

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. Bloxsom 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	
9,787	Total Income	6,168

	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
8,718	Total Expenditure	5,325

1,069	Surplus	843
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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
687,081		388,731

	Current Liabilities	
744	Charity account	1,551
386,337	Total Net Assets	387,180

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