

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1156397

Details

Other names HIWCBA

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-03-27

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT,(1) THE ADVANCEMENT OF AMATEUR SPORT BY PROMOTING THE GAME OF BRIDGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF HAMPSHIRE, THE ISLE OF WIGHT AND THE SURROUNDING AREA; AND(2) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE LEARNING, TEACHING AND PLAYING OF CONTRACT BRIDGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE ENGLISH BRIDGE UNION, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF HAMPSHIRE, THE ISLE OF WIGHT AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: for the public benefit,the advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of bridge for the benefitof the residents of Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and the surrounding area;

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** HAMPSHIREPORTSMOUTH CITYISLE OF WIGHTSOUTHAMPTON CITY
- Hampshire
- Isle Of Wight
- Portsmouth City
- Southampton City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£14,952	£4,854	-	-
2023-12-31	£12,591	£5,423	-	-
2022-12-31	£6,168	£5,325	-	-
2021-12-31	£9,787	£8,718	-	-
2020-12-31	£10,707	£5,481	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CLARE TERESA FEARON		2014-01-16
GUY LAWRENSON		2014-01-16
Mike Kinsey		2018-04-22
Susan Oliver		2025-05-20
Tim Smith		2018-04-22

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Chairman's Report 2024/25

HIWCBA has continued to offer some F2F weekend events, but as in previous years since Covid, take up has been limited.

We have had more success with on-line events, particularly in running joint Blue Point events with Berks & Bucks and Essex.

The annual Hampshire Congress GP congress was disappointing in 2025: Swiss Pairs on Saturday, with 13 tables. But the Sunday teams had only 5 entrants. A number of factors have been suggested for the low turnout including congestion in the calendar. The GP congress will move (back) to June in 2026.

The County Leagues have been reasonably well supported, 22 teams over three leagues. Mainly these have been played on-line: and we will continue with this format for next year. The Cahalan Cup was reasonably well supported, as was the HICKO. However the Basingstoke Cup was not played as only Basingstoke raised a team!

Our two charity simultaneous events raised a total over £1000 for the Hampshire & IoW Air Ambulance.

County representative teams have done well.

In 2024 we won the Pachabo, and the 'B' Division of the Metropolitan Cup. A split-tie meant we narrowly missed out on a place in the Tollemache Final. HIW Club Petersfield won the NICKO.

The most significant matter this last year has been the enhancement of the Basingstoke Bridge Club. Last year this was a prospective project, but it became reality in 2024.

At an EGM in March 2024 the membership gave overwhelming backing for the Committee to loan up to £75,000 to help Basingstoke Bridge Club improve their facilities.

In the event the project ran over budget (sic!!) and the Committee unanimously agreed to increase the amount 'loaned' to £90,000.

No interest is payable on the loan, however HIWCBA has become a 'shareholder' in Maydene, owning 12% of the freehold. This was considered the best way of maintaining the value of our investment.

The new facilities at Basingstoke were opened in January 2025. There is now an expanded playing area capable of holding 20 tables. It is expected that HIWCBA will use these facilities for larger events (Pottage Semi-final, GP Weekend,...)

As ever I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the committee for their efforts throughout the year.

Mike Kinsey
Chairman HIWCBA

HIWCBA Income & Expenditure account for year to 31 December 2024

2023	Income	2024
1,072	EBU - P2P	1,836
1,060	HIWCBA Standard Events	1,485
1,218	HIWCBA Ongoing Comps - Leagues	480
1,892	HIWCBA Green Point	1,813
9,221	Bank interest	9,338
1	Sundry	1
14,464	Total Income	14,952
	 Expenditure	
509	HIWCBA Standard Events / Leagues	326
1,199	HIWCBA Green Point	1,478
864	Rent of halls	860
1,197	EBU Competition Entries	968
1,207	EBU licences	807
120	Prizes (exc GP)	60
224	Website/duplimate repairs	251
102	Bank charges	103
	Sundry	
5,423	Total Expenditure	4,854
9,041	Surplus	10,098
HIWCBA Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024		
	Current Assets	
79,515	Current Account	6,090
317,144	Savings Accounts	326,482
	Loan	75,000
396,659		407,573
	Current Liabilities	
438	Charity account	1,254
396,221	Total Net Assets	406,319
	 Reserves	
	HIWCBA Account	
387,180	Profit/Loss account b/fwd	396,221
9,041	Profit/Loss for current year	10,098
396,221	Profit/Loss account c/fwd	406,319

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Chairman's Report 2023

Our two charity simultaneous events raised a total of £438 being raised for the local air ambulance.

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Mike Kinsey
Chairman HIWCBA

HIWCBA Income & Expenditure account for year to 31 December 2023

2022	Income	2023
227	EBU - P2P	1,072
737	HIWCBA Standard Events	1,060
300	HIWCBA Ongoing Comps - Leagues	1,218
2,184	HIWCBA Green Point	1,892
2,720	Bank interest	9,221
	Sundry	1
6,168	Total Income	14,464
	 Expenditure	
357	HIWCBA Standard Events / Leagues	509
1,543	HIWCBA Green Point	1,199
348	Rent of halls	864
1,725	EBU Competition Entries	1,197
962	EBU licences	1,207
60	Prizes (exc GP)	120
224	Website/duplimate repairs	224
105	Bank charges	102
1	Sundry	
5,325	Total Expenditure	5,423
843	Surplus	9,041
	HIWCBA Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022	
	Current Assets	
5,496	Current Account	79,515
383,235	Savings Accounts	317,144
388,731		396,659
	Current Liabilities	
1,551	Charity account	438
387,180	Total Net Assets	396,221
	 Reserves	
	HIWCBA Account	
386,337	Profit/Loss account b/fwd	387,180
843	Profit/Loss for current year	9,041
387,180	Profit/Loss account c/fwd	396,221

Treasurer
9 Feb 2024

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Chairman's Report 2022

I suppose 2022/23 season has been the start of the 'new normal' but it seems to be quite different to bridge before covid.

We have offered some F2F weekend events, but take up has been limited: and we have also continued with some on-line events eg. Bloxson Teams.

The Pottage Cup illustrates the challenges we have faced. There were seven Club heats, mainly F2F; and potentially 44 pairs qualified for the semi-final. This is a similar number to pre-covid days. However only 16 pairs came to the F2F semi-final in Romsey, previously we might have expected 36 pairs or more. Not entirely sure what we can learn from this, but it may be that people are less keen to travel to play bridge.

The annual Hampshire Congress was F2F Swiss Pairs on Saturday, with only 10 tables. The Sunday teams was held on-line with better attendance, though less than in previous years. Next year we won't be able to run on-line GP events, so we will have to consider whether to go ahead.

There is a better story for the County Knock-outs and Leagues. Three leagues each of eight teams. Mainly these have been played on-line: and we will continue with this format for next year.

Our two charity simultaneous events raised a total of £1017 being raised for the local air ambulance.

As ever I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the committee for their efforts throughout the year. And special mentions for Roger Johnson who has been auditing our accounts for years: and our shareholders for representing us at EBU meetings. Roger and Keith Bennett (one of our shareholders) are both standing down.

As you can see from the Agenda the Committee are all prepared to continue, but we are looking for new faces. The Committee are mainly all from BC, and we would welcome some fresh ideas to for this new world.

Mike Kinsey
Chairman HIWCBA

HIWCBA Income & Expenditure account for year to 31 December 2022

2021	Income	2022
787	EBU - P2P	227
1,511	HIWCBA Standard Events	737
1,149	HIWCBA Ongoing Comps - Leagues	300
3,438	HIWCBA Green Point	2,184
2,901	Bank interest	2,720
1	Sundry	
<u>9,787</u>	Total Income	<u>6,168</u>

Expenditure		
1,213	HIWCBA Standard Events / Leagues	357
2,523	HIWCBA Green Point	1,543
937	Rent of halls	348
1,388	EBU Competition Entries	1,725
2,341	EBU licences	962
-	Prizes (exc GP)	60
224	Website/duplimate repairs	224
90	Bank charges	105
2	Sundry	1
<u>8,718</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>5,325</u>

<u>1,069</u>	Surplus	<u>843</u>
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HIWCBA Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

Current Assets		
2,780	Current Account	5,496
384,301	Savings Accounts	383,235
<u>687,081</u>		<u>388,731</u>
Current Liabilities		
744	Charity account	1,551
<u>386,337</u>	Total Net Assets	<u>387,180</u>

Reserves		
HIWCBA Account		
385,267	Profit/Loss account b/fwd	386,337
1,069	Profit/Loss for current year	843
<u>386,337</u>	Profit/Loss account c/fwd	<u>387,180</u>

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Chairman's Report 2021

2021 was another challenging year for HIWCIO. We continued to offer bridge on-line (started in 2020). Although we hoped to restart face-to-face (F2F) competitions, successive waves of covid variants and Government guidance prevented us from running any F2F events.

However, we were able to run our major event of the year; the Hampshire Congress was held on-line over the weekend of 13th and 14th March. The event was well attended with 80 pairs and 36 teams taking part.

We were also able to run many of our usual events on-line; often with better attendance than we would expect at Romsey. The weekly pairs events, started in 2020, continued until May; but falling attendance led to us only running these on an occasional basis thereafter.

The County Leagues and Knock-out competitions were also run on-line: the league increasing to three divisions. Our charity simultaneous events continued on-line, with a total of £714 being raised for the local air ambulance.

As ever I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the committee for their efforts throughout the difficult last 12 months. Special mentions for Tim Smith our webmaster, Roger Johnson for auditing our accounts, and our shareholders for representing us at EBU meetings.

We intend to try and play some F2F bridge in 2022, so I hope to see you at a County Event soon!

Mike Kinsey
Chairman HIWCBA

HIWCBA Income & Expenditure account for year to 31 December 2021

2020	Income	2021
2,464	EBU - P2P	787
2,387	HIWCBA Standard Events	1,511
1,546	HIWCBA Ongoing Comps - Leagues	1,149
	HIWCBA Green Point	3,438
4,309	Bank interest	2,901
2	Sundry	1
10,707	Total Income	9,787
	 Expenditure	
2,722	HIWCBA Standard Events / Leagues	1,213
378	HIWCBA Green Point	2,523
-	Rent of halls	937
480	EBU Competition Entries	1,388
1,721	EBU licences	2,341
-	Exec costs	0
298	Website/duplimate repairs	224
72	Bank charges	90
7	Sundry	2
5,678	Total Expenditure	8,718
5,030	Surplus	1,069
HIWCBA Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021		
	Current Assets	
9,828	Current Account	2,780
377,800	Savings Accounts	384,301
387,628		387,081
	Current Liabilities	
2,362	Charity account	744
385,266	Total Net Assets	386,337
	 Reserves	
	HIWCBA Account	
380,238	Profit/Loss account b/fwd	385,267
5,030	Profit/Loss for current year	1,069
385,267	Profit/Loss account c/fwd	386,337

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Chairman's Report 2020

Not surprisingly 2020 has been a somewhat different year for HIWCIO. The year started benignly with our usual competitions and seminars taking place with decent attendances.

Our major event of the year which would have been the 3rd Hampshire Congress was due to take place on the weekend of 21st and 22nd March. A record number of pairs and teams had entered, unfortunately we all know what happened shortly beforehand and the event had to be cancelled.

It soon became apparent that the pandemic would curtail any face-to-face bridge for the foreseeable, so a decision was taken to run all events online. A weekly pairs was set for Sundays, the first taking place on 27th April and continuing each Sunday throughout the year. Also a county online league running on Tuesday nights with a 2 month cycle as well as all the usual events. Our charity simultaneous events moved to online and as usual saw a good uptake, with a total of £733 being raised for the local air ambulance. A huge thank you to Mike Kinsey for setting all this up, it has been hugely well supported and in the words of one player has saved them from insanity during lockdown.

As ever I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the committee for their efforts throughout the difficult last 12 months. Special mentions also for Ian Fearon for running all the County Leagues and KO's, Tim Smith our Webmaster, Dave Huggett for his seminars, Roger Johnson for auditing our accounts, our shareholders for representing us at EBU events and last but by no means least all the tea ladies at Romsey, although their season was cut somewhat short.

I hope to see you at a County Event soon.

Regards

Andy Hughes
Chairman HIWCBA

HIWCBA Income & Expenditure account for year to 31 December 2020

2019	Income	2020
2,142	EBU - P2P	2,464
4,940	HIWCBA Standard Events	2,387
650	HIWCBA Ongoing Comps - Leagues	1,546
7,505	HIWCBA Green Point	
255	Seminars	
3,925	Bank interest	4,309
14	Sundry	<u>2</u>
<u>19,432</u>	Total Income	<u>10,707</u>
Expenditure		
3,784	HIWCBA Standard Events / Leagues	2,722
5,421	HIWCBA Green Point	181
1,980	Rent of halls	0
1,551	EBU Competition Entries	480
523	EBU licences	1,721
12	Exec costs	0
550	Website/duplimate repairs	298
1,397	Corn Cardis	
94	Bank charges	72
	Sundry	<u>7</u>
<u>15,310</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>5,481</u>
<u>4,121</u>	Surplus	<u>5,227</u>
HIWCBA Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020		
Current Assets		
6,411	Current Account	9,828
375,731	Savings Accounts	377,800
<u>382,142</u>		<u>387,628</u>
Current Liabilities		
1,629	Charity account	733
276	Congress receipts in advance	<u>276</u>
<u>380,237</u>	Total Net Assets	<u>386,619</u>
Reserves		
HIWCBA Account		
376,116	Profit/Loss account b/fwd	380,238
4,121	Profit/Loss for current year	<u>5,227</u>
<u>380,238</u>	Profit/Loss account c/fwd	<u>385,464</u>