

Chairman's Report 2019.

The highlight of the County's 2019 calendar was hosting the Corn Cairdis. The Corn Cairdis is an annual match between teams representing the County, Club, and Officials elements of the English Bridge Union and Contract Bridge Association of Ireland. The event was organised and run at Basingstoke Bridge Club over the weekend of the 11th and 12th May. The CBAI team won convincingly. Thanks to Helen and Chris Kinloch for being instrumental in the organisation. To Keith Bennett for helping to direct and score and to many Basingstoke members who assisted with catering and accommodation.

The other major the year was our 2nd Hampshire Congress, which saw a full house of 80 pairs on the Saturday and 32 teams on the Sunday, the event was superbly organised as ever by Christine Ray.

Our charity simultaneous events saw a good uptake from local clubs, with a total of £1629 being raised for the local air ambulance. County leagues and knockouts continue with a steady number of teams participating. Our regular County events saw a small increase in numbers throughout the year and the Dave Huggett seminars proves as popular as ever.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the committee for their efforts throughout the last 12 months. Also a special thanks to Christine Ray for all her hard work in organising the County Congress. Special mentions also for Ian Fearon for running all the County Leagues and KO's, Tim Smith our Webmaster, Dave Huggett for his seminars, Roger Johnson for auditing our accounts, our shareholders for representing us at EBU events and last but by no means least all the tea ladies at Romsey.

I hope to see you at a County Event soon.

Regards

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