

Western League Report 2021/22

This is the second year that all the matches have been played online. The format has been refined as we have gone along and now runs pretty smoothly. Matches are played over 7 Saturdays from September to May, with 24 boards played in two stanzas of 12.

In respect of results for this year.

The A team won 3, drew 1, lost 3 and came 3rd.

The B team won 2, drew 1, lost 4 and came 6th.

The C team won 2, drew 1, lost 4 and came 5th.

As ever I offer my thanks to all those who have supported and played for all the teams. I was particularly pleased to see that there were some new players for the B & C teams. We need to encourage good club players to try the experience, particularly as for some, playing online offers an opportunity that may not have been taken under the previous regime.

My thanks for his commitment and hard work go to Jason He who had been running the B team, but stepped down before this season.

I'd like to say a particular thank you to Mike Best who took over from Jason in the absence of any other volunteers and managed and selected both the A & B teams.

The AGM for the Western League is due to be held on Saturday 11th June and I suspect that online bridge for the Western League is here to stay in one form or another.

I understand that at least one of the Counties is reluctant to return to face to face bridge in light of the low numbers of people available for selection and difficulties in getting them to travel the distances to play matches. That said, I know many do like playing face to face and are looking for this to return, so we may end up with a hybrid system.

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Secretary

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