

Treasurer's Report 2023

Membership and Attendance

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Renewals	N.A	44	31	64	65
New members	6	11	0	5	7
Total @ year end	57/64?	55	66	68	72
Player sessions	1,267	1596	466	2,160	2,314
Average tables - F2F	3.03	4.14	0	6.66	6.49
Average tables -online	3.93	5.28	6	6	
Annual fee for new players	£5.00	Varied	£15.00	£20.00	£20
Table money per session	Varied	Varied	£1.50	£1.50	£1.50
Total subscriptions	£30	£472	£459	£1,342	£1365
Total table money	£1,451	£2,548	£380	£3,263	£3,253
Total income	£1,481	£3,020	£739	£4,605	£4,346

Financial Summary

It can be seen from the statistics above that the club has struggled to attract a sufficient number of players to provide a quality duplicate bridge experience for members.

We persevered with F2F for the first five months of the year but after taking account of the hall rental cost, £495, and other direct costs, the loss amounted to £430 and we ceased offering F2F at the end of August.

The remaining loss was partly attributable to the transfer of our Monday on-line bridge to Farnham bridge Club but also reflected the fact that your committee thought we should start to reduce the cost to members in recognition of the surplus funds held by the club. To facilitate the move to Farnham in December a loyalty bonus to pre-covid members, totalling £230, was credited to their account and also £262 was transferred to their new Farnham account.

In January the charge for Tuesday bridge was reduced to £1 per session – sufficient to cover Realbridge and EBU playing fees but with a reduction in income of £106 for the quarter. Also, software costs increased by £136. This was mainly due to the fact that last year the chairman was able to use surplus zoom capacity available to her from her other activities.