

## Chairman's Report for 2021/22

It has been another extraordinary year.

I'd like to start this report with some key numbers, in ascending order:

4.5	Maximum number of tables during a F2F session in the village hall
7	Maximum number of tables during an online session on RealBridge
11	F2F sessions in the village hall
11	New members who joined during the year
55	Current members (old and new)
68	Online sessions on RealBridge
991	Pounds surplus for the year

For me the key messages from these numbers are:

- Our online sessions remain popular
- We are struggling to re-establish ourselves as a F2F club
- We need to think about how we use the surplus

Given the importance of these issues there is a separate item on our agenda regarding the future of BDBC, and a supporting discussion paper, which I expect will take up the majority of discussion time during our meeting.

I would like give heartfelt thanks all those who have helped in their various ways in running the Club in these challenging times. It really has been a team effort

Firstly I need to thank all my fellow Committee members, as all have taken a very active role in keeping the Club alive. I am particularly grateful to Colin for devising the spreadsheet recording system that has supported the variety of charging regimes we opted for during the year, and to Mark for undertaking director training, and taking responsibility for all the research necessary regarding covid rules and best practice as we investigated the return to F2F.

Beyond the Committee members, thanks go to:

- Yuki Nicholas – RealBridge administration
- Jenny Bywater – creating deal files for F2F sessions
- John Cable – dealing boards for F2F sessions
- John Spiers – online directing and background IT support
- Tony Baccus – F2F directing

I also need to give a particular mention and thanks to Davina who is standing down from the Committee after 12 years during which time she has taken more than a fair share of responsibilities. These have included procurement, dealing boards, collection/banking of table money and most recently as membership secretary. We will miss her contributions, and need new volunteers to plug the many gaps she has created. Please don't be shy about offering to help in whatever way you feel comfortable.

In addition to the 79 bridge sessions, we also organised a training day for would be directors for F2F sessions. Mary Forristal, Richard Shand and Nick Moore all attended, and are happy to take a share of directing duties, albeit that neither Richard or Nick are able to join us very often. We also had 6 attendees from other local clubs to make the session viable.

As ever, we really do need help from as many members as possible in running the Club, and would particularly welcome assistance with:

- Scoring
- Establishing and maintaining an online diary for directing, scoring and other duties
- Dealing boards for F2F sessions
- Setting up and clearing away at the Club

So in summary 2021/22 was a surprisingly successful year financially and I think enjoyable too for all those joining us in either format.

I look forward to seeing you as often as possible in the coming year.

Joan Heagin  
25<sup>th</sup> April 1922