

# 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.

Norfolk Contract Bridge Association  
Charity Number 1171798

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year to 31st May

2023/24			2024/25	
Income £	Expenses £		Income £	Expenses £
<b>INCOME</b>				
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>
<b>SELF FUNDING ACTIVITIES</b>				
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>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
	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

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14 June 2025