

Proposal on NIBU Website

Background

The website is now the main source for members and visitors to find out what is happening in the NIBU; as such it is important that the information is both current and relevant. There has been comment from members about information missing – this is mostly because no one has passed the information to the Web Manager for inclusion. There has also been a discussion at Council about the desirability of having a single website.

Current Situation

The following table describes the current site and indicates the responsibilities for communication of information and update to the website. The website actually consists of four linked sites – nibu.co.uk (main site), bridgewebs.com/niburesults (results site), bridgewebs.com/nibucongresses (congresses site) and bridgewebs.com/nibuimm (International Match Management site). Website Manager for main site is Patrick Rice (PR) with assistance from the previous site manager Greer MacKenzie (GM), Congress Organiser for congresses site, results site Brian McDowell (BM) and Match Management Site Helen Hall (HH).

Information	Source	Updated By
<p>Home Page This is the page which is probably most used by members as it contains news, upcoming events calendar and highlights important information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming Events; NIBU and National competitions with details of date, venue and link to further details where appropriate. Events for the next 5-6 weeks are listed. • News; what is happening in NIBU – includes significant results and selections and also photos of prize winners. Information of member deaths where known. • Links to Results site for competition results and calendar • Links to other bridge sites • Sponsor details 	<p>Annual Calendar created by Tournament Committee, held in Excel in shared folder Many sources, no single point of contact except for PR PR PR</p>	<p>BM updates calendar, PR uses 'cut & paste' to include on Home Page PR PR PR</p>
<p>Administration Most of the information is under the 'Admin' pull-down tab at the top of the Home Page. There are also links in the right hand column to documents and other static information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council; holds details of Council meetings, minutes etc. • Officers; names, contact details, photos • NIBU Structure; Council & Committees 	<p>Secty Secty? Secty? ? ?</p>	<p>PR PR PR PR</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affiliated Clubs; Club details, Club Secretary contact details Insurance; details of NIBU and Clubs insurance 			
Master Points Ian Hamilton maintains this area, including an Access database which holds details of all NIBU members and their master points.		IH	IH
Representative This tab has links to pages for each of the Home International series; Camrose, Lady Milne, Teltscher, Juniors, Sonya Britton, Interprovincials and also a link to the IMM site.		Various; including Selectors, HH, PR, A Hill, S Millership	PR for main site HH for IMM – current hosted match only
Congresses Links to Congresses site for Spring and Autumn Congresses		Congress Organiser	Congress Organiser
Committees Link for each of the NIBU Committees, also IBU Minutes and Committee Archives		Secty	PR
Other Links <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links to various pages in Results Site; Calendar, Leagues, Knockout Cups, Partnership Desk Photos, Lessons, Contact Us 		GM	PR
Results Site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calendar; past, current and future events Results of competitions League Tables Knockout Cups Partnership desk 		Tournament Ctte Directors League Organiser KO Cup Organiser Members	BM Directors BM BM Members, BM
Congresses Site Holds details of current and past congresses		Congress Organiser	Congress Organiser
IMM Site Holds details of NIBU hosted match in current and past years, also Sonya Britton		International Match Manager (HH)	International Match Manager (HH)

Proposal for New Website

It is proposed that the main website be transferred to Bridgewebs and integrated with the results website. This would provide the following benefits:

- Single website providing easy access for NIBU members as recommended by Council
- Bridgewebs system is designed for bridge clubs and County Associations and is used by over 2,000 organisations world-wide.
- Bridgewebs does not require specialist web management knowledge to be maintained
- The site can include a 'members only' area requiring members to login to access information such as Council Minutes and papers which would not be accessible publicly. This would improve our situation regarding GDPR regulations.

- Because a number of NIBU clubs use Bridgewebs there are members who have Bridgewebs knowledge who could update the site if the website manager is unavailable.

Proposed Timescale

It is proposed that the new website should be operational from 1st September. Some information may be held for a period on the current site which would be given a new domain name – e.g. nibuarchive.co.uk. – this has been agreed with GM. Where appropriate a link to the archive site would be provided in the new site.

Development of the new site would be undertaken by BM in conjunction with GM and PR, in the longer term a decision would need to be made on who will be responsible for site administration.

Financial Implications

There would be a small increase in the annual Bridgewebs fee for having what is termed a 'County Association' site. However Bridgewebs management has indicated in the past that all of our subscriptions could be combined into one which may mean that there is no net increase.

There would be a small fee for creating a new domain name for the proposed archive site.

Brian McDowell

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