

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

September 9th 2017

I am delighted to welcome to the Committee our new members – Lindsey Clark, Anton Mauve and Gerald Soper.

We must thank all the now retired members of the Committee who given so much to KCBA over many years.

We must also thank all the other volunteers who are not on the Committee but who give so much of their time and energy to the benefit of bridge in the County. In particular I must single out Monica Aitken who organises our GP events and the Congress so successfully. (A letter from Shireen Mohandes after attending the May GP Teams expressed this very well.) Stephen Brown who organises our County Tournament Directing and runs many events so well himself and Liz Blande who organises the website and notifies the membership about all upcoming events with such positive results must also be given special mention. I cannot list all the club chairmen, secretaries, treasurers and committee members who keep our clubs thriving but I want them to know that they are fully appreciated. We shall return to this later in the meeting.

Finally I thank all current Committee members for their effective hard work.

It is always good when public acclaim is given to KCBA members so I was delighted that Anton and Jessica Mauve were presented with the Tom Bradley award at the EBU Summer Meeting for their work with young players in the County.

I should like to point out to all affiliated Kent clubs that, in order to avoid clashes both with national events and local events, it is a matter of courtesy that any planned weekend event should be discussed with the KCBA secretary and agreed.

There are some changes afoot at the EBU with regard to County Working Groups which may see us linking more effectively with our neighbouring counties. All co-operation is to be encouraged – it is usually to our benefit.

Malcolm Lewis

Chairman