

## Chair Report AGM 2024

A quieter year than our 60<sup>th</sup> but still busy. Our members have had many successes in European, National and Regional events with a good number selected for the Home Internationals.

Multi players fixtures again proved popular against the Home Nations, Civil Service, Fire Brigade, Oxford Uni and many others. Tours to Ireland, York and Jersey were much enjoyed. RAC, Woodcote Park, hosted a first Doubles fixture against the Jesters and our annual Festival. The Escorts won for the first time with the title going to the winners of the last and best contest of the day.

A new Website has added a great deal of extra functionality for members, making it easier to opt into matches and find information. Brian Brock has set this up for us and it is an excellent addition for our Club.

We are losing some “big hitters” at the AGM. Philip Ayton will stand down as President. Nigel Belle will stand down after 17 years as Secretary, Newsletter editor and Archivist. Geoff Howes will be calling time after 18 years running the tournaments. All will receive our sincere thanks and more at the AGM.

Our committee members have provided sterling service in the past year. Treasurer, Robert Smith and Fixtures Sec, Nick Sheppard put in a lot of unseen work as do other committee members running Tours, Golf and writing Newsletter articles. GBV would be the poorer without them.

The Website and Newsletters provide a great deal more insight than my thumbnail sketch of the past year and I whole heartedly commend them to you as evidence of this thriving organisation.

Ian Graham

Chair