



Scottish Bridge Union

President's report October, November 2016

The last two months have given myself and the SBU major problems due to the sudden departure from our ranks of Cathy Ferguson who was our secretary, tournament convener plus entering competition results and Bob McKinnon our magazine publisher to add to our already depleted ranks with the previous departure of Ann Wickens and Joan Lees. Unfortunately it seems we have no one willing to come forward to replace them. I must thank the existing committee conveners and committee members who are all doing extra work but this is very short term as it is too great a pressure on them.

I have managed to play in the Diamond Trophy, the Autumn Congress at Peebles where I must say the catering standards have improved with all the meals supplied to our table of eight being very good.

I missed the National League and the Arthur due to a family holiday but was back in time to go to Aviemore. A very well organized and run congress, which I will return to, I hope next year.

I visited clubs in Glasgow and Edinburgh during this period in league matches.

I was at the Rayne final as director as again our holiday interfered with the local heats and all bar one district took up their places in the final.

Irene and I played but failed to qualify for National pairs.

We are looking forward to the Winter Congress at Peebles and hope to see many of our members there.

I have been getting good reports on Isla Canella Hotelour SBU overseas congress in Spain. Both the hotel and its catering are good and the situation is convenient for trips to Seville and Portugal.

Ian Hunter 5/12/16