

Reading Bridge Club - Report for 2022/23

Membership

Membership of Reading Bridge Club in March 2023 was 93. The subscription for 2022-23 is £10 and is due to be paid now.

Number of tables at club events

In the last year before the Covid pandemic we averaged 4.6 tables on Tuesdays and 8.4 tables on Thursdays. Between June 2020 and June 2022 we played weekly on BBO averaging 7.3 tables. We played our first post pandemic F2F event on 30 June 2022. Since then we have played on 27 Thursdays averaging 4.3 tables while 17 Thursday F2F events had to be cancelled because the number of pairs signed up was less than 8. An attempt to continue online duplicate bridge at the same time as running F2F had to be cancelled because of lack of support. Jack-high events held once a month on Sundays attracted an average of 3.6 tables from December 2022 to March 2023. From 18 April 2023 afternoon bridge events have been held at Calcot Park Golf Club attracting 4-5 tables.

County Events

Members' successes in county events during April 2021 to March 2022 are reported below.

Event	Members	Position
Senior Pairs April 2022	Mike Ribbins & Pat Dowdeswell	3rd
Senior Pairs March 2023	Peter Jackson & Mike Perkins	1st
Club Teams Final – Committee Cup April 2023	James Chapman & John Greenhalgh Mike Ribbins & Pat Dowdeswell	2nd
County Teams Championship 2022-23	Mike Perkins & Peter Jackson Ian Reissmann & John Howard	1st
Finchampstead Plate Friendly Pairs March 2023	Chris Cook & Gill Smith	2nd

Leagues of 8 (teams)

Reading fielded three teams in the county league in 2022/23. In Division 1 (ten teams), Reading A (captained by James Bond) finished 1st. In Division 2 (ten teams) Reading B (captained by Chris Hall) finished 2nd. In Division 3 (nine teams), Reading C (captained by Sam Botfield) finished 1st.

Reading fielded one team in the Chiltern League (five teams). The A team (captained by Roger Burkeman) finished 5th.

League of 4 (teams)

In Division 1 (seven teams) Mike Perkins' team finished 2nd, David Barnes' team 5th and Tony Parkinson's team 7th.

Reading Bridge Club Competitions

Six Monthly – Summer 2022 and Winter 2022/23

Brown Cup – Roger Donato; Peter Jackson

Bilbey Cup – Dianne Brown; Mel Thomas

Boucher Cup – Iain MacKenzie; Mel Thomas

Club premises and flat

Various maintenance work has been undertaken.

Reading Bridge Club Committee

President Pat Dowdeswell

Secretary Chris Hall

Treasurer Mel Thomas

Meeting Chair Christine Cook

Committee members Sam Botfield, Roger Burkeman, Gill Smith, Simon Fixter,
Giorgio Jeronimidis, Martina Zwiefelhofer