

Great Yarmouth Bridge Club Chair Report 2023

This report is my third, as Chair, since we emerged from the pandemic. I am pleased to say, year on year, the Club has gone from strength to strength.

Membership continues to be good. The club has currently 38 members registered [last year we had 24] and we have a great turnout at each Monday evening session. On average we have a core attendance of 6.5 tables [last year we averaged 5 tables]. This is very encouraging & reflects the welcoming atmosphere we have at Great Yarmouth Bridge Club (GYBC).

So, once again, I would like to express my thanks to all of you who continue to support GYBC.

We managed to run a few competitions during the year: a teams event in June; participation in two ECATS events [Children in Need in November & UNICEF earlier this month]. It was scheduled we would play another Teams event in November, however due to several last-minute withdrawals the event was postponed. It is anticipated we will try and run this session sometime during the first quarter of 2024.

The Club is fortunate that we have a quite large bank balance, and our table money exceeds our direct costs. Tom, as previously, will provide his report shortly which summarises the club's finances.

I must express my thanks for the tremendous work that all the committee has put in over the past few years. Thank you to Cheryl (Secretary), Tom (Treasurer), Anne, Lesley & Nick. Without their commitment, it would be difficult to run our Monday sessions as smoothly as they have been. A special thank you must be given to Rob for providing pre-dealt boards for each session and helping me with Tournament Director duties.

The Christmas party held on 18th December was a tremendous success & I must reserve my biggest thanks for Cheryl who organised everything to ensure the evening went without a hitch. From the feedback received, we

will now look at running another evening of bridge together with a sit-down meal at some time during the warmer months.

Finally, I would like to repeat my thanks to all members for their continued support of the club and ensuring we maintain our high standards as a place where people want to come and play bridge in a friendly atmosphere.

Steve Harris

29th January 2024