

UP FOR DISCUSSION



Committee Meeting 8th December 2015

Attendees (committee): Lorin Clough, Jim Thomson, Stephen Coleman, Alan Taylor, Gary Tipping, Tony Britten, Simon Coleman, Keith Thomson, Stevie Anscombe

Guests:

Apologies received from: Mary Leeming, Michelle Kennedy, Iestyn Pocock, Jason Dunkley, Sue Thomson

Meeting opened at: 20:34

Chairperson's opening statement:

Thanks to all for coming, particularly so close to the Christmas period where people are busily making all sorts of preparations for family and friends. It is great to see that you remain so committed and dedicated to the league.

County Reports

On the 15th November the Northants County Team (consisting of Stephen Coleman, Simon Coleman, Damian Coates, Jason Neal, Andy Chambers, Jason Dunkley and Lorin Clough) played in the All England Division 2 County Championships in Didcot, Oxfordshire.

After many years with high expectations and ultimately disappointment, the team finally played to their potential and cruised to a fantastic win and were crowned Division 2 Champions. They have now been promoted to Division 1 for next year. A full report is available on the website (in the Latest News section) but the results were as follows:

Series 1 - Lost 4-3 to Portsmouth

Series 2 - Won 6-1 vs Bucks

Series 3 - Won 4-3 vs Kent B

Series 4 - Won 6-1 vs Oxford B

Series 5 - Won 5-2 vs Berks

Here are the impressive team stats for the day (rankings are out of the total of 42 players on the day):

Overall Rank	Name	Games won	Game 1 Score	Game 2 Score	Game 3 Score	Game 4 Score	Game 5 Score	Total Score	Average
1	Lorin Clough	5	8,940	6,030	8,710	8,430	16,340	48,450	9,690
3	Simon Coleman	5	4,270	9,440	3,360	6,240	11,970	35,280	7,056
4	Jason Neal	4	5,460	9,350	7,020	5,940	9,890	37,660	7,532
10	Damian Coates	3	2,960	7,710	6,470	7,210	7,640	31,990	6,398
15	Andy Chambers	3	1,930	6,720	2,120	6,280	5,000	22,050	4,410
16	Stephen Coleman	3	5,680	2,620	1,810	6,210	3,820	20,140	4,028
35	Jason Dunkley	1	3,790	3,710	3,570	1,240	2,500	14,810	2,962

'B' team – Nothing to report

'C' Team – Nothing to report

Social Secretary:

Quiz Night – sadly there were fewer attendees this year despite the success of the 2014 event. This means that we need to work that bit harder to ensure this is fully supported in future years and make sure people are given a great reason to attend. Nevertheless the event was enjoyed by all of those who did attend.

Well done to the winners who demonstrated superior knowledge during the evening and many thanks to them for donating all of their prize money back to the league. This means that the event contributed £124 to league.

Race Night (5th February 2016) - Sheets will be issued to team captains in January and it is hoped that there will be representation from EVERY team at the event.

Treasurer: not present

Bank: £1,657.57

Subs outstanding: Rushden Cons, Storm, C&A Cobblers and Thomas a` Becket

In addition, C&A Cobblers still owe £35 from league season 2014/15

Iestyn Pocock still owes £57.50 for Masters II (2014)

Lorin noted that he had paid the AEBBA Affiliation fee (£20) to the AEBBA Treasurer at the recent AGM.

This outstanding balance continues to be a problem for the league and an urgent resolution is requested.

Secretary:

Following the sad passing of Simon Millward the league has canvassed opinion to understand what would be an appropriate ongoing tribute to Simon. The most popular idea was to ensure that the Quiz Night which has taken place in 2014 and 2015 (both were won by Simon's team) should be made a permanent fixture in the league calendar and the winners trophy should be named after Simon.

As such the future name of – **The Simon Millward Annual Quiz Shield** was put to committee vote and was approved unanimously. This shall be adopted and shall be applied to the trophy retrospectively. Lorin will arrange with Fen Regis Trophies.

Lorin informed the committee that whilst attending the AEBBA AGM he confirmed that will host a national Open Competition called **The Northants Open in 2016** at the request of Simon Coleman. This will further put the Northants League on the national Bar Billiards map and will see the very best players in the country come to Northants to compete in what could be a great event. The event, which Simon has worked hard to resurrect will be managed and organised by Simon and is scheduled for Sunday 21st August 2016.

The venue and other arrangements are yet to be settled so it was suggested that we review progress on this event at subsequent committee meetings. This has the potential to be the best national event in the calendar

so it would be wise to put an organising team together led by Simon according to his requirements so that it is not all left to him to arrange.

AEBBA Rule Change: Lorin advised the committee that the AEBBA has adopted a clarification to one of the 'Foul' rules which ensures that should a ball be knocked from the "D" using ANY part of the cue, that shall be considered a foul. The Northants Rule Book will be amended by Lorin accordingly and re-published on the website.

Team Championships: Lorin advised that following an AEBBA rule change it would be wise to institute a new competition in order to decide eligibility for this important national event. As a league we have had trouble fielding an eligible side in the last few years and it is clear that the winners of the Team Knockout competition being the Northants representatives is not the answer. Therefore a new competition, where all entries are dependent on a willingness to represent the league should they win, is the most appropriate way to proceed. This was accepted in principle and Lorin agreed to document the proposal for approval at the February Committee Meeting.

Competition Secretary:

The following competition draws were made:

Team KO Quarter Final – matches to be played on 21st December at 8pm (venues TBC)

The Cardigan Arms **vs** C&A Saints
Burton Exiles **vs** Rushden Cons
The Cock 'C' **vs** The Cock 'A'
Thomas a` Becket **vs** Headlands

Premiership & Nene Cup Preliminary Round – matches to be played on 4th January 2016 at 8:30pm

Nene Cup Prelim: The Cardigan Arms **vs** C&A Saints (at The Cardigan Arms)

Nene Cup Semi Final: Thomas a` Becket **vs** The Cock 'C' (at the TAB)
Headlands **vs** The Cardigan Arms/C&A Saints (at the Headlands)

Premiership Prelim: The Cock 'A' **vs** Storm (at The Cock 'A')

Premiership Semi Final: C&A Cobblers **vs** Burton Exiles (at the Crown & Anchor)
Rushden Cons **vs** The Cock 'A'/Storm (at Rushden Conservative Club)

2nd Division Individual Knockout Rnd 2 – matches to be played on 7th January 2016 at 8pm (venues TBC)

Martin Atwill **vs** Leanne Tyson
Stevie Anscombe **vs** Ted Dunkley
David Wilton **vs** Chris Brewer
Phil York **vs** Sean Getty
Alan Taylor **vs** Trish Wilson-Coates
Mick Haynes **vs** Sophie Shambrook
Mark Dickerson **vs** Gary Tipping
Ray Crawford **vs** Shaun Thomson

Gerry Tootell Pairs KO Rnd 2 – matches to be played on 14th January 2016 at 8pm (venues TBC)

David Wilton & Alan Taylor **vs** Leigh Holmes & Stewart Greenaway
Keith Thomson & Shaun Thomson **vs** Andy Chambers & Jason Neal
Sophie Shambrook & Trish Wilson-Coates **vs** Ted Dunkley & Mick Haynes
Ian Jellis & Simon Coleman **vs** John Tyson & Leanne Tyson
Lorin Clough & Stephen Coleman **vs** Dave Evans & Kevin Ayres
Jason Dunkley & Jon Coe **vs** Tony Britten & Rob Scarrott
Gary Tipping & Sean Getty **vs** Chas Peel & Jim Smith
Karen Biseker & Chris Brewer **vs** Damian Coates & Stevie Anscombe

Lorin will update the website as soon as possible and when venues are decided.

Any Other Business:

Simon Coleman organised an event for the **Northants League vs The Bay Horse (Sudbury)** in both a 4pin and 3pin competition. The Northants team consisted of Simon Coleman, Stephen Coleman, Michelle Kennedy, Tony Britten, Damian Coates plus other guests including Gary Tipping, Stewart Greenaway, Jason Neal and Sophie Shambrook.

The Northants team won the event and it was enjoyed by all.

Simon has agreed to and arranged a return competition in Sudbury scheduled for 30th January 2016 and will require an overnight stay. Simon will require a team of 5 or 6 members and has already had confirmations from Simon Coleman, Stephen Coleman, Michelle Kennedy and Tony Britten. Damian Coates and Gary Tipping have also expressed interest and will confirm with Simon to complete his team.

Simon requested that a reminder be added to the minutes for the East Anglian 4-pin Open which will be held in Suffolk on 19th March. Simon Coleman and Stephen Coleman will be attending and he urged other players to attend if they can as it is an excellent competition and the 4-pin format really does challenge every player.

Keith Thomson advised that he has been in discussions with Stephen Coleman with a view to organising and challenge match between the Inter Area Teams. It is hoped that this will be arranged for some time over the December/January/February period prior to the new Inter Area season. This could be a fundraising event with monies raised going to charities that were supported by Simon Millward. Details are still to be finalised and Keith & Stephen will provide an update in due course.

Performances of the month

County Team – performed very well in winning the All England Division 2 County Championships and securing promotion to Division 1 for 2016.

Storm – delivered an excellent result in beating Rushden Cons away from home.

Meeting closed at 21:35

