

## Derryvolgie Bridge Club Chairman's Report 2024

It's been another successful year for the club as we continue to recover from the effects of lockdown. Numbers playing in the club are still lower than pre lockdown but are increasing.

We currently have 3 evenings - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday plus Wednesday daytime which will cease soon but will restart in the Autumn. BBO will continue as usual.

We want to encourage those who have completed a course to play bridge regularly so to that end we will also run, for a short time, a novices evening starting on Monday 20th May. This is intended as an introduction to bridge play and is open to beginners from any class.

We also intend to again have a beginners and improvers class starting in the autumn.

As you know we have a very active committee and thanks are due to all members for their contributions throughout the year. Particular thanks to our secretary Judy Young who keeps the club running efficiently and smoothly and to our treasurer Kathleen Cassidy who ensures the clubs finances are in order. Thanks also to our former chairman Ron Perrott is resigning this year from the committee.

That leaves us with a vacancy on the committee - open to all members!!

Committee members do various jobs in the club - you see the same people every week. There are various small tasks available to anyone, not just the committee. We do need more helpers, so if you can, please offer some of your time.

We held a special general meeting in March to discuss the club's finances. The proposal to raise the annual membership fee to £30 was supported unanimously. The meeting also expressed widespread support for raising the table money charge. Therefore we have decided to raise the table money to £3 from the 1st June.

As occurred last year this annual party is in the spring. Whether our next is in spring or winter is open to discussion.

Jim McGilly  
Chairman