

DORKING BRIDGE CLUB

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

INCORPORATION

Dorking Bridge Club was registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 7 January 2016 at its principal address of North Holmwood Village Hall, Spook Hill, North Holmwood, Surrey RH5 4JP.

TRUSTEES

The trustees who served during the 2023/24 financial year were:

OFFICERS: Steve Hooker (Chairman), Matt Piper – from January 2024, (Treasurer), Graham Osborne-up to January 2024 (Treasurer) and Chris Woolf (Secretary)

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

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

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

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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