



Scottish Bridge Union

Report back to members - April 2014

Report back from Council – April 2014

The final meeting of our annual cycle is always busy and this year we also had to consider a report from a Working Party that we set up to look at how the Council is managed and provides services for its members.

The Council welcomed the report, even though it set us many challenges. We have agreed to ask the Member Services committee to report back in November so that we can consult clubs and players on what services we can provide and how we deliver them. In the meantime the Mempad team will circulate information directly to clubs and on the website on what you need to do to get the benefits of the system and, in particular, transmit results directly from your clubs computer and how club secretaries can amend data for their own members.

A couple of initiatives will be welcomed by all members:

1. We have decided to provide an SBU diary to all members. Next year's edition will have the dates of all National events and it will replace the Competition brochure previously distributed. If clubs want to display information on their notice boards, copies of all of tournament information and District calendars will be on the website.
2. We are hoping to have a regular free Newsletter for all members during the course of next season. The SBU News will continue at 4 copies for £12 – with a reduction to £10 for payment by standing order. This still represents outstanding value for a fine magazine that has had no price increase for some time.
3. We have also decided to trial the appointment of a Tournament Secretary. This person will handle all entries to all National events, oversee arrangements and make sure that results are reported and master points are processed. We will still require local people to help with venues and catering but I believe that this initiative will go a long way towards ensuring that many of the administrative problems encountered this year will be addressed.

Last - but not least - the Council was delighted to nominate Russell Frame as our nominee to be our next president.

As this is my final report back, may I take this opportunity to thank all SBU members who have helped me over the last two years – including those who have told me when things didn't seem right or how we could do things better. In particular can I thank all members of the SBU Council, who work so hard on our behalf - and who do not get much thanks!

We have a great bridge union in Scotland and although it can – and will – be even better, may I urge all members to see the 'cup as half full' and support the work of the new President and Council. Most importantly can I urge you to attend the AGM on 27 May. I look forward to seeing you there!

Mike Ash

President