MAYFIELD DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT FOR THE 2018 AGM

The Committee

This has been my fifth year as your Chairman. I have enjoyed the role very much and hope that you will re-elect me for a further year. I would like to thank all the Committee members for their hard work and support during the year. At the 2017 AGM we agreed that the Committee should operate with only 9 members (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer +6) with the option to co-opt up to two others during the year if required. This has worked very well and we did not need to co-opt. All current Committee members put themselves forward for re-election.

The Pro-Am

At the 2017 AGM we discussed the future of this event where attendance had been falling over the last few years. The Membership narrowly voted to continue, and subsequently the Committee agreed that some changes needed to be made to the format to make it more attractive and easier to run.

The Pro-Am took place in October as a “No Fear” event and results were not registered with the EBU and so not impact on NGS. Simple bidding systems were played. The attendance at the Pro-Am was 20 pairs – a marked improvement on previous years and we will plan to continue with the event.

Open Swiss Pairs

Also, in October, we held our sixth Open Swiss Pairs evening. Richard Banbury was our Director, once more, and the event enjoyed the same success as earlier years. 46 Mayfield members and 22 visitors took part. We plan to hold a similar event, this year.

Friday-Night Bridge

I expressed some concerns, earlier on in the year, about low attendance on Friday evenings. Since that time, the situation has improved due to the loyalty of Friday-night regulars and some new members. Please, keep up the good work.

My best wishes for another enjoyable and successful year of bridge!

Adrian Patrick