

Minutes of 42nd Annual General Meeting of the Hunstanton Bridge Club

Monday 13th October 2025 – 4PM on Zoom

Present – Andrew Shaw, Charlotte Forbes-Robertson, Hazel Denslow, Henry Head, Pat Eckersall, Laurent Bernard, Mike Oldham and Ruth Page were welcomed by the Chairman.

Trish thanked Laurent & Andrew for their contribution.

Apologies for Absence – Geoff & Kate Hancock, Gwen Leary, Heather Franks, Karen Kinsey, Margaret Doubleday, Mary Williams, Maureen Carver, Maureen Everett, Robert Winfield, Sarah Wenden & Tony Graham

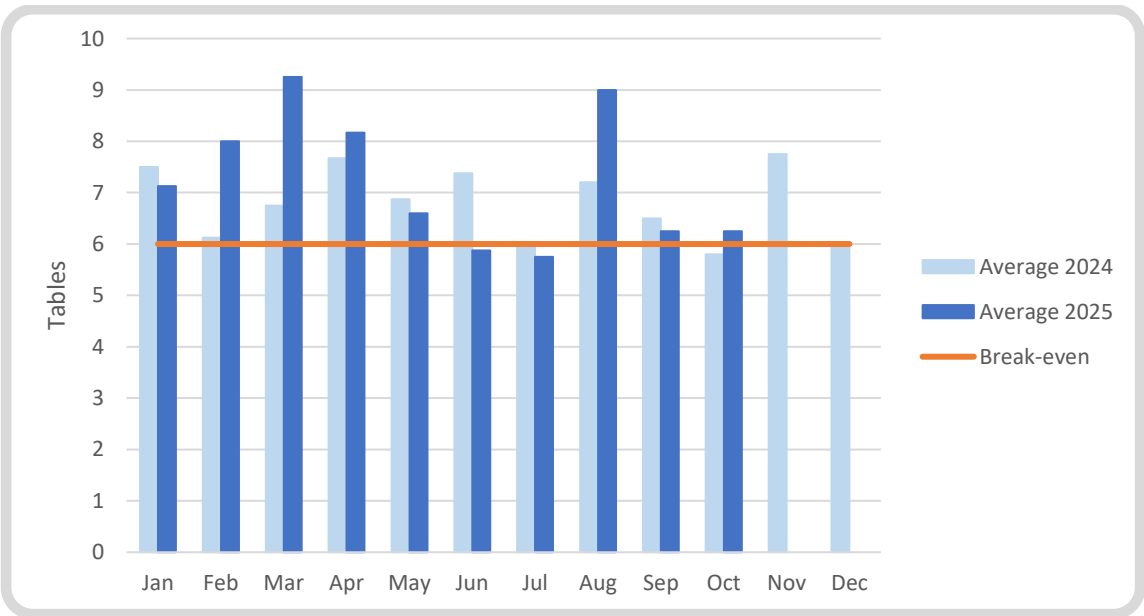
Minutes – Minutes of the AGM held on 21st October 2024 were approved by all.

Matters Arising – None

Secretary's Report presented by Laurent:

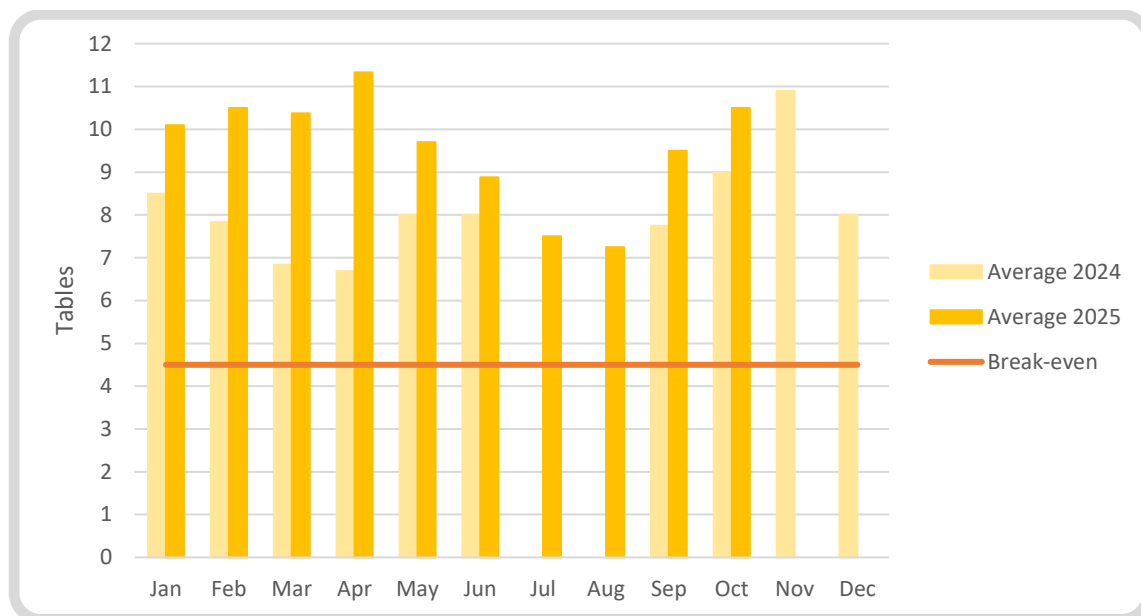
Bridge on Thursday

We have an average of 7.2 tables per session this year, compared to 6.8 tables last year.



Bridge on Friday

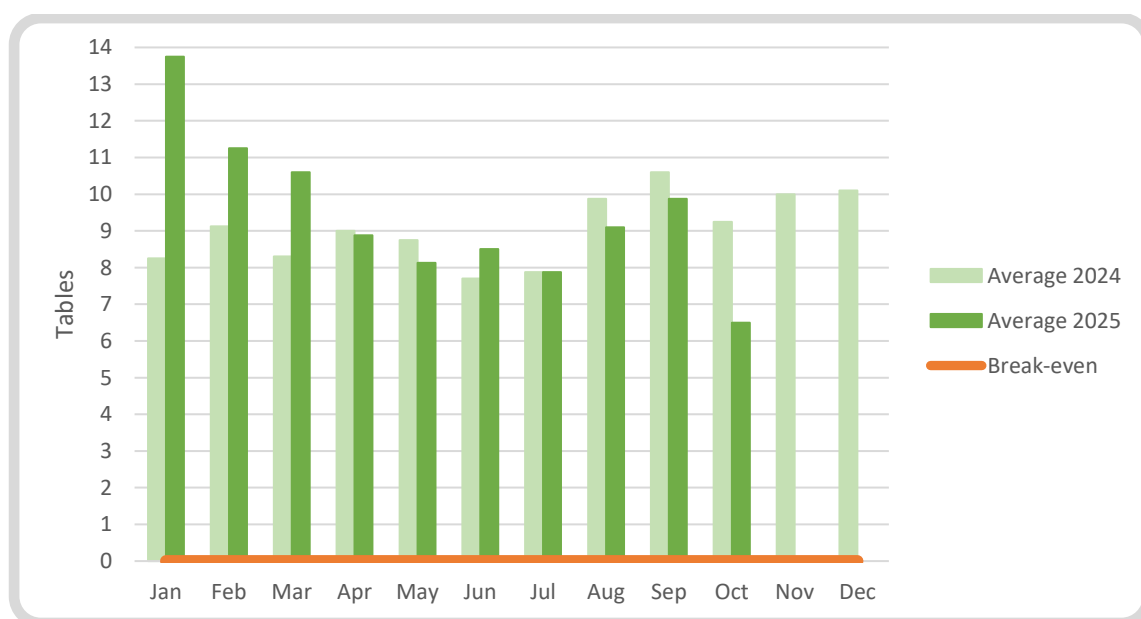
Friday's sessions have gained in popularity with an average of 10 tables per session this year, compared to 8 tables per session last year. Pat together with Trish and Peter ran extra sessions in July & August with an average of 7.4 tables per session.



Bridge on Sunday

Members had often complained about players not speaking in English during our Sunday sessions. The committee decided then to make it a requirement to always speak in English at Hunstanton BC. This is so everyone can understand what is being said and to maintain a friendly atmosphere.

As a results Icelandic players have decided not to play on Sunday anymore. We should expect a slight drop of attendance. We have an average attendance of 9 tables per session this year same as last year.



Charity events

We raised a total of **£1,600** for various charities throughout the club year.



Social events

We have had four successful social events including 2 new events:

Dec 2024	Xmas party	18 tables
Mar 2025	Spring event*	15 tables
Jul 2025	Summer party	19.5 tables
Aug 2025	Social event*	12.5 tables

**new*

New competitions

We introduced two new competitions aimed at Friday's players with an average attendance of 9.5 tables:

- Friday's different partners competition
- Old Hunstanton Cup

Thank you to:

- Rebecca Moore, Jill Smith and Pat Eckersall for their continuing support with the scoring
- Keith Huggins and Neil Foster for joining our team of scorers
- Mark Keightley and Dave Harper for running the Sunday sessions while Andrew and I are away
- Trish Bailey and Peter Clemens for running some of the Friday's session with Pat
- Everyone on the committee
- All members of the club for maintaining a friendly atmosphere and for their ongoing support!

Treasurer's Report – Henry reported a profit of **£1,082.12**. Henry has provided his report in writing which was proposed by Charlotte Forbes-Robertson and seconded by Trish Bailey and all approved.

Election of Chairman: Trish Bailey was proposed by Laurent Bernard, seconded by Henry Head, and was elected.

Election of Officers – Henry Head was proposed as Treasurer by Laurent Bernard and seconded by Mary Williams and was elected. Laurent Bernard was proposed as Secretary by Trish Bailey and seconded by Henry Head and was elected.

Committee Members:

- Andrew Shaw was proposed by Mary Williams, seconded by Rebecca Moore
- Charlotte Forbes-Robertson was proposed by Laurent Bernard, seconded by Sabrina Mitchell
- Mary Williams was proposed by Laurent Bernard, seconded by Hazel Denslow
- Pat Eckersall was proposed by Laurent Bernard, seconded by Rebecca Moore

All four were elected

Subscription rates and table money – The treasurer proposes to keep the table money and subscription rates unchanged. All approved.

Any Other Business – Hazel questioned if we had a lower turn up for the Sim Pairs. Laurent said he is not aware but the numbers can be checked easily on our website. In any case the committee is strongly in favour of maintaining the Sim Pairs competitions.

Hazel expressed her gratitude to the committee for their work in running the club, which was echoed by Ruth.

Henry agreed to send a card to Ken Chapman's family.

Date for the next committee meeting – Monday 10th November 2025 4pm on Zoom (Xmas special) and Monday 5th January 2026 4pm at Henry's.

Spin the wheel of names – Congratulations to Henry who won free table money for the whole month of November 2025!

Meeting ends at 4.22pm

Laurent Bernard
13.10.2025

HUNSTANTON BRIDGE CLUB

COMMITTEE MEETING

28.07.2025

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. **Bank balance** (net of payments outstanding) : £4836.25

2. **Draft end of year accounts:**

The accounts are attached.

3. **Comments on the accounts:**

- Revenue: Overall little changed. The most notable individual items are:
 - Subscriptions: increase of 24% entirely due to increase in membership
 - Courses : reduction because fewer run. The membership increase lessens the need to have so many courses and there is a limit to the time that Laurent can devote to teaching.
 - Social events: More and larger parties indicate the healthy social spirit within the club.
- Expenditure: Also little change overall. The most significant proportional change has been the expenditure on Equipment – a reflection of the increased membership and activity.
- General comment: The club is in a very healthy financial state reflecting the growing membership and the huge efforts of Laurent and Andrew for which we should be very grateful.
- I do not recommend an increase in the subscription as we have sufficient reserves to meet any likely needs.

Henry Head
Hon Treasurer

July 25 2025

Hunstanton Bridge Club Accounts 30th June 2025

	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025	£+/-
Income			
Table Money	£ 10,833.50	£ 12,098.81	£ 1,265.31
Subscriptions	£ 644.00	£ 800.00	£ 156.00
Bridge Courses / Books	£ 2,338.98	£ 982.98	£ (1,356.00)
Social Events	£ 1,845.00	£ 2,270.00	£ 425.00
Others	£ -	-	
Total Income	£ 15,661.48	£ 16,151.79	£ 490.31
Expenditure			
Course Expenses / Books	£ 1,572.21	£ 769.69	£ (802.52)
Donations / Charity	£ 1,635.00	£ 1,597.20	£ (37.80)
EBU fees / competitions / insurance	£ 2,259.19	£ 2,608.89	£ 349.70
Equipment	£ 139.97	£ 429.41	£ 289.44
Printing/Stationery/Playing cards	£ 221.45	£ 291.11	£ 69.66
RealBridge Fees	£ 756.72	£ 896.64	£ 139.92
Refreshment / Social events	£ 3,270.57	£ 3,910.00	£ 639.43
Rent	£ 4,530.00	£ 4,362.38	£ (167.62)
Website / Software	£ 172.68	£ 204.35	£ 31.67
Total Expenditure	£ 14,557.79	£ 15,069.67	£ 511.88
Surplus/Deficit	£ 1,103.69	£ 1,082.12	

BALANCE SHEET	30th June 2024	at 30th June 2025
Previous accumulated Fund	£ 2,873.62	£ 3,977.31
Surplus/Deficit	£ 1,103.69	£ 1,082.12
Accumulated Fund	£ 3,977.31	£ 5,059.43
Barclay's Balance	£ 4,295.48	£ 5,412.49
Cheque pending	£ 57.00	
Players' balance BridgeWebs	-£ 375.17	£ 353.06
	£ 3,977.31	£ 5,059.43

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