



Hartford Bridge Club

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November 2022 Newsletter

This is new president's first newsletter after our October 2022 election of officers and members of the Board of Trustees.

Despite a drop of 29% in table count in our past twelvemonths vs. the previous twelve months, the Club has maintained its solid financial position. This is due to all the varied tasks and contributions, large and small, our members do for our club community. Remember that all this is done by volunteers! And, note with the election of new officers and trustees there will be opportunities to serve on some of our committees in which much of the detailed work is both formulated and accomplished.

Our challenges, including a declining table count and aging population, are significant, but with the participation and contributions of all our members we can successfully navigate ourselves through the headwinds and rough seas ahead. The more we look at ourselves as a community and our wonderful game as a lifetime endeavor, the steadier our position will be. I suggest to you that we should not only look at what our club can do for us in the future but also how it has helped us in the past. We cannot succeed if too many of us say: 'For me, the club isn't what it used to be or meant to be, so let others do the work.'

As has been noted, we have made changes in our November calendar. We have added the Monday morning open game beginning November 7, a revitalized mentor/mentee program, and supervised novice play on Saturday mornings beginning November 12 to further support our newer and prospective members. Please also note that a stratified Swiss team event will take place on Sunday, November 13.

Be kind and thoughtful! Remember---your opponents for one round are your partners for the other rounds!

John Willoughby