

DORKING BRIDGE CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1165095

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-01-08

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF AMATEUR SPORT BY PROMOTING THE GAME OF BRIDGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF DORKING AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.2. THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE LEARNING, TEACHING AND PLAYING OF BRIDGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF DORKING AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: The Club runs twice-weekly bridge sessions open to all. The game provides both social interaction and mental stimulation, which are both important to individual well-being. The Club is proactive in promoting the game generally and through provision of training sessions for people wanting to learn the game/improve.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£445	£3,606	-	-
2024-03-31	£2,311	£3,427	-	-
2023-03-31	£2,506	£3,723	-	-
2022-03-31	£3,543	£1,924	-	-
2021-03-31	£2,576	£1,022	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
STEVE HOOKER	Chair	2016-04-21
Chris Woolf		2017-04-20
Matthew Piper		2024-01-09
Richard Arnatt		2024-01-09
SHEENA BASSETT		2017-04-20

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

INCORPORATION

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TRUSTEES

The trustees who served during the 2024/25 financial year were:

OFFICERS: Steve Hooker (Chairman), Matt Piper (Treasurer) and Chris Woolf (Secretary)

COMMITTEE: Sheena Bassett and Richard Arnatt

OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are:

- (1) The advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Dorking and the surrounding area; and
- (2) The provision of facilities for the learning, teaching & playing of bridge for the benefit of these residents and to improve the quality of their life.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE DURING THE YEAR

A total of 44 face-to-face bridge sessions were held during the year with 2-4 tables. Although it hasn't had a significant impact on numbers the move to the more central location at Dorking Christian Centre in March 2024 went well.

Following a drop-off in numbers the Thursday on-line sessions using the Bridge Base On-Line platform introduced in July 2020 to allow play during the Covid epidemic ended in May 2024.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

On-line bridge provided a useful income stream as we opted to run the sessions ourselves, using volunteer members, rather than having it done for us. This meant we were able to provide face-to-face sessions with no charge with a manageable reduction in the Club's overall financial balance. The end of income from on-line sessions requires a detailed review of charges for membership/playing.

LOOKING AHEAD

The small number of players playing face-to-face remains a significant concern for the viability of the club. We will continue to explore options for increasing numbers playing face-to-face.

Charity Income Statement

Charity Name

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Revenue

Including Deductions For Returns And Discounts

Membership Revenue	£40
Online BBO Revenue	£405.36
Gross Revenue	

Cost Of Goods Sold

Cogs	£0
Total Cogs	£445.36

Gross Profit

Gross Revenue Minus
Cogs

£445.36

Income And Expenses

Statement Reporting Period

Starting Date		Ending Date
April 01 2024	To	March 31 2025

Expenses

Wages And Benefits	£0
Rent / Mortgage	£3265.50
Utilities	£0
Office Supplies	£345.05
Internet & Phone	£76.80
Travel	£0
Insurance	£0
Interest	£0
Depreciation	£0
Taxes	£0
EBU Membership	£189.46
Total Expenses	£3606.21

Net Income

Gross Profit Minus Total Expenses

-£3160.85

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COMMITTEE: Sheena Bassett, Richard Arnatt – from January 2024, George Romanowski – up to January 2024 and Phil Visser – up to January 2024

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE DURING THE YEAR

Face-to-face bridge sessions which restarted after Covid in April 2022 continued with 43 sessions held in 2023/24 but the numbers of players were low throughout the year. In response to some concerns raised about the 'unwelcoming' nature of our venue alternative venues were explored. This led to a move to a central Dorking location in March 2024.

The weekly Thursday on-line session using Bridge Base OnLine platform introduced in July 2020 continued throughout the year. A total of 52 sessions were held in 2023/24. These sessions continued to be open to non-members who are English Bridge Union members with a link to the Mole Valley area. Numbers have fallen after the re-opening of other clubs' face-to-face sessions but there remains a regular turn-out.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The club's finances remain healthy. On-line bridge has provided a useful income stream as we have opted to run the sessions ourselves, using volunteer members, rather than having it done for us. This has meant we have been able to provide face-to-face sessions with no charge without a major impact on our finances.

LOOKING AHEAD

The small number of players playing face-to-face remains a significant concern for the viability of the club. We will continue to explore options for increasing numbers playing face-to-face.

Steve Hooker (Chairman)
2024

August

###	Member Subscription
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###	Direct Credit From English Bridge U L
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###	Direct Credit From English Bridge U L

10	Income
10	Income
138.75	Income
10	Income
10	Income
176.45	Income
10	Income
10	Income
178.98	Income

Type	Amount
Opening Balance	9967.93
Total Income	2311.01
Total Expenses	3426.62
Net Profit/Loss	-1115.61
End Balance	8852.32

Membership Subscriptions	260
Direct Credit From English Bridge U L	2032.53
Credit from Members	18.48

EBU Fees	655.34
Rent for the hall	2771.28

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE DURING THE YEAR

After being closed for the majority of 2021/22, for both face-to-face play and training, initially due to Covid 19 restrictions and then low numbers of players, the club re-opened for face-to-face bridge in April 2022. A total of 46 sessions were held in 2022/23. Numbers of players were low throughout the year, including a period when sessions were run in afternoons rather than evenings.

The weekly Thursday on-line session using Bridge Base OnLine platform introduced in July 2020 continued throughout the year. A total of 50 sessions were held in 2022/23. These sessions continue to be open to non-members who are English Bridge Union members with a link to the Mole Valley area. Numbers have fallen after the re-opening of other clubs but there remains a regular turn-out.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

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LOOKING AHEAD

The small number of players playing face-to-face remains a significant concern for the viability of the club. A membership review will be carried out during 2023/24 and we will continue to explore options for increasing numbers playing face-to-face.

Steve Hooker (Chairman)
2024

January

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DORKING BRIDGE CLUB
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

31 March 2022			31 March 2023	
£	£		£	£
		INCOME		
£0	0	Membership Subscriptions	50	£0
£3,833	<u>3,833</u>	Table monies - members - virtual club	<u>2,456</u>	<u>£2,506</u>
<u>£3,833</u>		TOTAL INCOME		<u>£2,506</u>
		EXPENSES - PLAYING COSTS		
	(436)	Rent of hall	(2,843)	
	(75)	Club insurance	(75)	
	(27)	EBU subscription	(27)	
	0	Club night refreshments	(47)	
	(186)	Bridge supplies and equipment	(7)	
	(80)	EBU SIMS net cost	0	
(£1,795)	<u>(992)</u>	P2P levy	<u>(651)</u>	<u>(£3,649)</u>
		OVERHEADS		
	(73)	Web site fees	(73)	
(£201)	<u>(128)</u>	Sundry expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>(£73)</u>
<u>(£1,996)</u>		TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>(£3,723)</u>
<u>£1,836</u>		SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR BEFORE EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		<u>(£1,217)</u>
		EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		
	(16)	Bridgemates, Duplimate Dealing Machine and Boards	<u>0</u>	
(£16)	<u>(16)</u>	TOTAL EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		<u>£0</u>
<u>£1,821</u>		(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR AFTER EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		<u>(£1,217)</u>
£9,176		RESERVES BROUGHT FORWARD		<u>£10,997</u>
<u>£10,997</u>		RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD		<u>£9,780</u>

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE DURING THE YEAR

The club was closed for the majority of 2021/22, for both face-to-face play and training, initially due to Covid 19 restrictions. Following the easing of restrictions, the club re-opened for face-to-face bridge, with necessary/appropriate safeguards, in July 2021. Attendances were poor and only a few sessions were run before closing again. Plans to re-open in January were deferred (re-opening happened in April 2022).

The weekly Thursday on-line session using Bridge Base OnLine platform introduced in July 2020 continued throughout the year. A total of 53 sessions were held in 2020/21. These sessions continues to be open to non-members who were English Bridge Union members with a link to the Mole Valley area. Numbers have fallen after the re-opening of other clubs but there remains a regular turn-out.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The club's finances remain healthy as out-goings are low as room hire charges, our main cost, are not being paid during closure. The on-line bridge has also provided a useful income stream as we have opted to run the sessions ourselves, using volunteer members, rather than having it done for us.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our intention is to re-open as soon as it is safe to do so and sufficient numbers of members are ready to play face-to-face. It seems likely that we will face

challenges in building up attendances; it is not surprising given the high proportion of older and/or at risk members and the close quarters' nature of the game that people are being cautious. Any decisions on future training can only be taken once the club is up and running again.

**Steve Hooker (Chairman)
2023**

January

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DORKING BRIDGE CLUB
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

31 March 2021			31 March 2022	
£	£		£	£
		INCOME		
£0		Membership Subscriptions		£0
£0		Gift Aid		£0
	0	Table monies - members	0	
	0	- visitors	0	
£2,576	2,576	- virtual club	3,543	£3,543
£0		Bridge Training		£0
<u>£2,576</u>		TOTAL INCOME		<u>£3,543</u>
		EXPENSES - PLAYING COSTS		
	0	Rent of hall	(436)	
	(75)	Club insurance	(75)	
	0	EBU subscription	(27)	
	0	Bridge supplies and equipment	(186)	
	0	EBU SIMS net cost	(80)	
(£849)	(774)	P2P levy	(920)	(£1,723)
	(73)	OVERHEADS		
(£73)	0	Web site fees	(73)	
		Sundry expenses	(128)	(£201)
<u>(£922)</u>		TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>(£1,924)</u>
<u>£1,654</u>		SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR BEFORE EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		<u>£1,619</u>
		EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		
	0	Bridgemates, Duplimate Dealing Machine and Boards	(16)	
	(100)	Directors Training	0	
(£100)		TOTAL EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		(£16)
<u>£1,554</u>		(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR AFTER EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		<u>£1,603</u>
		RESERVES BROUGHT FORWARD		£9,176
£7,622				
<u>£9,176</u>		RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD		<u>£10,779</u>

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE DURING THE YEAR

The club was closed throughout 2020/21, for both play and training, due to Covid 19 restrictions.

However, in order to enable members to continue to play regularly, a weekly on-line session was introduced using Bridge Base OnLine platform. The first session was on 23 July 2020 and sessions are continuing to be held each Thursday. A total of 33 sessions were held in 2020/21.

To maximise the value of the on-line bridge, sessions are open to non-members. To help local clubs the on-line sessions are open to English Bridge Union members with a link to the Mole Valley who may not be members of Dorking Bridge club. This has resulted in good numbers and club income.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The club's finances remain healthy as out-goings are low as room hire charges, our main cost, are not being paid during closure. The on-line bridge has also provided a useful income stream as we have opted to run the sessions ourselves, using volunteer members, rather than having it done for us.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our intention is to re-open as soon as it is safe to do so and sufficient numbers of members are ready to play face-to-face. We ran a few such sessions over the summer but attendances were not sufficient to support continuing. It is not surprising given the high proportion of older and/or at risk members and the close quarters' nature of the game it is not surprising that people are being

cautious. We plan to try again in January 2022. Any decisions on future training can only be taken once the club is up and running again.

**Steve Hooker (Chairman)
2021**

October

UNAUDITED

DORKING BRIDGE CLUB
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

31 March 2020			31 March 2021	
£	£		£	£
		INCOME		
£1,235		Membership Subscriptions		£0
£239		Gift Aid		£0
	£6,495	Table monies - members	£0	
	£224	- visitors	£0	
£6,719	£0	- virtual club	£2,576	£2,576
£1,894		Bridge Training		£0
<u>£10,087</u>		TOTAL INCOME		<u>£2,576</u>
		EXPENSES - PLAYING COSTS		
	(£6,001)	Rent of hall	£0	
	(£75)	Club insurance	(£75)	
	(£26)	EBU subscription	£0	
	(£154)	Club night refreshments	£0	
	(£671)	Bridge supplies and equipment	£0	
	(£174)	Bridge Directors Training	(£100)	
	(£35)	EBU SIMS net cost	£0	
(£8,281)	(£1,147)	P2P levy	(£774)	(£949)
	(£73)	OVERHEADS		
	(£68)	Christmas Party expenses (net of contributions)	£0	
	(£73)	Social evenings	£0	
	(£43)	Web site fees	(£73)	
(£311)	(£55)	Sundry expenses	£0	
		Club prizes	£0	(£73)
<u>(£8,593)</u>		TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>(£1,022)</u>
<u>£1,494</u>		SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR BEFORE EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		<u>£1,554</u>
£6,128		RESERVES BROUGHT FORWARD		£7,622
<u>£7,622</u>		RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD		<u>£9,176</u>