

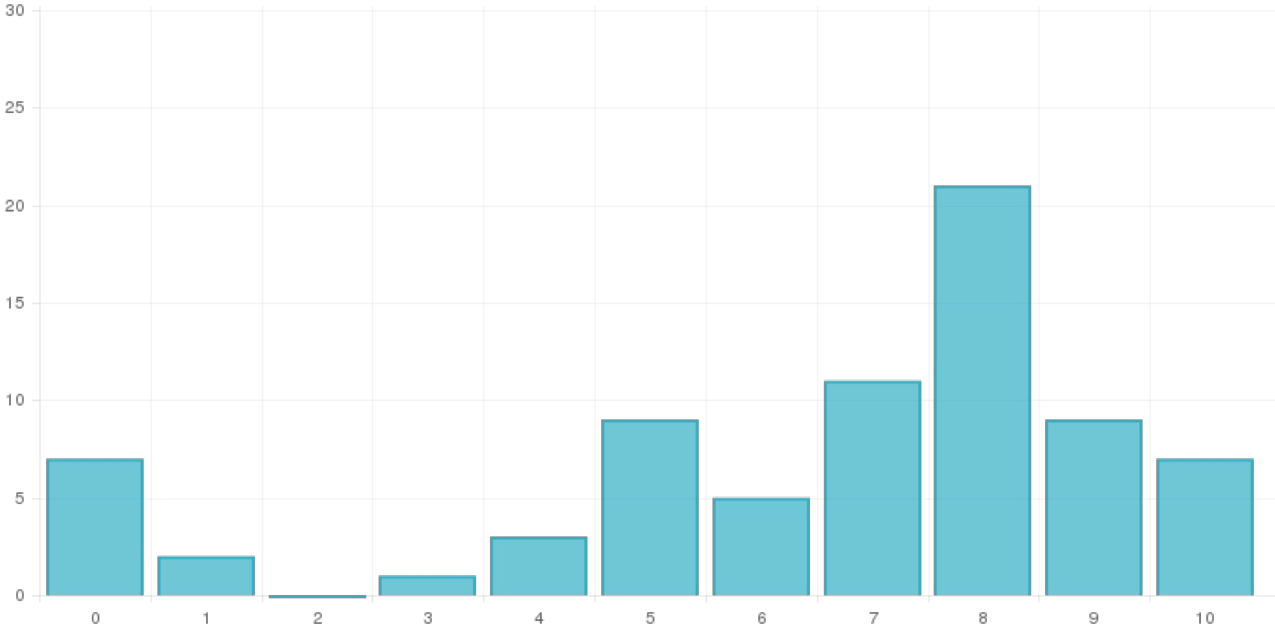
Do you play in county events?

	<div><div></div> Yes</div>	<div><div></div> No</div>	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	61 (74%)	21 (26%)	20	82



If the answer to Qu.1 was Yes, how much do you enjoy these events?

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Sour - Sweet	7 (9%)	2 (3%)	0 (0%)	1 (1%)	3 (4%)	9 (12%)	5 (7%)	11 (15%)	21 (28%)	9 (12%)	7 (9%)	5.64	75	6.51 / 10
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## and what could we do to increase your enjoyment?

### Text Responses

Have tea and coffee available

Hot food in winter!

Earlier starts

I think you do very well

Some players are a real pain with inflated egos

keep the boards to a reasonable number so that the event does not drag on

Not much. Well organised, Friendly events.

for me personally everything is almost perfect perhaps coffee and milk could be provided for non tea drinkers in the kitchen facilities is my only suggestion as the tea is superb

More friendly welcoming atmosphere, better venue, refreshments.

Get some more friendly and socialable people. Difficult, I know - as the better players take it more seriously, for which I don't blame them.

Provide herbal teas & vegan gluten free biscuits

Bring back the hot teas from Street, make county pairs more than 26 board even

not a lot!

I love playing. I need to retire so I have more time...

Dates are awkward

I enjoy the county event I play in so I'm not sure you could do more.

Larger print on the Handbook would help. It's easy to overlook events if you don't attend regularly. We are all getting older - larger print needed!

Nothing

all county events seem to be in or around Woolavington. Maybe some could be in north Somerset

Insist on politeness at the table and discourage slow play

warm hall

Don't assume that everyone understands the format, how the event works and what they should do.

Nothing to suggest

Slow play annoys me but difficult to overcome. Probably I'm being too negative

Let me win more times!!

try and be a little more aggressive about slow play, although it doesn't seem to have been as prevalent recently

Earlier start time say 11am with a break for lunch and doesn't then interfere with evening arrangements

Can't think of anything

Stop throwing the boards across the floor when hands are being played!!!! Sliding is quieter - and will preserve the boards!!!!

Stratify more events to share the spoils of victory across a wider range of ability levels

Probably more 'what could I do..' The aim of all participants should be to make the day enjoyable. For various reasons I don't think everyone does.

ensure ALL county events are a minimum of 40 boards

Woolavington is quite a distance but understand the reason why we play there

In the past some events have been disorganised at the beginning and slow to start.

Stop the better players from discussing the last hand whilst playing the next

nothing

I don't think there's much that could be done organisationally. I feel that some of the better players can be a tad intimidating towards less experienced players, so perhaps a reminder at the beginning of events that manners maketh man might not go amiss. It might be nice to have a more handicap events or some way to allow different people a realistic hope of doing well as all the competitions seem to be won by the same group of participants.

Regular tea, coffee and biscuits at each interval

More Sunday events in win

I found the atmosphere intimidating as a weaker player.

We like the ones with the nice teas best

theres a lot of miserable people lighten it up

Not

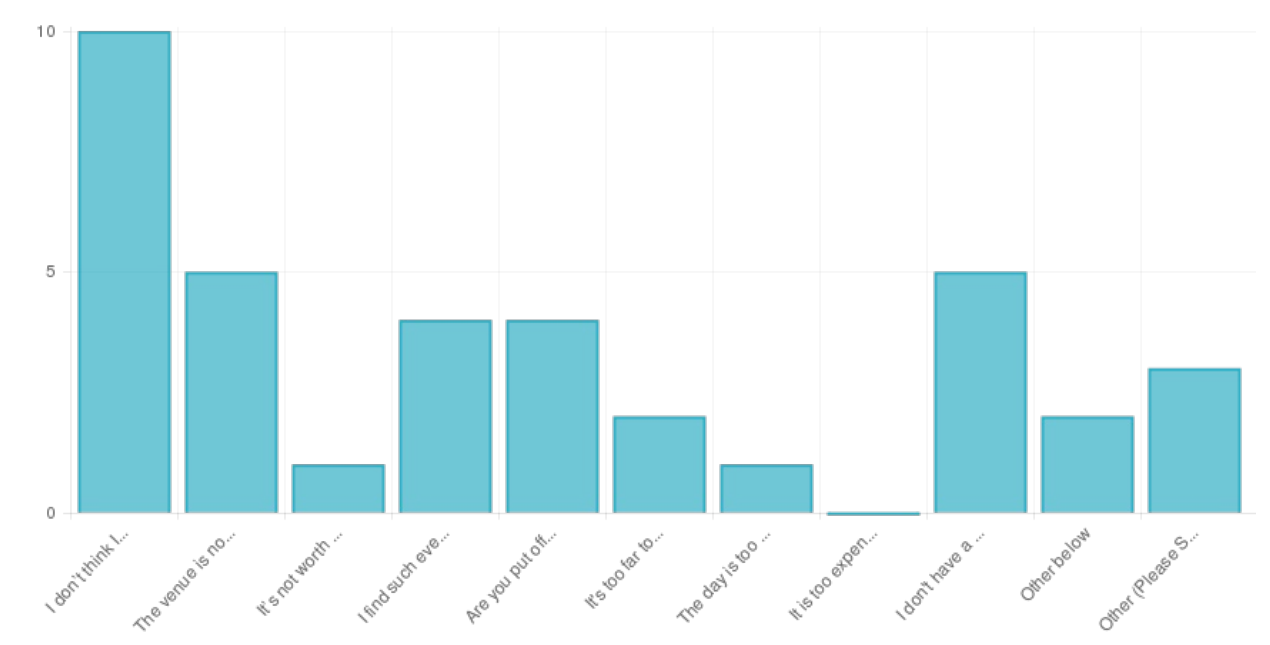
hall very cold once

Quite a long way to travel

Let me win more

If the answer to 1 is NO then please suggest a reason/s why not.

	I don't think I am good enough	The venue is not convenient for me	It's not worth entering because the same people always win	I find such events intimidating	Are you put off by possible bad behaviour at the table	It's too far to travel	The day is too long	It is too expensive	I don't have a partner	Other below	Other (Please Specify)	Responses
All Data	10 (42%)	5 (21%)	1 (4%)	4 (17%)	4 (17%)	2 (8%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	5 (21%)	2 (8%)	3 (13%)	24

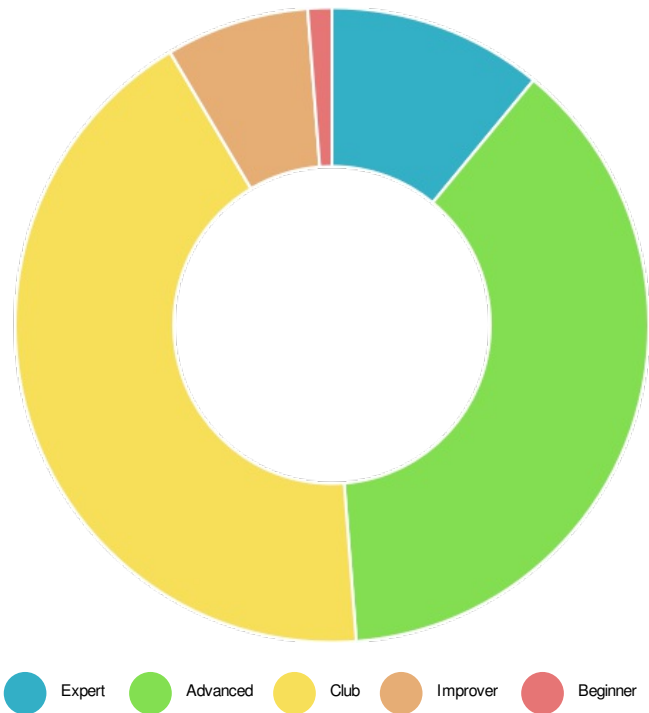


Text Responses

New to the area.  
the tea is far to expensive for pensioners  
dates often inconvenient

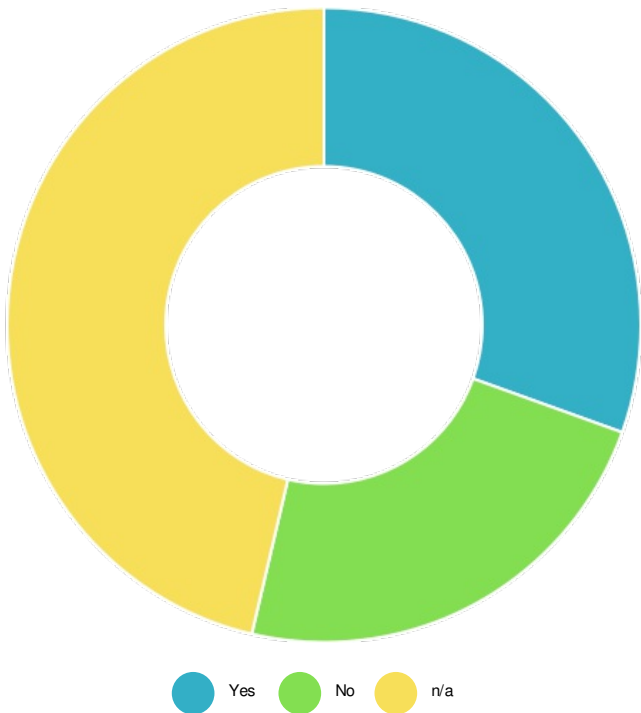
How experienced are you?

	Expert	Advanced	Club	Improver	Beginner	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	9 (11%)	31 (38%)	35 (43%)	6 (7%)	1 (1%)	13.85	82



If you consider yourself an advanced player at least would you be interested in an event restricted to your peers?

	Yes	No	n/a	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	25 (30%)	19 (23%)	38 (46%)	7.93	82



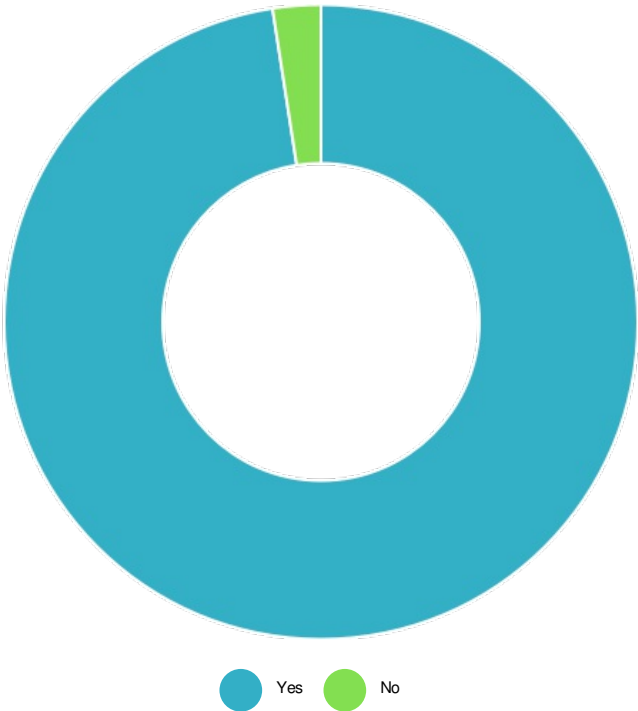
Would you be interested in daytime 'really easy' events for improvers/beginners?

	Yes	No	n/a	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	19 (23%)	34 (41%)	29 (35%)	6.24	82



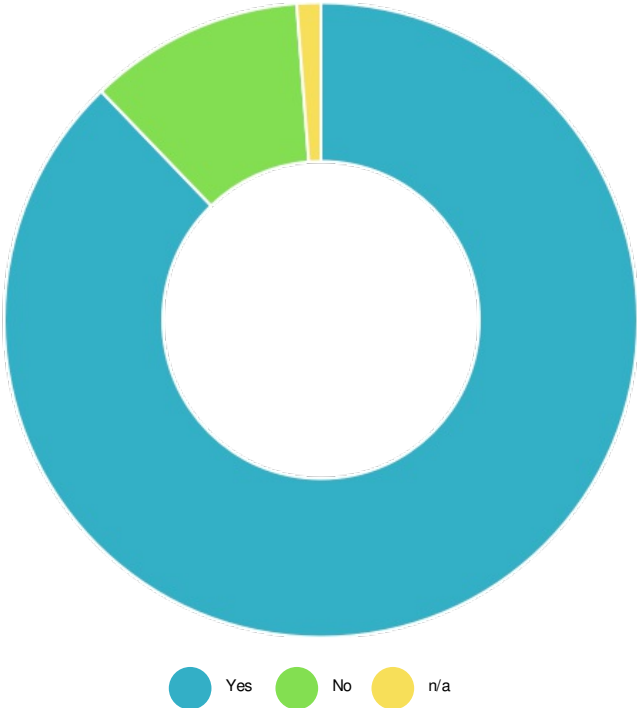
Do you play at a bridge club or clubs?

	Yes	No	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	80 (98%)	2 (2%)	39	82



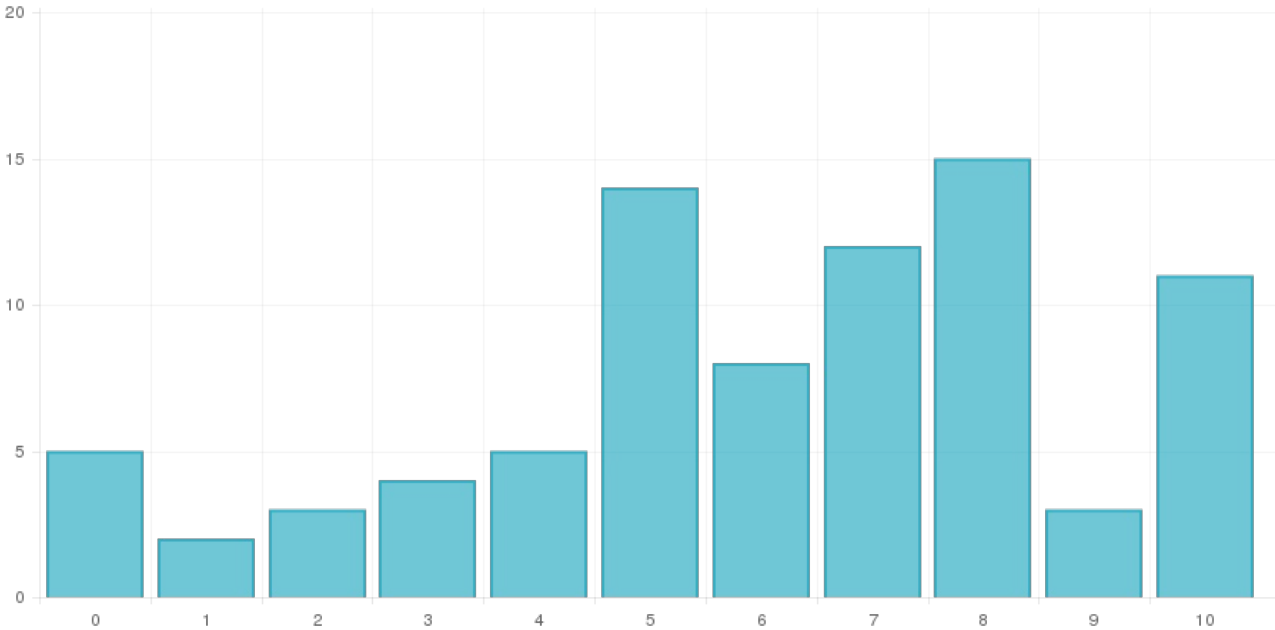
if you play club bridge is at least one of your clubs affiliated to the EBU?

	Yes	No	n/a	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	72 (88%)	9 (11%)	1 (1%)	31.75	82



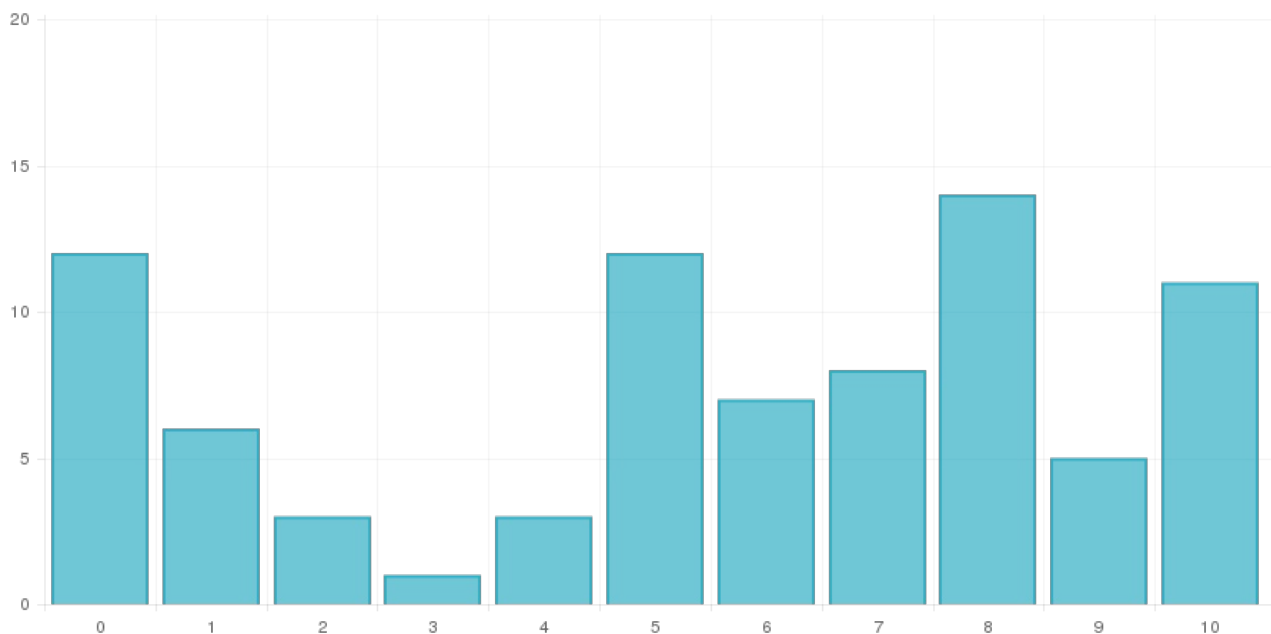
Would you be likely to play in more local events?

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
Sour - Sweet	5 (6%)	2 (2%)	3 (4%)	4 (5%)	5 (6%)	14 (17%)	8 (10%)	12 (15%)	15 (18%)	3 (4%)	11 (13%)	4.54	82	6.09 / 10
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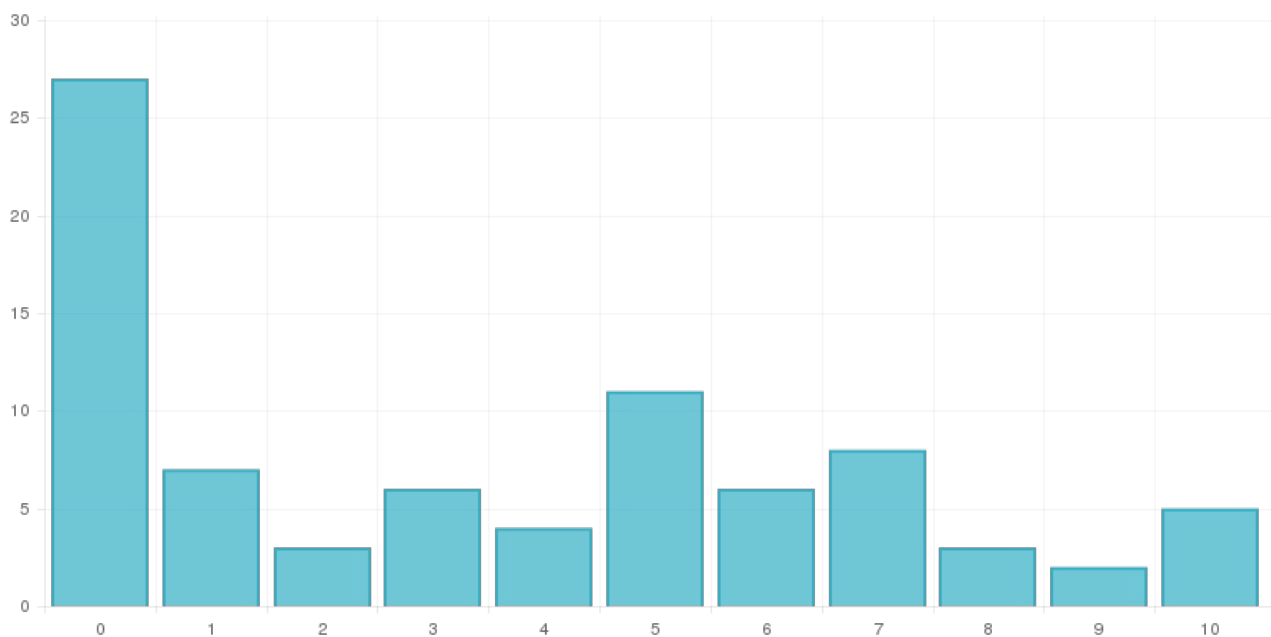
Would you be interested in handicap events giving more players the chance to win?

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<b>Sour - Sweet</b>	12 (15%)	6 (7%)	3 (4%)	1 (1%)	3 (4%)	12 (15%)	7 (9%)	8 (10%)	14 (17%)	5 (6%)	11 (13%)	4.12	82	5.51 / 10
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Would you be interested in events restricted to less experienced players?

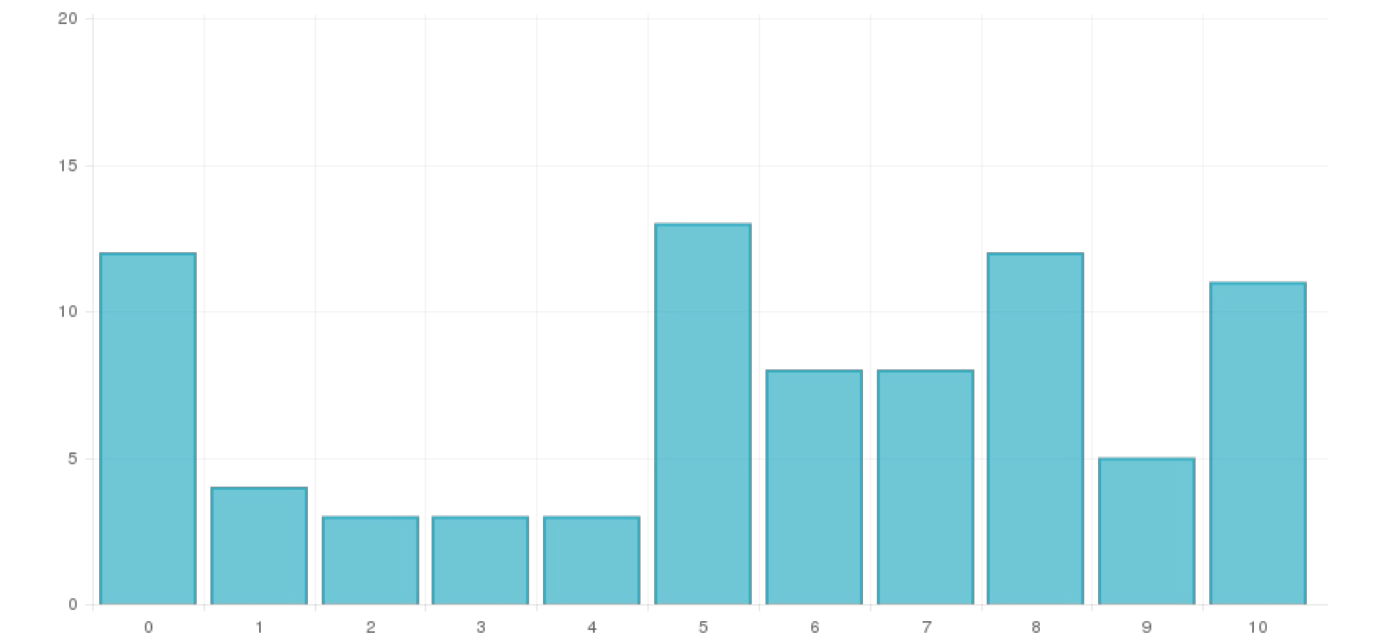
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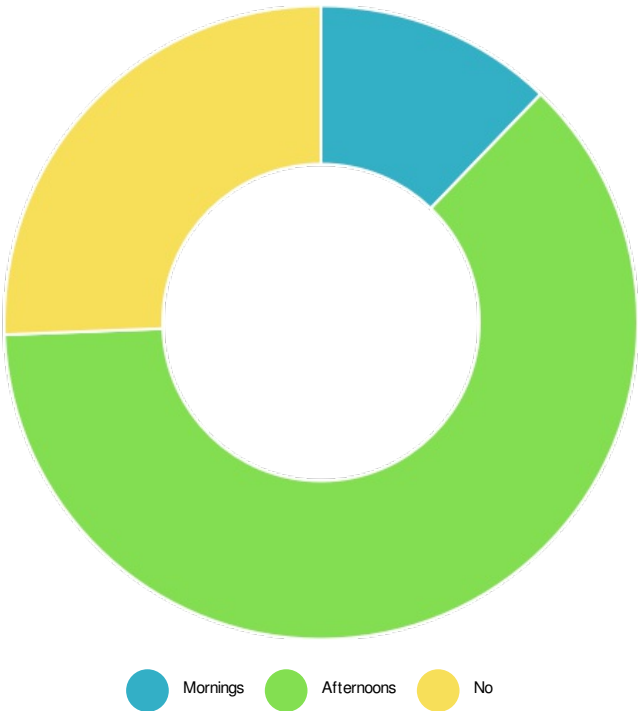
Would you be interested in stratified events in which you play in open competition but the results are produced in categories?

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Sour - Sweet	12 (15%)	4 (5%)	3 (4%)	3 (4%)	3 (4%)	13 (16%)	8 (10%)	8 (10%)	12 (15%)	5 (6%)	11 (13%)	3.85	82	5.5 / 10
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Would you be interested in day time events in your area?

	Mornings	Afternoons	No	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	10 (12%)	51 (62%)	21 (26%)	17.33	82



# Do you have any opinions about competitions available in Somerset?

## Text Responses

We have lots of opportunities in Somerset. Earlier start time in the winter if possible.

Too many have restrictions placed on them - eg restricted teams and pairs, teams of 8 (closed shop at some clubs),

I don't think NGS is necessarily the right vehicle for stratification as it is a very variable measure

I'm not really aware of what is currently available. I'm retired, I could get more involved.

Not really.

No

No.

County teams should be more than three mat

no -range is good

Regional daytime

I think the range is good

no

No.

Well I think I am lucky because a lot of events are played at Woolavington which is local to me.

County. KO needs to be re formatted.

Happy to carry on as before

I would like to play in more county events but as some are on a Sunday that is difficult for me.

i am not interested in events in summer months or near Christmas.

They are very well run. Grateful for those who give their time.

Could they be better advertised?

I enjoy the combination of teams mx with partnerships playing with each member of the team

Need more explanation of what the event format is; don't assume that everyone understands the terminology.

Played in one event only

No

Insufficient experience to comment

A good selection - perhaps the lack of numbers just reflects perceived (mis)conceptions

More support would be beneficial at some competitions.

Have you considered that the Friday League hasn't experienced the drop off that weekend events have. Perhaps some county events on a Friday evening over 24 boards instead?

More needs to be done to make the events more welcoming to everyone and the more experienced players should make more effort to be friendly and courteous and observe Best Behaviour principals.

No

Our members don't like Woolavington! Therefore finding a partner is difficult. Not only is it a dreadful journey, the hall isn't welcoming.....apparently. Yes, it's central mileage wise, but for those on the motorway they can get there in a fraction of the time. For us, in order to arrive at a comfortable time before the start, we need to allow at least an hour and three quarters, in other words at coffee time! There can easily be a huge diversion if there is an accident or tractors/lorries etc. and time must be allowed for these hold ups ....even if they don't occur! I don't even bother to look at the calendar any more!

We should consider inter club events along the lines of a league/aggregate % over a series of evenings

no

Oxfordshire plays a very popular interclub teams of 8 event. There are several levels of competition, very like the Somerset Friday teams of 4. The converse is that the Oxfordshire league for teams of 4 is played privately and poorly supported. The one thing that is uniform between the counties (the only ones of which I have experience) is that privately played matches are unpopular.

Well run with a good tea. Could start at 1 rather than 2.

Good and regular variety of competitions. Great central venue. Stratification hopefully will encourage more people as long as they know about and understand it.

no

no

.communications from County have greatly improved over the past year or so. This is key to members possible interest in events. Also make sure that newer players are welcomed and put at ease.

No, I've nothing to compare it with

Competitions are good, it's only some of the people who put me off playing in them

No

When looking at the competitions available, I am slightly confused as to whether it is an event which I would be eligible to play in.

the odd blue point event might be worthwhile do we have any?

N

County League starts too early as many teams unable to raise 4 players in Sept. Inter club comps should revert to having higher ranking players in a separate section; the old inter-club teams when a club could enter its best team used to be one of the most popular events.

If you play at a non affiliated club what might persuade you to try an event away from your club?

Text Responses

- N/A
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- N/a
- The problem for me is time as my husband doesn't play and my bridge partner is in the same position.
- Suitable date/time/venue
- No
- n/a
- not applicable
- N/a
- More tuition for improvers. Ned Paul did a very good beginners course a couple of years ago. Could he return?
- Depends on the organiser as i find if i know the director etc i may come
- nothing
- In a venue nearer to Taunton.
- N/A