



Minutes of 274th Farnborough Bridge Club Committee Meeting

4th September 2025

Present:

Chris Clegg (Chair), John Hunt (Hon. Treasurer), Kim Romanski (Hon. Secretary). and committee members Wendy Church, Claire Martin & Rodney Meredith. Match Captain John Hemington was also present.

1. Apologies for absence

All were present, so no apologies were needed.

2. Minutes of the 273rd meeting

These were, and had been previously, circulated, and were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer provided an update on the Club's finances, which continue to be healthy, with the number of paid-up club members as of today (for the new financial year 1st August 2025) standing at 110 (out of 164 statements sent out). It was also noted that the committee were delighted at how many members have been quick to pay their subscriptions for the coming year.

5. Ladder / Corbett Teams

New Ladder rules have been confirmed and are now online.

The committee also took on board some member feedback of the Corbett Cup selections and the Match Captain proposed team practice sessions during Wednesday pairs on seven sessions before the competition with a view to encourage high level players to join Farnborough Bridge Club. These will be run by FBC Match Captain, John Hemington.

6. EBU National Handicap Pairs / Charity Swiss Pairs

FBC is running the EBU National Handicap Pairs for the first time this coming Sunday, 7th September. There are currently 17 pairs registered and it is expected to reach 18 pairs, giving nine tables.

The annual Charity Swiss Pairs (in aid of Cancer Research) takes place on 16th September and there are currently 31 pairs registered. This is expected to increase in the next week. Preparations are underway and it was noted that refreshments will not be available until after lunch. The lunch catering is also organised.

7. 75th Anniversary

Member feedback has been that bridge is all important within the celebrations of FBC's 75th, and so it has been proposed and agreed that this will take place on Saturday, 5th September 2026 with bridge during the day, including buffet lunch, and then early evening buffet following afternoon bridge. Sundridge Park Golf Club has been booked for the celebration. The Hon. Sec will be emailing members with information including early booking discount.

8. Teaching Programme

Starts for beginners on Monday, 6th October for 10 weeks and from 20th October for 'refreshers' for 8 weeks. Chris Clegg & Norman Inniss will be taking the classes and, as before, it is assumed FBC will gain more members and club players from these sessions. The lessons will be run under the Farnborough Bridge Club 'umbrella'.

9. Storage/Refurbishment of cupboard/Stocktaking

It has been proposed and agreed that both the under-stage cupboard and outside cupboard need clearing and rearranging in order to get easier access to the tables and avoid scraping them across concrete. It is also believed there are items no longer required that can be cleared completely. Three committee members have volunteered to sort.

10. Purchasing: Playing cards / Results display / Clock

- i) Playing cards: Some members felt the current playing cards were past their best. It was proposed and agreed that new playing cards be purchased.
- ii) Results display: It was proposed to look at purchasing a projector. After much discussion, this was deemed not practical at this time.
- iii) Clock: Feedback from members is that there is no set time per round and directors should remove a board from those that play too slowly. The use of a clock has been under discussion several times previously and it was agreed that the one used on Tuesdays works well and should be implemented across all sessions on a trial basis from w/c 15th September 2025.

11. AOB

Digitisation of archives: It was agreed that the Club employ someone for the project of scanning in all historical documentation to be held as archives.

Married Pairs/Mixed Pairs: Now combined into one event 'Mixed Pairs' with a trophy for 1st & 2nd place.

Friday Ladder name change: It was agreed that the word 'Friday' be dropped due to a complication on Bridgewebs.

12. Date of next (275th) meeting

Thursday 13th November, 1.30pm

Members should email questions/suggestions to Kim Romanski (Hon. Secretary) at: farnboroughbridge@gmail.com