

NORFOLK CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1171798

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-02-27

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 RESIDENTS OF NORFOLK 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 RESIDENTS OF NORFOLK AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: The advancement of amateur sport and recreation by promoting the game of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Norfolk and the surrounding area; and 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 Norfolk and the surrounding area.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Norfolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£7,057	£6,139	-	-
2024-05-31	£8,179	£7,262	-	-
2023-05-31	£4,865	£4,053	-	-
2022-05-31	£3,350	£1,722	-	-
2021-05-31	£4,886	£2,882	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher Mallon		2019-11-03
Elizabeth Jean Senior		2024-11-17
GRAHAM HARDMAN		2017-04-23
John Barker		2022-10-30
John Barry Dollimore		2025-10-26
NEIL TRACEY		2017-04-23
Peter Charles Cotes		2017-04-23

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Chairman's Report October 2025

The past year has seen growth and decline in equal measure.

- The Wymondham U3A Bridge Club has become affiliated to the EBU, and regularly attracts 9 tables every Tuesday.
- The Bawburgh Bridge Club now runs four sessions weekly, on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
- The Dickleburgh Bridge Club is also a newly affiliated club, with sessions on Monday & Friday
- The N&NBC sadly closed earlier this year
- The Afternoon Bridge Club has seen a decline in numbers, both online and F2F, which has resulted in a move to more suitably sized premises at The Harford Community Centre

It is notable that clubs showing increases in membership are those that offer tuition to beginners and include help for improvers as well as, in some cases, supervised play sessions. I believe that for clubs to succeed teaching and coaching is vital; all clubs need to attract new members and it is therefore in their own interest to do this, failure to do so will result in more clubs failing.

I have said on several occasions before that the NCBA has funds available to pay for train the trainer sessions, so that clubs can have the people ready to teach and provide instruction for new and returning players.

Following on from this, the NCBA is also willing to pay for individuals to attend tournament director training courses.

I would like to make a mention here of the county captain, Mark Hill, who has organised coaching sessions for county players of all standards, these have been enjoyed by all who have participated and benefited.

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Income & Expenditure Account for the Year to 31st May

2023/24			2024/25	
Income	Expenses		Income	Expenses
£	£			£
		INCOME		
2,062.98		Pay to Play from EBU	2,102.10	
699.83		Interest	738.93	
<u>2,762.81</u>	<u>0.00</u>		<u>2,841.03</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		SELF FUNDING ACTIVITIES		
446.28	1,078.06	NCBA organised events	434.00	716.25
2,580.00	2,580.00	Robson/Swaffham/Easton Events	1,295.00	1,455.73
2,312.00	2,501.71	Annual Congress	2,375.00	2,381.72
78.00		Duplimat Boards	112.00	5.00
<u>5,416.28</u>	<u>6,159.77</u>		<u>4,216.00</u>	<u>4,558.70</u>
		EXPENSES		
	34.80	Expenses		0.00
	693.30	EBU Entries & Expenses		584.00
	103.68	Eastern Counties League		465.48
	138.09	EBU Club Affiliation & Insurance		138.09
	132.80	Miscellaneous		392.80
<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,102.67</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,580.37</u>
<u>8,179.09</u>	<u>7,262.44</u>	Total Income/Expenditure	<u>7,057.03</u>	<u>6,139.07</u>
	<u>916.65</u>	Surplus for the period		<u>917.96</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2025

2024		2025	2024	2025	
£		£	£	£	
38,302.99	Reserves B/Fwd	39,219.64	6.00	Fixed Assets	6.00
			442.47	Bank Current Account	680.46
916.65	Surplus for period	917.96	10,035.42	Bank Online Saver	10,379.13
			28,845.75	Bank Deposit	29,390.77
			-	Prepayments	34.20
			10.00	Stationery	10.00
			(120.00)	Less Accruals	(362.96)
<u>39,219.64</u>		<u>40,137.60</u>	<u>39,219.64</u>		<u>40,137.60</u>

Independent Examiner

I have reviewed the 2025 accounts and they are in accordance with the information supplied to me

Martin Pooley

Date

M Pooley
14 June 2025

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NCBA Trustee Report Nov 2024

The NCBA has found that there is a need for more teachers in the county as it has been reported from our few teachers that they have waiting lists of pupils. To address this the NCBA will fund 'teach the teacher' courses once clubs have submitted attendees.

The number of competitions organised by the NCBA has been reduced as support for these events had waned, however it is encouraging to note that participation at competitions had not decreased further and had, in fact, increased in some cases.

The NCBA will also run a club directors course during 2025 for all clubs in the county.

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 May 2024

2022/23			2023/24	
Income	Expenses		Income	Expenses
£	£		£	£
		INCOME		
1,882.80		Pay to Play from EBU	2,062.98	
66.00		Donations, Memberships		
210.38		Interest	699.83	
<u>2,159.18</u>	<u>0.00</u>		<u>2,762.81</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		SELF FUNDING ACTIVITIES		
370.00	774.68	NCBA organised events	446.28	1,078.06
		Andrew Robson Day	2,580.00	2,580.00
2,245.00	2,020.47	Annual Congress	2,312.00	2,501.71
90.50	4.95	Duplimat Boards	78.00	
<u>2,705.50</u>	<u>2,800.10</u>		<u>5,416.28</u>	<u>6,159.77</u>
		EXPENSES		
	33.35	Expenses		34.80
	818.38	EBU Entries & Expenses		693.30
	128.55	Eastern Counties League		103.68
	138.09	EBU Club Affiliation & Insurance		138.09
	134.00	Miscellaneous		132.80
<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,252.37</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,102.67</u>
<u>4,864.68</u>	<u>4,052.47</u>	Total Income/Expenditure	<u>8,179.09</u>	<u>7,262.44</u>
	<u>812.21</u>	Surplus for the period		<u>916.65</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2024

2023		2024	2023	2024	
£		£	£	£	
37,490.78	Reserves B/Fwd	38,302.99	6.00	Fixed Assets	6.00
			1,852.30	Bank Current Account	442.47
812.21	Surplus for year	916.65	8,606.98	Bank Online Saver	10,035.42
			28,322.08	Bank Deposit	28,845.75
			47.71	Prepayments	-
			10.00	Stationery	10.00
			(542.08)	Less Accruals	(120.00)
<u>38,302.99</u>		<u>39,219.64</u>	<u>38,302.99</u>		<u>39,219.64</u>

Independent Examiner

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Martin Pooley

Martin Pooley 11 June 2024

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The NCBA has continued to struggle to attract players to its events post covid, this situation has been repeated across other counties in the country. The 2023 NCBA Congress was held in spring and played face to face; although numbers were down on pre-covid levels there were enough players entered so that the congress did not lose money.

During the year the NCBA has supported teaching initiatives in Wymondham and Long Stratton, provided free to enter events for players to encourage more participation. The NCBA will continue to nurture bridge within the county and provide whatever assistance is necessary to facilitate this.

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

2021/22			2022/23	
Income	Expenses		Income	Expenses
£	£		£	£
INCOME				
1,536.48		Pay to Play from EBU	1,882.80	
106.54		Share of East Anglian Bridge Weekend	0.00	
45.00		Donations, Memberships	66.00	
5.78		Interest	210.38	
<u>1,693.80</u>	<u>0.00</u>		<u>2,159.18</u>	<u>0.00</u>
SELF FUNDING ACTIVITIES				
698.10	465.22	NCBA organised events	370.00	774.68
841.76		Annual Congress	2,245.00	2,020.47
116.50		Duplimat Boards	90.50	4.95
<u>1,656.36</u>	<u>465.22</u>		<u>2,705.50</u>	<u>2,800.10</u>
EXPENSES				
		Expenses		33.35
		Printing, Stationery etc		0.00
	857.22	EBU Entries & Expenses		818.38
	159.27	Eastern Counties League		128.55
	138.09	EBU Club Affiliation & Insurance		138.09
	102.00	Miscellaneous		134.00
<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,256.58</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,252.37</u>
<u>3,350.16</u>	<u>1,721.80</u>	Total Income/Expenditure	<u>4,864.68</u>	<u>4,052.47</u>
	<u>1,628.36</u>	Surplus for the period		<u>812.21</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2023

2022		2023	2022	2023	
£		£	£	£	
35,862.42	Reserves B/Fwd	37,490.78	6.00	Fixed Assets	6.00
			3,509.15	Bank Current Account	1,852.30
1,628.36	Surplus for year	812.21	5,950.23	Bank Online Saver	8,606.98
			28,153.73	Bank Deposit	28,322.08
			115.74	Prepayments	47.71
			10.00	Stationery	10.00
			(254.07)	Less Accruals	(542.08)
<u>37,490.78</u>		<u>38,302.99</u>	<u>37,490.78</u>		<u>38,302.99</u>

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9th July 2023

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Due to the Covid situation and lockdown, Bridge players have not returned to full playing attendance. The County has offered advice and help to Clubs to encourage their return. Competitions have been run to provide facilities for play - both online and face-to-face. For some of these we have offered free entry to encourage participation.

We have run a Bridge Congress online jointly with Cumbria for our members and visitors

A survey was sent to Clubs to find out what was needed and the suggestions have been followed up.

The County is lending support and publicity to those Clubs who are running teaching courses for beginners and players wanting improvement.

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Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 May 2022

2020/21			2021/22	
Income £	Expenses £		Income £	Expenses £
INCOME				
281.28		Pay to Play from EBU	1,536.48	
16.00		Share of East Anglian Bridge Weekend	106.54	
7.40		Donations, Memberships	45.00	
<u>304.68</u>	<u>0.00</u>	Interest	<u>5.78</u>	<u>0.00</u>
			<u>1,693.80</u>	
SELF FUNDING ACTIVITIES				
3,510.32	1,526.21	NCBA organised events	698.10	465.22
1,061.03	50.00	Annual Congress	841.76	
10.00		Duplimat Boards	116.50	
<u>4,581.35</u>	<u>1,576.21</u>		<u>1,656.36</u>	<u>465.22</u>
EXPENSES				
		Expenses		
		Play Bridge in Norfolk		
		County TD Training		
		Printing, Stationery etc		
	1,068.00	EBU Entries & Expenses		857.22
	27.79	Eastern Counties League		159.27
	138.09	Newsletter		
	72.00	EBU Club Affiliation & Insurance		138.09
<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,305.88</u>	Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,256.58</u>
<u>4,886.03</u>	<u>2,882.09</u>	Total Income/Expenditure	<u>3,350.16</u>	<u>1,721.80</u>
	<u>2,003.94</u>	Surplus for the period		<u>1,628.36</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2022

2021		2022		2021		2022	
£		£		£		£	
33,858.48	Reserves B/Fwd	35,862.42		6.00	Fixed Assets	6.00	
				2,491.70	Bank Current Account	3,509.15	
2,003.94	Surplus/(Deficit)	1,628.36		5,349.65	Bank Online Saver	5,950.23	
				28,148.93	Bank Deposit	28,153.73	
				115.74	Prepayments	115.74	
				10.00	Stationery	10.00	
				(259.60)	Less Accruals	(254.07)	
<u>35,862.42</u>		<u>37,490.78</u>		<u>35,862.42</u>		<u>37,490.78</u>	

Independent Examiner

Charles Stenner
13 July 2022

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NORFOLK CBA TRUSTEES REPORT MAY 2021

Despite the Covid pandemic which has meant Bridge Clubs had to stop having live competitions we have managed to introduce on-line Bridge to many of our members. It is expected that this will continue to some degree even when Face To Face play at Clubs resumes.

Because of the on-line facility we were able to run our Norfolk Congress jointly with Cumbria and although it had reduced numbers attending it was generally regarded as a successful alternative. It is planned to run the next Congress as a similar joint venture.

Due to determined efforts by some of our Trustees, who organized instruction in on-line play and provided competitive events on-line, some players have taken part in matches against other Counties which they would not otherwise have been able to do. Other players have appreciated being able to continue their love of the game despite not being able to go to their Club to play.

Clubs in the County followed our initiative of providing on-line events and league competitions. In addition the County held some of its Trophy competitions on-line.

To encourage new players to the game our website has details of Clubs where teaching is available and specific courses can be found for different levels of players. Some of these courses are now available on-line.

On-line Bridge has been a boost to people who have not been able to go to Clubs or did not want to travel or did not want to go out at nights.

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Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 May 2021

2019/20			2020/21	
Income	Expenses		Income	Expenses
£	£		£	£
INCOME				
2,169.42		Pay to Play from EBU	281.28	
101.61		Share of East Anglian Bridge Weekend		
		Donations	16.00	
68.11		Interest	7.40	
2,339.14	0.00		304.68	0.00
SELF FUNDING ACTIVITIES				
1,871.90	1,706.83	NCBA organised events	3,510.32	1,526.21
5,124.00	6,033.12	Annual Congress	1,061.03	50.00
540.00	39.19	Duplimat Boards	10.00	
253.20	151.74	Forum Event and Merchandise Sales	0.00	
7,789.10	7,930.88		4,581.35	1,576.21
EXPENSES				
	241.20	Expenses		
	240.50	Play Bridge in Norfolk		
	225.00	County TD Training		
	100.00	Printing, Stationery etc		
	802.00	EBU Entries & Expenses		1,068.00
	917.49	Eastern Counties League		27.79
	573.00	Newsletter		
	138.09	EBU Club Affiliation & Insurance		138.09
	79.43	Miscellaneous		72.00
0.00	3,316.71		0.00	1,305.88
10,128.24	11,247.59	Total Income/Expenditure	4,886.03	2,882.09
	(1,119.35)	Surplus/(Deficit) for the period		2,003.94

Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2021

2020		2021	2020	2021
£		£	£	£
34,977.83	Reserves B/Fwd	33,858.48	6.00	Fixed Assets
			708.86	Bank Current Account
(1,119.35)	Surplus/(Deficit)	2,003.94	4,858.28	Bank Online Saver
			28,142.60	Bank Deposit
			220.74	Prepayments
			10.00	Stationery
			(88.00)	Less Accruals
33,858.48		35,862.42	33,858.48	35,862.42

Independent Examiner

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