

## RODBOROUGH BRIDGE CLUB – AGM MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2023

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2023

I would like to start by thanking everyone for their patience over the past few months whilst we have been moving to our new venue and especially to my Committee for their wonderful continued support. Also a warm welcome to Cynthia Whelan, Maureen and Alan Roe and the return to our evenings of Karen Wynne-Morgan . At present we have approx 48 members but we anticipate that a couple will not be renewing their membership. The Committee have decided to not to allow any new members but to start a waiting list. Those on the list may be invited to play if none of our full members are available.

To put it mildly it has been an unusual few months which started back in October when we were told by the Golf Club that due to staffing problems etc. they couldn't accommodate us on a Monday Evening. Fortunately the Committee had anticipated this decision a year earlier when the rent of the room was increased and had already done a survey of numerous venues. Space is required for at least 12 tables and storage for our 'boxes', and tables so we were happy to be welcomed by Minchinhampton Cotswold Club. I trust that we are helping in a small way by improving their bar profits on a Monday night!! We have had a few teething problems but hopefully we are now truly settled. Our Christmas Evening appeared to be a success and we look forward to many more.

I am delighted to report that everyone counts their cards before playing which has been a great help to the Tournament Directors. On your behalf thank you to our Tournament Directors David Mustarde, David Sturman, Robin Ewart and David Newman. It can be disruptive to their play so we appreciate their dedication. Also a big thank you to Judith for persevering with our mistakes and handwriting, not to mention late Monday nights, in order to get the results out promptly. Welcome also to Sue Parker who has kindly expressed an interest in helping with the scoring. Thank you also to the group of valued volunteers who are on the Table Preparation Rota and to all for clearing up in such a speedy manner at the end of the evening.

There is a small reminder to everyone that if you are on **LEAD** please do so **BEFORE** you write up the contract on your personal score card. This just speeds up play giving the declarer time to plan their game.

Those who can are remembering to **change** their seating orientation which allows us to play different opposition.

As the Top Percentage Score Shield has reached the end of its life, and there is nowhere to display it, the Committee has decided to replace it with a decorative book which will record all Winners, the Most improved Players of the year and the History of the club including, where possible, its past Committees, venues etc

Here's hoping for a fun filled healthy year.

Angela Newman

Chairman