

UP FOR DISCUSSION



Committee Meeting 6th October 2015

Attendees (committee): Lorin Clough, Jim Thomson, Stephen Coleman, Gary Tipping, Tony Britten, Simon Coleman, Keith Thomson, Iestyn Pocock, Jason Dunkley

Apologies received from: Mary Leeming, Michelle Kennedy, Alan Taylor, Stevie Anscombe, Jason Dunkley, Sue Thomson

Meeting opened at: 20:36

Chairperson's opening statement:

Thanks to all for coming, it continues to be gratifying that you are all committed to the league. I trust your efforts are appreciated by the wider league membership.

County Reports

Nothing from to report regarding the **Inter Area 'A'** side.

All England Division 2 County Championships will be held on 15th November at Didcot Conservative Club, Oxfordshire. Stephen is finalising the available team.

Inter Area B – The Semi-final of Supplementary Cup has been played and the match finished 5-5 however the team lost on aggregate. Nevertheless the team did well to reach the semi-final stage and had some good performances along the way. In the final match Jim Thomson was the standout player with his 7k.

The match concluded as follows:

Away – lost 3-2
Home - won 3-2

Inter Area 'C' – The team played Reading 'D' at The Cock Hotel and won 4-1. The return leg is scheduled for 18th October. This match will conclude the 'C' team shield fixtures. Gary Tipping was highlighted by his captain as the top performer in the 'C' team's latest fixture.

Social Secretary:

Quiz Night proposed dates & venues:

Suggested date of Friday 20th November and suggested venues are: The Cock Hotel, Moulton WMC or The Cardigan Arms. Michelle will investigate further and confirm arrangements in due course.

Race Night: Michelle gave early notification that next year's race Night will be held on the 5th February 2016. The venue is subject to confirmation.

Treasurer: not present

Sue will provide update for next meeting.

Secretary:

Lorin requested that perpetual trophies awarded at the Presentation Evening still require engraving. Lorin asked that these be returned so that Lorin can complete this task.

Those required are (and those who need to arrange for their return):

Damian Coates for Team Knockout
Simon Coleman – Northants Individual Knockout
Martin Atwill – 2nd Division Individual Knockout
Mary Leeming – Pairs Knockout
Dave Sadler – Blind Pairs Fen Regis Trophy
Ian Street - Jim Wilson Winner
Simon Coleman – Jim Wilson Plate

Competition Secretary:

The first order of business was to discuss and confirm the Inter area squads for the 2016 competitions. Simon provided the rankings which he has compiled in order to inform the discussions. Simon's rankings are based on the award of points for winning tournament matches with bonus points awarded for winning competitions. This ranking system is not the same as the one compiled on the website (which is unofficial). The matter of selecting a single system to be adopted by the league remains outstanding.

The captain for each team was selected at the AGM and they are:

Stephen Coleman - County Captain and Inter Area 'A' Captain
Jason Dunkley – Inter Area 'B' Captain
Keith Thomson – Inter Area 'C' Captain

It is important to restate that whilst the Committee agree the members of each squad, based on their performances and availability. The captains will have sole responsibility for managing and selecting the teams to play.

The final squads selected were:

'A' Team – Stephen Coleman, Simon Coleman, Damian Coates, Andy Chambers, Jason Neal, Dave Salder & Lorin Clough

'B' Team – Jason Dunkley, Leigh Holmes, Tony Britten, Stewart Greenaway, Jim Thomson, Ian Jellis, Jon Coe & Dave Evans

'C' Team – Keith Thomson, Mark Dickerson, Shaun Thomson, Gary Tipping, Alan Taylor, Ted Dunkley, Mary Leeming, Kevin Ross, Mick Haynes & Chris Brewer

The following competition draws were made:

Fen Regis Blind Pairs 1st Rnd – matches to be played on 22nd October at 8pm (venues TBC)

Stevie Anscombe & Chris Brewer **vs** Jim Thomson & Dave Wilton
Stephen Coleman & Mick Haynes **vs** Lorin Clough & Ted Dunkley
Dave Evans & Shaun Thomson **vs** Ian Jellis & Keith Thomson
Rob Scarrott & Alan Taylor **vs** Jon Coe & Ray Crawford
Leigh Holmes & Martin Atwill **vs** Mary Leeming & Karen Biseker
Jason Dunkley & Mark Dickerson **vs** Damian Coates & Gary Tipping
Simon Coleman & Phil York **vs** Dave Sadler & Sophie Shambrook

Northants Individual Knockout 1st Rnd – matches to be played on 12th November at 8pm (venues TBC)

Shaun Thomson **vs** Jon Coe
Alan Taylor **vs** Keith Thomson

2nd Division Individuals Knockout 1st Rnd – matches to be played on 19th November at 8pm (venues TBC)

Dawn Dunkley **vs** Chris Brewer
Alan Greenaway **vs** Martin Atwill
Karen Biseker **vs** Alan Taylor
Mark Dickerson **vs** John Tyson
Keith Thomson **vs** Gary Tipping

Gerry Tootell Pairs Knockout 1st Rnd – matches to be played on 26th November at 8pm (venues TBC)

Jim Thomson & Dave Sadler **vs** Andy Chambers & Jason Neal
Leigh Holmes & Stewart Greenaway **vs** Mark Dickerson & Phil York

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

Simon advised that he has agreed with the AEBBA to host a **national open championship on behalf of the Northants League**. Simon will own this competition and make the necessary arrangements. In due course he will advise the league committee of the details so that the event is fully supported by the league membership.

Any Other Business:

None

Performances of the month

Simon Coleman, who continues to be the league's best representative nationally, by virtue of being the Northants Individual Champion went on to play in the All England Individuals event. This event is eligible for only the county champions around the country and so is the very highest calibre field possible. Simon, who has performed very well in previous events, was only one leg away from reaching the final this year. Well done to him!

Karen Biseker has shown just how much she has improved through regular play. In the league so far she has bettered both her Personal Best Break and Personal Best Score. Congratulations Karen!

Recently the Inter Area 'C' Team got some reward for their improvement too by winning their recent match 4-1.

Both Sophie Shambrook and & Trish Wilson-Coates have won their first league matches. Very well done to you both.

Meeting closed at 21:46

