

CHELMSFORD BRIDGE CLUB CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022-2023

This AGM marks the end of my fourth year as Chairman and it has been quite eventful as we have emerged from the pandemic.

November 2022 marked the 70th anniversary of the Club, which we celebrated at the Millennium Centre in Great Baddow. The club has over 130 members, with at least 100 playing regularly.

The club primarily uses RealBridge online facilities to play online 3 times a week. In addition, this year has seen the introduction of monthly face-to-face sessions on every 2nd Friday of each month, with the club donating to charity all table money received which the club matches with an additional donation. These sessions have been well supported and received by members. We plan to continue them in the next year, and welcome suggestions from members of worthy charities to support.

It would be fantastic if we could drum up enough support for the club to return to face-to-face play every week. We will be sending out a questionnaire out to see if we have the demand and what day members would like to play.

My thanks go to the members of the committee, namely Colin Peden (Secretary), Julie Payne (Treasurer), Cath Fox, Ted Cockle and Denis Anderson, and to June Brown. In particular, a big thank you to Audrey Hartley who has been the director and organiser of all the online sessions

Other members including Ken Hardaway and Jeff Jones have been very helpful with their contributions to supervised play on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Our congratulations go to Audrey Hartley, Nick Hunt, Ted Cockle and John Williams for winning the Cornell cup.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone for supporting the club.

Valdie Poter

Chairman