

Competition Secretary's Report

January – June 2018

Fleming Femina / Hunter Homines

Entries for the men's and ladies pairs were down again which was very disappointing. There were just 10.5 tables in the Fleming Femina which is the lowest by half a table since I took over as Competition Secretary six years ago. The Hunter Homines was a little better with 15.5 tables, one table up on last year but still lower than some of the previous years.

Corbett League

All teams from last year entered again for this year with the exception of Chislehurst D who withdrew from the Mitchell Salver.

Tunbridge Wells 'A' won the Corbett Cup, Folkestone the Corbett Plate and Farnborough 'D' the Mitchell Salver. Tunbridge Wells 'A' therefore went on to represent Kent in the Garden Cities Trophy. They won their regional final so have qualified for the final later this month on 23rd June.

One Day Green Point Swiss Events

Swiss Pairs (March): Continuing the current downward trend we had 27 tables, two down on last year.

Swiss Teams (May): Again numbers were well down on last year with only 21 teams competing, seven down on last year. Monica works hard to try to get more entries but they just seem elusive these days.

As I said in my report last year it appears to be the case that wherever we hold the GP events they are not well supported by players from the local clubs, so the only advantage TWBC has over Maidstone's Leisure centre is one of cost. TWBC has been reserved as a venue for the 2019 GP events. They have been advised that these dates are not confirmed but we have been given first option on them so we are sure of a venue.

George Griffiths

In contrast to the Fleming Femina and Hunter Homines numbers for the seniors' pairs were up six tables at a record 22 tables. The previous high being 21 tables in both the 2012-13 and 2014-15 seasons. Feedback was very positive with many players commenting on how it felt like a 'real' competition played in a good atmosphere. It is hard to convert this feeling players have on the day into entries for future events.

Larsky Cup

This was the first year of the new format so I will leave comment to Paul who orchestrated the club heats.

Once the four semi-finals had been held I took over with regards the organization of the all play all final which followed the same format as in previous years. Again, as for last year, the take up on acceptance to represent Kent in the Corwen Trophy was good. Not as good as last year when the top four all went to the Corwen but we have three pairs from the top four plus the 10th placed pair. On the plus side though we had the full 13 tables this year whereas last year we could only gather nine tables from the club heats.

The Corwen took place last weekend with our highest placed pair, Jeremy Willans & Jill Skinner, finishing 10th out of 92.

Arnold Cup

Nick Iren's team won the Arnold Cup, narrowly beating Jon Chapman's team in the final. However, as in some of the previous years the winning team has been unable to get four players together to go on to represent Kent in the Pachabo Cup. I was aware prior to the final that the Iren's team would be unable to play in the Pachabo, win or lose. Jon Chapman's team were very happy to be offered the opportunity to play in the Pachabo which is being played for this weekend.

Arnold Plate

The Arnold Plate final is between Paul Gibbons and Norman Inniss' teams. This will be played after the AGM a date has yet to be set.

Area Leagues

South East – Dover Cup	Mid – Aveling Trophy	North West – Gill Cup	South West – Pearson Cup
Adamson	Sissons	Division I – Inniss Division II – Stacey	Not played for

The **Brook Shield** was played at Bearsted BC on Sunday 13th May. Only two leagues were available to complete, Inniss and Sissons with Inniss winning. My thanks to Richard Sissons for arranging the venue and refreshments.

Bearsted did not charge for the venue but a £10 donation was made to the Chairman's charity. The event did not warrant the presence of a TD although they had my number should there have been any ruling required. The only other costs to the KCBA were £10 for the provision of boards and £40 for refreshments. This total of £60 is £40 cheaper than when we held the event at TWBC although there were four teams then.

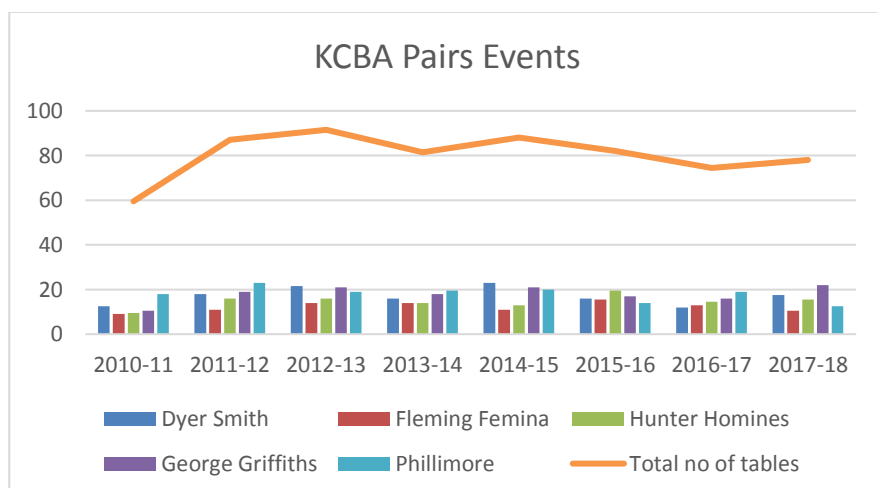
Colin Crouch managed to revive the Aveling Trophy but Mike Griffiths was unable to get enough support for the Pearson Cup which was once again not operational. Lindsey Clark has done a good job in her first year of area secretary for the NWKL and is actively looking for more teams for the coming season.

Phillimore Cup

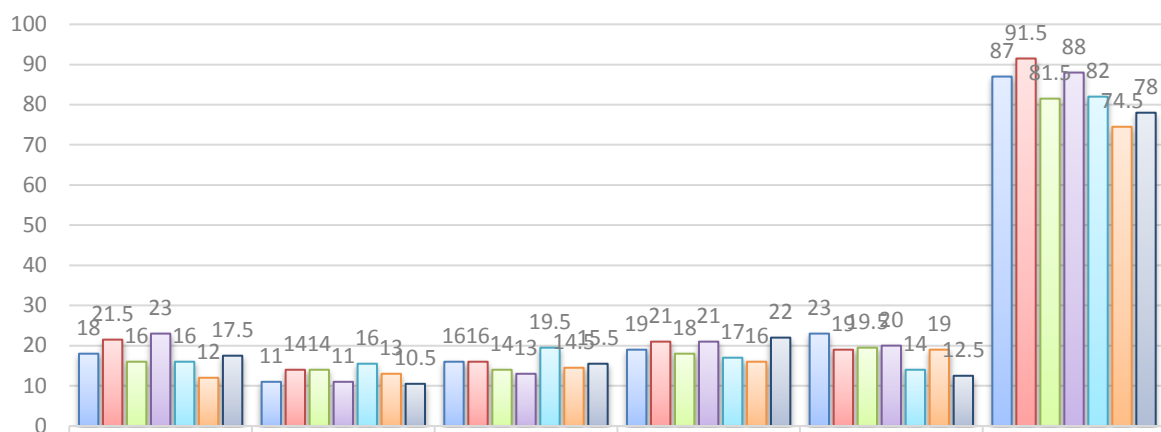
Current entries are standing at 12.5 tables which is 2.5 tables more than we had this time last year and we still have a couple of weeks to go so hopefully we will get a few more tables.

Mike Rafferty

Competition Secretary, 9th June 2018



KCBA Competition table numbers



	Dyer Smith	Fleming Femina	Hunter Homines	George Griffiths	Phillimore	Total no of tables
2011-12	18	11	16	19	23	87
2012-13	21.5	14	16	21	19	91.5
2013-14	16	14	14	18	19.5	81.5
2014-15	23	11	13	21	20	88
2015-16	16	16	19.5	17	14	82
2016-17	12	13	14.5	16	19	74.5
2017-18	17.5	10.5	15.5	22	12.5	78