

2022 Treasurers Report

The accounts for the year ending 30 September 2022 show a surplus for the year of £645.

Our membership for 2022 was 39 clubs, after Finchley Victoria transferred to another Federation.

With no SECF Competitions held in 2020, and a slightly restricted programme in 2021 following the Covid pandemic, it had been expected that 2022 might show a return to pre-covid participation by member clubs. This proved not to be the case, and despite allowing flexibility for later entry to the tournaments, numbers were low. There was also a surprisingly large number of subsequent entry withdrawals, some just a few days before the date, and after the tournament schedule had been drawn up. Our top AC League, and the 1 Ball and Short Croquet tournaments were cancelled due to the low entry levels.

The purpose of the SECF Competitions is to offer member clubs an opportunity to play competitively against their neighbouring clubs, at a variety of levels in both level or handicap play. Many of these are not aimed for the top players, but are to encourage your members at different levels to take part in competitive play. So hopefully next year, numbers will grow, and clubs will still try to fill a team to compete even if some of their regular players are not available.

As a result of the many withdrawals, and the fact that SECF has sufficient funds, the committee has decided for this year to refund without deduction, all the tournament entry fees paid for places not taken up.

The above is reflected in the accounts by the drop in entry fees and events costs.

As ever, SECF is willing to consider requests for development grants, often as additional to their claims put to the CA. No grants were applied for in 2022. Enquiries about Development support please to Mike Akester, our Development Officer.

Similarly SECF offers a subsidy, in addition to that offered by the CA, to SECF club members completing a CA Coaching or Referee qualification course – just 5 members took the coaches course this year. Additionally this year, SECF agreed to pay the CA entry fee for the clubs representing SECF in the CA Federation Cup and Secretary Shield.

David King, Treasurer
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