



Treasurer's Report: 23 April 2018

Membership and Attendance

Membership continues to decline, although we are pleased to have welcomed 3 new members during the year. The number of player sessions also continues to decline, but not as dramatically as the decline in membership.

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Renewals	69	76	77	81	95	83	87	102	103
New members	3	5	8	2	7	19	9	5	10
Total members	72	81	85	83	102	102	96	107	113
Player sessions	2,314	2,474	2,520	2,832	3,615	4,208			
Average tables	6.40	6.87	7.16	7.87	7.35	7.62			
Fee (full year)	£15	£15	£15	£15	£15	£15	£60	£55	£40
Table Money	£1.50	£1.50	£1	£1	£1	£1			
Subscriptions	£1,093	£1,168	£1,258	£1,238	£1,590	£1,642	£5,540	£5,770	£4,284
Table Monies	£3,253	£3,337	£2,514	£2,701	£3,486	£3,224			
Membership income	£4,346	£4,505	£3,772	£3,939	£5,076	£4,866	£5,540	£5,770	£4,284

The Committee is very conscious that several current members have played very few sessions in the past year, for a variety of reasons, and may not renew. We are also aware that some members have recently, or will shortly, be moving away from the area. They will all be missed, and not just for their financial contribution. A further decline in membership and sessions played is therefore regarded as inevitable in the coming year.

The most significant facet of our attendance pattern is a marked drop in attendance on Tuesday, whilst Monday has remained quite steady, as shown below:

Average Tables	2018	2017	2016	2015
Mondays	7.15	7.21	7.34	7.77
Tuesdays	5.65	6.44	6.83	8.13

Although the decline is of concern, Tuesday evening attendance does continue to cover the variable costs associated with its operation, and make a contribution to fixed costs. There are also some members who only play on Tuesdays.

Financial Summary

Overall the Club made a loss of £112 for the year, compared with a surplus of £162 last year.

The main reason for this was the decision to hold a summer party to celebrate our 40th anniversary, costing around £140. Whilst it is felt that a good time was had by all, unfortunately we were not successful in attracting back any members who have left us, despite them all being invited.

There was also an unanticipated cost of £117 associated with the change in laws last August, and £86 for bidding box inserts.

Without these three specific expenditures there would have been a surplus of around £230.

Our bank balance remains healthy, having increased from circa £3,300 to £3,800.