Annual report by Laws and Ethics Committee for year ending 31st March 2021

The Law & Ethics Committee (LEC) did not meet formally during the year.

The main challenge for LEC during this year was to ensure that trained directors were available to allow the club to run a programme of on-line bridge whilst face-to-face bridge was impossible, because of the Covid-19 restrictions on social interaction. Initially, this involved identifying people willing to direct on Bridge Base Online (BBO) and providing training and/or mentoring for them. Subsequently, it involved finding volunteers to direct on RealBridge (RB) with RB providing the training. These efforts allowed the club to start regular weekly on-line duplicates on BBO in early May 2020. Realbridge sessions were added in late November 2020.

Four psychic bids were reported during the year: all were classified as green. This is a similar rate compared with previous years. No disciplinary penalties were imposed during the year.

Martin Illingworth
Chief Tournament Director
17th June 2021