

## **Dear Members**

As the weather starts to warm up it's great to hear that many clubs have started to get back to playing face to face bridge. Feedback so far has been very positive, with the social interaction being so important for many of our members.

### **AGM 24 May 7.00 pm**

Advanced notice of two AGMs has recently been issued to members. The first meeting will be the final one of the old organisation; the second meeting will be the first AGM of the new SCIO.

Nominations are invited from members interested in joining the Board of Trustees. A nomination form is attached and can also be found in the "About" section of the website.

Members are also entitled to submit formal resolutions to be tabled at the AGM. Please write to Julia Scott-Barrett at [boardsecretary@sbu.org.uk](mailto:boardsecretary@sbu.org.uk) by 6 May at the latest.

### **New Byelaws**

The SBU Constitution contains the fundamental principles which govern our operation. The bylaws provide further definition and establish the rules and procedures we will follow to conduct ourselves in an orderly manner. The Constitution was accepted by OSCAR last October; the Byelaws have now been agreed by the Trustees and will be available to view on the website within the next few days.

### **Survey of Members**

We shall be seeking feedback from current and past members, by way of an online questionnaire, to seek members' views on a wide range of topics related to the future playing and teaching of bridge. Prior to the pandemic playing in person in clubs was the norm. During the pandemic online bridge allowed us to continue to play. The SBU wants to understand how best to support clubs restarting in-person bridge whilst retaining the benefits of online bridge. The findings from this survey will be particularly useful in helping SBU and bridge clubs to develop in the post-pandemic world.

### **Meeting with club secretaries**

To best support the needs of clubs, the trustees and operational management team are keen to meet with club secretaries to share ideas and to help us resolve any issues together. A series of Zoom meetings will be scheduled – further details in due course.

### **Technology - Future Requirements**

Although Mempad has served us well over several years, it has now become critical that we assess what IT infrastructure will be required to meet our future needs. A project team is being set up. Any member with a background in IT who is interested in providing support, please get in touch with me.

### **Ladies Team Success**

The Scottish Ladies Team has won the Lady Milne Trophy, winning all their matches against the other home nation teams. This was an excellent victory and follows a commendable 12<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Venice Cup World Championships. Congratulations to both teams.

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