

## Progress Report and Achievements Towards Our New Club – January 2025

Despite December traditionally being a quiet month across many industries in the UK, we remained productive and achieved significant milestones as we move toward our goal of transitioning to the new club by mid-May.

### Progress and Collaboration

Since beginning this journey in **March 2024**, we have made tremendous strides, and the finish line is now in sight. This achievement has been possible thanks to the shared commitment of the three Clubs working together.

### Key Achievements

- **Planning Consent & Building Warrant:** Early December brought crucial progress, with both our Planning Consent and Building Warrant successfully approved. These achievements allow us to begin obtaining contractor quotes.
- **Preparation for Ownership:** With the formal acquisition of the Clyde Bridge Centre scheduled for the end of February, we are on track to commence essential transformation works promptly upon ownership transfer.
- **Website Launch:** Thanks to Stephanie Silverstone's expertise, our new website is now live for members to explore.
- **Membership Application:** The application form, agreed upon during our last IG meeting, will soon be distributed to all members. It will be accessible online or available for download to submit via Club Secretaries.
  - **Fees:** The membership fee has been set at £40 per year, alongside the £12 annual Scottish Bridge Union (SBU) membership fee.
  - **Membership Period:** First-year membership will be valid until June 2026. Information on application availability will be sent within the next two weeks.

### Call for Trustees and Volunteers

We encourage members to consider standing as Trustees. As a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation), we need committed individuals to help manage our responsibilities as a charity. Additionally, we seek a part-time Building Manager with services skills to manage the routine maintenance and repair of the building and equipment. Knowledge of buildings and/or building services would be useful, but is not essential. This role will require only a few hours per week and will be remunerated.

### Community Engagement

To foster camaraderie among members of all three clubs, we will hold monthly "Getting to Know You" bridge tournaments. These events are designed to help members connect and build relationships before we formally gather in the new club. The first which will be held in the Buchanan Club on 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 1.00pm. All welcome.

### Café Hub for Social Connection

In our new Club "The Café" will serve as our central hub for socialising and gathering before tournaments begin, fostering a welcoming and engaging environment for members.

### Looking Ahead

The sales of all three clubs are expected to conclude by the end of February, marking another pivotal milestone in our journey. We have just over four months until our move, and there is considerable work to be done to meet the schedule of opening in May and at present we are still on track.

### Next Steps

Our next IG meeting is scheduled for **5th February**.

We look forward to continued progress and appreciate your support as we transition to this exciting new chapter.