

Kent Contract Bridge Association

Chairman's Report – 16th June 2019

Congratulations

Steve Barnfield has given great service to the EBU in the area of Laws and Ethics and has consequently been awarded their Silver Medal. Monica Aitken was presented with a Dimmie Fleming Award by the EBU for her long and successful service to the County. We congratulate them both heartily.

Norman Selway was on the Teltscher Trophy winning team in Scotland. Please look on the website for other successes, particularly GP wins in different parts of the country.

I recently attended a Junior Bridge event (they have been going since 2017) and there is now a Really Easy event as part of the Kent Congress. This gives us new winners and a future.

You will be able to applaud the winners of Kent events when we give out the trophies.

Committee and Others

I have found myself in the fortunate position of having a wonderful, hard-working group of people around me. I feel I must name all the Committee here and thank them for all for the amazing efforts they have made on behalf of Kent bridge not just this year but over many years. Keith Ashcroft, Sharon Bayne, Lindsey Clark, Colin Crouch, Paul Gibbons, Georgina Howe, Phil Jones, Chris Lohan, Anton Mauve, Mike Rafferty, Gerald Soper and Jeremy Willans. Thank you all very much. I must also thank Monica Aitken, Stephen Brown and his group of TDs and Liz Blande. Look on the website and see how much they all do to help make Kent one of the more successful counties. They should all be proud of their achievements.

Finances

We remain in a solid position with numbers holding up pretty well. Teachers and helpers at Junior events have considerable responsibility for this, so we thank them. Being friendly to newcomers certainly helps. It is good to see plenty of new names appearing at Kent events.

The Future

I started playing bridge 60 years ago next month and it is time to hand over the reigns to others, so I finish today. I hope my successor has as much pleasure as I have had.

Thank you very much.

Malcolm Lewis, Chairman