

2023 AGM: Membership Secretary's Report

This report gives an overall picture of where our membership numbers stand and how many active members we have.

According to Pianola, the club has a total of 176 members: this includes 17 'Life Members' (only 3 of whom are regular players) and 158 'Ordinary Members'. From that overall total of 176, 66 have played in our main sessions just once or not at all, while 82 have played the main sessions more than 12 times since the last AGM, i.e. an average of once a month. The percentage of 'active members' thus defined (82 or about 47%) is a little larger than the 31% of members who were active last year, suggesting that although we have fewer members in total more of them attend regularly.

There are 13 people who were members in 2021/22 who have not yet renewed. We are still including all these as 'Ordinary Members' until the end of August 2023, after which they will be removed from the membership list and categorised as 'Lapsed'. Seventeen new members have joined since the last AGM (compared with 15 last year), but our total membership has declined by 58 (a 25% reduction) since August 2022 on account of a substantial number of members not renewing last year (the majority being those who did not return after the pandemic for one reason or another).