Tournament Secretary’s Result 2022-2023 AGM June 29th 2023

This was my first year as Tournament Secretary and as such I start with thanks to everyone that has helped, and in some cases run the events as I was out of the country.

The Ben Franks was held on December 4th 2022 at Manchester Bridge Club. Lateness in announcing the date meant that only 12 pairs took part, the event was won by Alec and Barbara.

My thanks to Vera Lowson and her team at Manchester Bridge Club for hosting the event well.

This year it will be held on Sunday December 3rd, and I hope to get a much bigger entry.

The Gazette Trophy was held on Sunday 5th February at Bramhall and Cheadle Bridge Centre. Only 3 of our clubs put in teams, but with Manchester putting in 4, BCBC putting in 3 and Altrincham putting in 2 the event was well attended with 9 teams.

Sadly a medical emergency on the day meant there were directorial problems and a seemingly accidental issue with the computer slowed the scoring down, but the players pulled together and thanks to a lot of work from Alec and others a winner was eventually announced.

On the plus side everyone seemed to enjoy the food that was provided as a complimentary bonus.

The Cantor Cup was held on Sunday February 26th at Manchester Bridge Club, 14 pairs took part the winners were Chris and Tammy Lin.

My thanks to Susan Triggs and her team at Manchester Bridge Club who ran the event on the day and helped generate publicity for it.

In addition the other competitions that Manchester runs (The Goldstone trophy, Higson Cup, Green Point events) all ran well, these will be covered by the individual secretary’s reports.

My hope is that we will attempt to hold the events on the same day each year (First Sunday of Dec for Ben Franks, First Sunday of Feb for Gaztte, Last Sunday in Feb for Cantor Cup) and this way everyone will know in advance and be able to plan effectively.