

## CONGRESS DIRECTORS REPORT

The key statistics are summarised below

	2016	2015	2014		2016	2015	2014
	No.	No.	No.		Surplus	Surplus	Surplus
County Championship	43	46	44		(£298)	(£185)	
Rapidplay	114	108	129		£166	£122	£330
Congress	168	153	160		£516	£719	£471

Congress numbers were a record for my time as Director. This year there was no competition from a 4NCL Congress and the bonus of a party from the Netherlands.

Next year, and with a little trepidation, I hope to experiment with computerised pairings in a couple of sections of the congress and Rapidplay.

### Dates for 2016-17

County Championship Nov 19 / 20th

Rapidplay Jan 29<sup>th</sup>

Congress April 1<sup>st</sup> / 2nd

Finally I wish to pay tribute to Neil, who retired as Chief Controller at the Congress after 40 years service – and note (ominously) that next years' Congress Saturday is April Fools day...

Robert Richmond 20/6/2016

## **ECF DELEGATE REPORT**

I was part of the majority in not re-electing Phil Ehr as Chief Executive at the AGM in October, in order to restore harmony to the Board. Election campaigns of the sort seen in 2015 should now be a thing of the past since Council approved Directors being elected for three year terms on a rotating basis.

ECF finances for once are healthy – so the Board proposed a spending spree. Council approved this, without voting any extra money so there is a big deficit budget for 2016/17. This will not end well...

There are big changes coming to grading. From the 2017/18 season grades will be updated monthly. To make this feasible League Management Software will be introduced that will impact the way results are submitted. I plan to put some more details on the website shortly.

Robert Richmond 20/6/2016