| Special Events Officer | Angela Gilbert |
| Social Committee | Veronica Burrows, Teresa Goss and Sooz Nesom |
| Get well and Condolence Cards Officer | Teresa Goss |
| Appeals Panel | Sarah Amos |
| ECATS Contact | Sarah Amos |
| Email contact though website | Martin Joseph |
| Technical Support | Simon Gottschalk |

I would like to finish by repeating the plea made every year for more Committee Members, TDs and Kitchen helpers and for the next PMC Treasurer to come from our Section.

Thanks again for your ongoing support. Here's to a successful 2023 for us all.

Martin Joseph
22.01.23

AFFILIATIONS

Welsh Bowling Association • County of South Glamorgan Bowling Association • Welsh Private Greens Bowling Association (Eastern Section)
Welsh Women's Bowling Association • Glamorgan County Women's Bowling Association
Welsh Bridge Union • East Wales Bridge Association