

NORTHANTS BAR BILLIARDS LEAGUE

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MEMBER OF THE ALL ENGLAND BAR BILLIARD ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER / COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Opened at 20:15 (06/11/2025)

Attendees: Tony Britten (TB), Kevin Ayres (KA), Martin Atwill (MA), Colin Underwood (CU), Stewart Greenaway (SG), Jim Thomson (JT), Ian Underwood (IU)

Apologies: Duncan Harris (DH)

1. Minutes of previous meeting (AGM) approved – SG/IU

2. Competition Secretary Update

a. Current League Tables

Division 1 League Table								
	P	W	L	D	Legs Won	Legs Lost	Agg. Score	Points
Rushden Cons	2	2	0	0	9	1	47170	11
The Cock A	3	1	2	0	7	8	37990	8
Headlands Storm	1	1	0	0	5	0	18260	6
Division 2 League Table								
	P	W	L	D	Legs Won	Legs Lost	Agg. Score	Points
Headlanders	3	2	1	0	9	6	45300	11
Britannia	2	2	0	0	6	4	26300	8
Snooty Exiles	1	0	1	0	2	3	11260	2
Division 3 League Table								
	P	W	L	D	Legs Won	Legs Lost	Agg. Score	Points
Carlsberg Cobblers	2	1	1	0	6	4	15180	7
Saints	3	1	2	0	4	11	17920	5
Cock C	3	0	3	0	2	13	22540	2

b. Outstanding Matches

Storm vs Britannia – scheduled for 10/11

Rushden vs Snooty – late cancellation (7pm on night). Discussion on how to proceed with this match as rule 46 applies:

"If a team fails to give at least 2hrs notification of a postponement, they will forfeit that match subject to the discretion of the Competition Secretary. In the event of any

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postponement the Competition Secretary MUST be notified on the day of the match. If less than 2hrs notice is provided, the offending team may be liable to reimburse the hosting team for food charges etc"

After discussion the committee felt that, if at all possible, the match should be played. MA to contact DH (Snooty Captain) to confirm this decision and ask DH to arrange the fixture with Rushden. SG (Rushden Captain) confirmed that they were able to cancel the food – though had incurred costs of bus transport.

If Snooty were to cancel like this again they should expect a points deduction.

MA to remind team captains that if they are short of players cancellations should be prior to the day of the match and teams should play even if they only have 3 players available.

c. Individuals / Pairs / Team KO

Individuals' 1st round complete with 1 outstanding fixture (Dunc Harris vs Ian Jellis – date tbc). Team KO 1st Round scheduled for 10/11, Pairs scheduled for December.

d. Recorded High Breaks & Scores

No High Breaks currently recorded

High Scores Damian Coates 5,590 / Aiden Coe 6,780 / Ben Foster 4,070

3. County Captains Update

Vacant Position – no updates from county competitions.

4. Treasurer Update

a. Bank Balance

£3,471.97

b. Outstanding Subs

Storm is the only team with outstanding subs – all other teams have paid.

c. Outstanding Payments

2025 Trophies and Engraving costs outstanding, awaiting invoice. Currently also missing some trophies – TB to visit engravers to sort out.

5. Website / Data Update

a. General Update

No current problems, handover from Lorin completed.

b. Website Email Contact Address

KA to contact Lorin regarding the email address published on the website as no one currently has access to this.

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c. Website Fees

TB noted that the website licence fees will be due relatively shortly (3-year contract). TB to find out when and the expected cost.

6. League Secretary Update

a. 2025/26 Financial Position

As a committee we need to make sure the league is sustainable long into the future and this includes its financial position. Rough budget reviewed at the meeting. With no Social Secretary in place TB volunteered to run a race night (date tbc). A quiz was also discussed and felt to be a popular option. With the expected reduction in county fixtures, costs would also be reduced from previous years.

TB & JT have recently repaired the Rushden table the cost of which is being paid by Rushden Con Club – TB & JT kindly donated this to the league (THANK YOU!).

b. New Division Names & Trophies

An existing trophy will be re-purposed for the third division trophy. League names to be amended on website to 1st, 2nd & 3rd Divisions.

c. 2024/25 Pairs Winners & Runners Up Trophy Change & Website Change

MA to provide correct information for website & CU to update accordingly. TB to visit engravers / trophy supplier to correct.

d. New Table / Potential Venue – Cuetopia Kettering

DH has been into Cuetopia to talk to them about the table and a potential team. DH to follow up with the manager. Potential competition to be held to try and gain some new players / team.

e. Social Media Content.

Currently using Facebook to post weekly match updates. If anyone has any historical photos or press reports they would like to post, please let KA know.

f. Online Rules & Constitution Document.

Current document online has a few errors that need amending – KA to contact Lorin regarding an editable version of the file (rather than current PDF document).

7. Any Other Business

a. Man of the Match Information (on scorecards)

Discussion on what they were used for and whether they were needed – decided to continue as is.

b. Summer League Format Review

2025 entries reduced to 4 teams – a discussion held on how the competition could be changed to increase uptake. Potential South/West vs North/East competition was discussed. To be c/f to next committee meeting.

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c. Masters Competition Format review

A discussion was held on whether the Masters competition should be reviewed given it is now 10 years old and entry numbers are declining. Potential changes / proposal to be discussed at the next committee meeting, if anyone has any ideas please contact a committee member.

d. Performance of the Month for October 2025 – **Phil York.**

Well Done to Phil who won his first game of the season in the individuals competition defeating Andy Chambers.

Aiden Coe was a close second, winning all 3 league matches and defeating the reigning champion Colin Underwood in the first round of the individuals.

8. Time & Place Next Meeting

Britannia WMC – Thursday 22nd January

9. Meeting Close @ 9.30pm