

Great Yarmouth Bridge Club: Annual General Meeting 26th
January 2026

Chair's Report 2025

It has been a privilege to serve as Chair of the Club during the last year largely because of the support I have received from people in all sections of the club.

So firstly, I need to say “thank you” to you all. Without our strong membership we do not have a club. As you know, I believe that the club should be open and friendly with everyone welcomed and treated with respect – and I hope that is what you have all experienced this year.

Secondly, I must thank all of you who contribute to the successful running of the club. Great Yarmouth Bridge Club is a real team effort, and I want you to know that I really appreciate what you all do.

The Club has had another successful year with 45 registered members and maintained the number of players attending on a Monday evening, which resulted in an average of 8 playing tables per session. I was particularly proud of the support our members gave to the Club's Charity nights. These resulted in sizeable donations being made to 2 local charities: Top Cats & Baby Basics. These Charity Nights will continue in 2026, and the Committee will be seeking ideas from the members of other local charities we can support.

Encouraging new members has been high on the agenda of the club for many years and, at this point, I must thank Rob Richardson for carrying out a series of lessons for beginners at the start of 2025. Rob is repeating this exercise in 2026 & it is hoped this will attract more members to the Club.

Thank you to the members of the Committee, who all played important roles in leading the club this year. In particular: -

- **Cheryl**, the Club's Secretary. She is tireless in her endeavours to ensure the smooth running of the club from finding playing partners for members to organizing the Club's Christmas party.
- **Tom**, the Club's Treasurer. He works hard behind the scenes to maintain the Club's accounts in a very efficient and organized manner which enables them to be audited quickly and without issues.
- **Lesley, Nick & John**, committee members. They ensure the room is ready for Bridge on a Monday, from clearing the room ahead of setting up the bridge tables to collecting table money.
- **Anne Thomas** stood down as a committee member during the year. I would like to go on record and thank her for all the support she gave to me during her time on the committee.

I must give my additional thanks to Tom, Rob & Rosa who have provided support to me in sharing the Tournament Director duties.

I will let Tom – the Club's Treasurer - report on the financial position of the club, however the key to our viability will be our ability to maintain and ideally grow our membership. The committee have decided to make no change to either the subscription or the table money this year but will keep this under review for future years.

So, thank you again. Remember your committee are here to serve you – and we are willing and open to receive feedback and suggestions from you all.

Steve Harris

Chair

5th January 2026