

UP FOR DISCUSSION

The latest from the gang that likes to give you more!!!

Committee Meeting 7th October 2014

Attendees (committee): Lorin Clough, Jim Thomson, Stevie Anscombe, Gary Tipping, Alan Taylor, Simon Coleman, Michelle Kennedy, Stephen Coleman, Jason Dunkley, Mary Leeming, Tony Britten, Keith Thomson

Apologies: Damian Coates, Sue Thomson, Iestyn Pocock

Meeting opened at 20:33

Chairperson's opening statement:

It is splendid to see 11 people here again. We continue to reinforce our commitment to the league and I trust that this is being reciprocated by the membership at large. It appears that entry to most competitions is up and the mood continues to be high so let's keep up this high standard of work!

County Reports

Inter Area Main competition

The Northants Inter Area 'A' team have made it to the final of the main competition. Whilst they have had some good fortune along the way there is no doubt that they have earned their place with victories over Wallingford 'B', Wallingford 'A' and Reading 'A'. In the final they meet Witney 'A' which will be a massive challenge as their team have a number of very strong players. The matches should take place in October or November and more details will be posted on the website.

It is rare for us to get this far in the competition and an outstanding achievement. The team would therefore really appreciate your support by attending the home leg of the final once it has been arranged.

C Team Shield

The final away match of the 'C' Team Shield against Reading D had to be forfeited by the Northants team due to not being able to field a full team and consequently return leg was offered as forfeit too. This is extremely disappointing given the strong commitment we have had to the 'C' Team in recent times. In the forthcoming season, which commences in February/March 2015, Keith will have the pick of more than more than 30 players. If you are invited to represent the county and our association, please do whatever you can to support the team.



New Inter Area/County Squads

Following the AGM where the new County and Inter Area Captains were selected, Simon brought performance statistics to support the selection of the new Inter Area Squads. Discussion was also had regarding those who had made themselves available for selection and those who were not able to do so.

The squads were selected as follows:

Inter Area 'A'

Stephen Coleman (Captain), Simon Coleman, Ian Street, Damian Coates, Andy Chambers, Jason Neal, Lorin Clough

Inter Area 'B'

Jason Dunkley (Captain), Jon Coe, Matthew Thomson, Ben Foster, Jim Thomson, Tony Britten, Stewart Greenaway

Inter Area 'C'

Keith Thomson (Captain). Keith will be able to select from all other League Members who have made themselves available for selection.

Congratulations to all those selected and good luck for your forthcoming matches.

Social Secretary:

The new Quiz Night will be held at Moulton Working Men's Club on the 21st November. Team should be registered via the website

Reminder was issued to all members inviting team registration via the entry form on the website at <http://www.northantsbarbilliards.org/latest-news.html>. To date only one team has registered and therefore the event may be in doubt unless further registrations are received.

Secretary:

- **Working Groups Update** – plan templates to support the work of each working group have been created and will be disseminated in the coming days.
- **Northants vs Notts** – There has been a change of leadership within the Nottinghamshire association and so we await the new committee election and contact details. This match is likely to be delayed until later in the year or early in the New Year.
- **Honorary President's Award Update** – Lorin provided an update and will pass further details to the committee. A budget was agreed and accepted.
- **Best Newcomer discussion** – Further to the creation of award thanks to sponsorship from Mary Leeming, it was agreed that this will be an Award to be presented on Presentation Night and will be

based on ranking points and performances. It was also noted that this award will be focused on 'Beginners' rather than 'newcomer's' to the league.

Treasurer:

The current balance is £2,184.55 although expenditure is due soon.

Only four teams have paid their annual subscriptions to date. They are:

C&A Saints – paid in full
The Cock 'A' – paid in full
The Cock 'C' – paid in full
Headlands – paid in full

C&A Cobblers (also owe £8 from last year), Storm, The Fox, Rushden Cons, The Exiles

Please arrange payment as soon as possible.

Competition Secretary:

Draws were made for the following competitions which will be added to the website.

Blind Pairs Draw

1st Rnd – 16th Oct

Dave Sadler & Ted Dunkley vs Damian Coates & Karen Biseker

Tony Britten & Mark Dickerson vs Mary Leeming & Chris Brewer

Lorin Clough & Keith Thomson vs Jim Thomson & Theo Heley

Jason Dunkley & Dave Evans versus Leigh Holmes & Mick Haynes

Byes

Stevie Anscombe & Simon Millward

Stephen Coleman & Ray Crawford

Simon Coleman & Gary Tipping

Rob Scarrott & Alan Taylor

Individual Knockout Draw

1st Rnd – 6th Nov

Jim Thomson vs Dave Sadler

Keith Thomson vs Rob Scarrott

All others have byes

2nd Division Individual Knockout Draw

13th Nov

Karen Biseker vs Jon Coe
Alan Tayler vs Gary Tipping
Ted Dunkley vs Gareth Earp
Macauley Hyde vs Mark Dickerson
Chris Brewer vs Mick Haynes
Sean Getty vs Nick Faulkener

Pairs Draw

1st Rnd – 20th November

Stewart Greenaway & Mick Loake vs Karen Biseker & Simon Millward
Gary Tipping & Sean Getty vs Lorin Clough & Stephen Coleman
Mary Leeming & Ian Street vs Jason Dunkley & Jon Coe

A reminder was issued to all players that scorecards for all competitions must be submitted to enable accurate records and rankings to be kept.

Any Other Business

All England Under 25's – Sunday 2nd November Stephen Coleman will be attending and it is hoped that other players will also attend. If you are interested please contact Stephen as soon as possible to arrange travel and entry to the competition.

Performances of the month – As ever there were a number of noteworthy performances including Ray Crawford who won his first league game of the season and also had a personal best break. Rob Scarrott for his match against Simon Coleman where Simon was 5k up but Rob responded with a fantastic break to win. Sandy has had a great start to season with a win and other fine performances particularly that against Jim Thomson. There are still a number of league 100%ers including

Ian Street	Stephen Coleman
Lorin Clough	Andy Chambers
Jason Neal	Damian Coates
Jason Dunkley	

And a special congratulations again to the Northants 'A' side for reaching the Inter Area Final.

Meeting closed at 21:40

The next meeting will be held at Rushden Cons on 4th November at 20:30 sharp!

