

Derryvolgie Bridge Club Chair's Report 2026

It's been a very mixed year for the club – all going well until we were hit with the shock of having to leave our premises in January. I hope to have an update at the AGM.

We have been lucky to get temporary alternative locations though with limited capacity. My thanks to the South Belfast Quakers and Balmoral Golf Club and also Neil at the parish centre for facillating the Monday evening session.

We currently have 4 evenings - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday plus Wednesday daytime. Online bridge with BBO continues as usual, my thanks to Ron Perrott for his assistance.

As you know we have a very active committee and thanks are due to all members for their contributions throughout the year. Particular thanks to our secretary Judy Young for her hard work keeping the club running efficiently and smoothly and to our treasurer Kathleen Cassidy for her diligent work keeping the club's finances in order.

Committee members do various jobs in the club, but we have a large number of members and too often the same people end up carrying out duties within the Club. However, the assistance received in our temporary premises has been very impressive. Special thanks to the TD's and the bridgemates operators who make the sessions possible. I would encourage members to think about getting involved in the running of the Club. There are many activities that need help – from dealing the boards to clearing up after a session.

We look forward to a more stable year ahead.

Jim McGilly
Chair