



## Treasurer's Report 2021

### Membership and Attendance

|                            | 2021  | 2020   | 2019   | 2018   | 2017   |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Renewals                   | 31    | 64     | 65     | 69     | 76     |
| New members                | 0     | 5      | 7      | 3      | 5      |
| Dormant members *          | 35    |        |        |        |        |
| Total @ year end           | 66    | 68     | 72     | 72     | 81     |
| Player sessions            | 466   | 2,160  | 2,244  | 2,314  | 2,474  |
| Average tables - see below |       | 6.66   | 6.49   | 6.40   | 6.87   |
| Annual fee                 | £15   | £20    | £20    | £15    | £15    |
| Table money per session    | £1.50 | £1.50  | £1.50  | £1.50  | £1.50  |
| Total subscriptions        | £459  | £1,342 | £1,365 | £1,093 | £1,168 |
| Total table money          | £380  | £3,263 | £3,431 | £3,253 | £3,337 |
| Total income               | £739  | £4,605 | £4,796 | £4,346 | £4,505 |

\* Dormant members are those who have not yet joined us online, and who were therefore not asked to pay any subscriptions during 2020/21

### Financial Summary

Despite a dramatic fall in the income from subscriptions and table money the accounts show a small surplus of £32.74 and our bank balance remains in excess of £5,000. Club activity was restricted to four months on-line Monday duplicate sessions which meant that no rent was payable. In addition, when compared with last year, there was no charge for depreciation, £543, or playing materials, £568, and covid prevented any social activities with their related costs.

We started playing on line with Realbridge, at the end of November. We built up to average of 6.5 tables in January/February but this has declined to an average of 5 tables in March and April. The numbers for previous years are:

| Average Tables | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Monday         | 7.63 | 7.59 | 7.15 | 7.21 | 7.34 |
| Tuesday        | 5.25 | 4.91 | 5.65 | 6.44 | 6.83 |

It is disappointing that we have not been able to attract more of our membership, both in terms of enjoyment and our prospects for membership numbers in the future. However, the current level

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is sufficient to cover our fixed costs comprising our software, insurance costs and the EBU annual fee which total less than £35 per month.



## The Way Forward

We will consult with members on their wishes about resuming face-to-face bridge as soon as we know what the practical and financial implications of doing so might be.

In the interim it is proposed that:

1. Table money for on-line bridge continues at £1.50 per session until 31 May 2021 when it will be reviewed by the committee but no annual subscription until face-to-face bridge can resume.
2. The Committee is authorised to set annual subscriptions and table money at a level that it is believed will enable the Club to breakeven during 2021/22
3. If the Committee feels that the levels of charges required will exceed the trigger amounts, and more than 5 members are dissatisfied with the justification offered by the Committee, the matter will be decided by a Special General Meeting to be convened within 2 weeks of the date requested in writing by 5 members. The trigger amounts for this process will be:
  - £25 as a subscription for the period to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022
  - £2.50 per session table money