



Scottish Bridge Union

President's Report - June 2017

One year gone and to be honest due to the resignations a difficult year and my thanks are due to my team for doing the extra work required.

I know results, including posting and tournament directing involving starting times and lack of Wi-Fi, have spoilt some of our tournaments, these are on our urgent list for improvement.

I have to say our web page is not the easiest for finding items. Currently research is proceeding on finding a more user friendly format with a better layout but as my computer knowledge is limited I cannot supply any technical details.

In April Irene & I played in the CD charity Pairs which raised over £1500 for Marie Curie. A very friendly event with a mixed standards of players.

Unfortunately we did not qualify for National Pairs or Spence cup at the end of May.

Due to our departure on Monday 8th May to Isla Canela we did not manage the Scottish Swiss Pairs but hope to manage next year.

With regard to our well attended overseas congress I can report that the Hotel staff and catering were excellent. The Hotel had three show cooking stations plus an amazing display of other dishes. We had mainly good weather though our visit to Seville, a beautiful city, was a bit uncomfortable at 33 in the shade.

The bridge was very enjoyable well run by our TD's Duncan & Russell assisted by their spouses. We also had the assistance of Joan who, though retiring as congress convener, was still helping with the assistance of Jack.

Many of those at the congress have already made bookings for next year at Paphos in Cyprus. The hotel is our players favorite hotel, even better than this years hotel.

Back when I was Convener of the Tournament Committee we were considering scrapping the individuals due to lack of support but this year we were over subscribed and my apologies to those who were not accepted.

The problem with an individual is the players expect to play with all the other players and 25 is the ideal number. We will look at the possibility of a different format where players play with a reduced number of players. I myself played in the Benjamin, which was also fully subscribed.

Players please note that if you can't attend it is important to let the TD or organisers know as soon as possible due to the problems in setting up movements especially for an individual.

I have only played locally and at a teams event in Stirling but will I hope get round more clubs this season.

We are now looking for an individual to take responsibility for our trophies as so many are left at the AGM or not even returned. This position will have expenses paid but has no responsibility for the theft of trophies. Please apply to myself, George Plant or Avril Sloane our secretary in the first instance.

Ian Hunter

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