

YCBA Treasurer's Report for the year 2025/26

My report as always starts with thanking the Auditors involved in producing our accounts for the year.

By the time we come to the Treasurer's Report the joint chairs have covered the events, charity donations and grants given to our clubs.

You will see from the accounts that the Technology grants to our clubs have reduced this year. We still budget for £10K each year so if your club needs support please contact the Grants Committee, put forward your proposal and it will be looked at.

Our bank, Santander, have moved the goal posts - they now charge us monthly for the use of the account and have taken away the bank interest on deposits which we have earned in the past. As a result we have significant cash deposits which earn almost nothing. So we are currently looking to move some of our monies out of the Santander current account to somewhere else where it will earn interest ~~money~~. This will not be easy as we are an Unincorporated Association which is proving a difficulty. I will report on this further to the Board as and when we are in a position to move forward.

Insurance has remained the same as last year. We have also moved our equipment and stock for tournaments to a larger supervised storage area in Leeds. This storage space is close to where we hire vans for movement to Leeds or Harrogate and is also accessible for those who are duplimating our boards. It does come with an extra cost but the board have approved this decision and we will allow for this in the costing we prepare for each of our events.

Thank you to York Bridge Club for holding part of our equipment for the last couple of years.

We still hold 4 congresses per year - 3 on behalf of the EBU. All these events are budgeted in detail before they take place - thank you to Ron Millet for his work on this as we have to negotiate new rates each year. We are finding that the venues increase their prices regularly reflecting the cost increases in their raw materials, staff, etc. We aim to keep our entry rates tightly in line to reflect this. Our player numbers are holding their own across most of our events.

The numbers in our 9High events - or relaxed bridge - are increasing which shows the change in bridge players moving forward.

As usual the Easter Festival is always around about the financial year end - sometimes 2 fall in 1 year or people have already paid in advance - this is shown in Creditors and Accruals in the Notes to the accounts.

The Cafe Bridge events we are now holding have also increased their entry numbers - the last one had 96 people playing - we cover all our costs and give donations to different charities. I am sure the chairs have given their thanks to the people organising these - namely Pauline Stout & Mark Dunkley - thanks also go from me personally to Stuart Davies who, although he has retired as our chief Tournament Director, is still involved in checking and analysing all our entries into the tournament account as well as answering my queries

A special plea to make our administration easier...

Please when entering events put the full required entry code. If you are playing in either a pair or a team - one entry only is required not 2 or 4. Otherwise it creates issues and makes it harder for those involved. Finally please try not to enter last minute to all our events and pay beforehand.... We have to pay well in advance for hotel venues particularly.

Finally – you will be pleased to hear we have made about £1000 profit which is how it should be.

