

NORTHANTS BAR BILLIARDS LEAGUE

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MEMBER OF THE ALL ENGLAND BAR BILLIARD ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER / COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Opened at 20:20 (29/01/2026)

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

Apologies: None

RACE NIGHT BOOKED FOR FRIDAY 13th MARCH @ MOULTON WORKING MENS CLUBS

Each team to try and sell a race card prior to the evening.

1. Competition Secretary Update

a. Current League Tables

Division 1 League Table								
	P	W	L	D	Legs Won	Legs Lost	Agg. Score	Points
Rushden Cons	10	10	0	0	42	8	243320	52
The Cock A	9	5	4	0	23	22	124790	28
Headlands Storm	7	3	4	0	17	18	98850	20
Division 2 League Table								
	P	W	L	D	Legs Won	Legs Lost	Agg. Score	Points
Headlanders	10	6	4	0	30	20	156690	36
Britannia	8	7	1	0	23	17	118960	30
Snooty Exiles	9	2	7	0	17	28	92490	19
Division 3 League Table								
	P	W	L	D	Legs Won	Legs Lost	Agg. Score	Points
Carlsberg Cobblers	9	5	4	0	24	21	80490	29
Cock C	9	1	8	0	13	32	67390	14
Saints	9	2	7	0	11	34	53530	13

b. Outstanding Matches

League Matches:

Storm vs Snooty Exiles

Britannia vs Saints

Storm vs Cock C

Cock A vs Britannia

c. Individuals / Pairs / Team KO

Competitions all underway – a couple of outstanding fixtures in Pairs and Blind Pairs to be played – but dates scheduled accordingly.

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d. Recorded High Breaks & Scores

Highest Breaks currently recorded – Damian Coates 9090 @ Storm / Colin

Underwood 7870 @ Storm / Oliver Tarry 2180 @ Rushden

High Scores currently recorded - Damian Coates 11,130 @ Storm / Colin Underwood

10,740 @ Storm / Ben Foster 4,070 @ Saints

PLEASE NOTE IF YOU CANCEL A MATCH OR REARRANGE A MATCH THEN THE COMPETITION SECRETARY NEEDS TO BE INFORMED.

2. County Captains Update

Vacant Position – no updates from county competitions.

3. Treasurer Update

a. Bank Balance

£3,502.80

b. Outstanding Subs

None – Receipt of £580 confirmed for refurbishment of Rushden table. Huge thank you to Jim & Tony for donating their time and effort to complete this.

c. Outstanding Payments

All payments relating to 2025 Trophy & Engraving costs now sorted out & paid.

4. Website / Data Update

a. General Update

Website up to date

b. Website Email Contact Address

CU contacted Lorin regarding website email address – awaiting response.

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

5. League Secretary Update

a. 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.

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

MA to provide correct information for website & CU to update accordingly –

UPDATE: Corrected trophies to be collected 12th February by TB.

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c. **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. UPDATE: Table timer is not working correctly (missing springs) – DH to send a photo to JT for review to see if we can fix it. CU has also emailed Cuetopia and is awaiting a response, ref competition on table.

d. **Online Rules & Constitution Document.**

Current document online has a few errors that need amending – TB to try and convert the file into Word document using software.

6. **Any Other Business**

a. **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.

b. **Masters Competition Format review**

A discussion on potential changes, consider a shorter playing time (Mon/Thurs/Mon/Thurs etc...) – MA to Poll on WhatsApp. Also discussed reduced entrance fee & prize money.

c. **Carlsberg Club Closing Time**

Club now closes @ 10pm on Monday's, at present matches starting half an hour early at 8pm to accommodate this. Working ok for now but alternative considered for next season.

d. **EABBA vs WBBA Conflicts**

Discussed briefly but does not affect NBBL.

e. **Presentation Night**

Expected to be as per 2025 with an informal event – Venue required. Date scheduled for 11th July.

If you have any ideas for a venue, please contact a committee member.

f. **Performance of the Month/Quarter for Nov-Jan – Stewart Greenaway & Andy Chambers.**

Well Done to both Stewart Greenaway & Andy Chambers both of whom remain unbeaten so far this season.

7. **Time & Place Next Meeting**

Rushden – towards end of March, date TBC

8. Meeting Close @ 9.20pm