

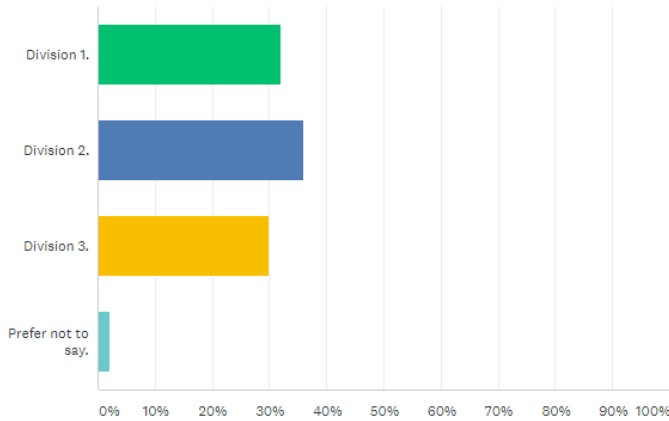
BBL Current Player Survey – Apr/May 18

Q1

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In which Division did you play during the 2017/18 season?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Division 1.	32.00% 16
Division 2.	36.00% 18
Division 3.	30.00% 15
Prefer not to say.	2.00% 1
TOTAL	50

Comments (45)

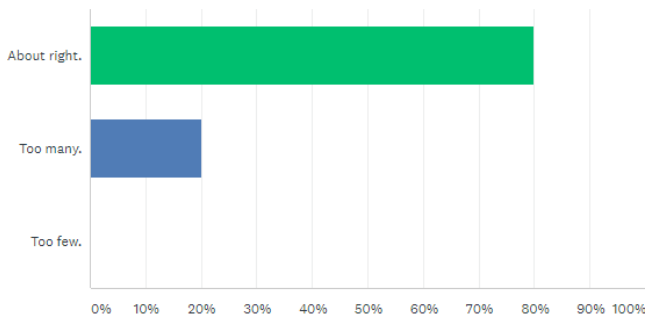
17 individuals also played in the Pivot 28, did not and 5 didn't say whether they played in the pivot or not.

Q2

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Teams are normally organised into Divisions of 6 or 7 Teams and play 10 to 12 matches in a season, with both a home match and an away match against each of the other teams. Is the number of matches:

Answered: 50 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
About right.	80.00% 40
Too many.	20.00% 10
Too few.	0.00% 0
TOTAL	50

Comments (15)

- Probably 1 game every 3 weeks during the season
- But a 10 match pattern makes for too few games
- Prefer 6 to 7
- Maybe 6 - 8 matches per season would be preferred
- Playing twice per month would be OK but it seems that games concentrate in the month before the end of the first half and the final month. To play 5 games in 6 weeks effects attendance at the club night.
- I think a max of about 8 matches.
- Slightly too many.
- 10
- I think a maximum of 10 matches works well.
- 6 to 8 but no more
- 10 is fine, 12 is slightly too many. With B&B league of 8 it is slightly hard to rearrange fixtures to complete by Easter.
- Prefer a small reduction to around 9-10.
- Matches need to be played in a more timely fashion
- Half the number - just home or away. ie. don't play the same team twice.
- I would prefer around 5 to 6 matches (just one per team) - the issues is that too few of us are playing in more and more of the events and time is limited

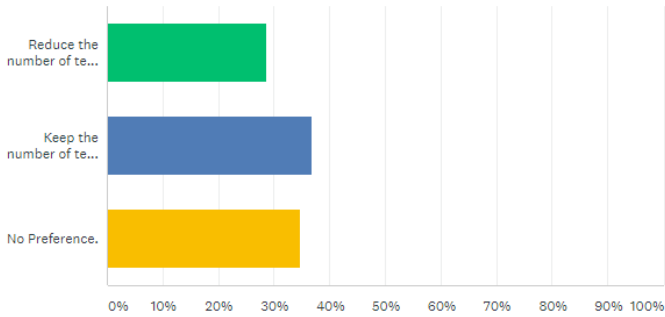
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Q3

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If the league were to reduce the number of matches to be played in the season, which option would you prefer:

Answered: 49 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Reduce the number of teams in a Division and still playing a 'Home' and an 'Away' match against each team.	28.57% 14
Keep the number of teams in a Division about the same and only play one match against each other team.	36.73% 18
No Preference.	34.69% 17
TOTAL	49

Comments (11)

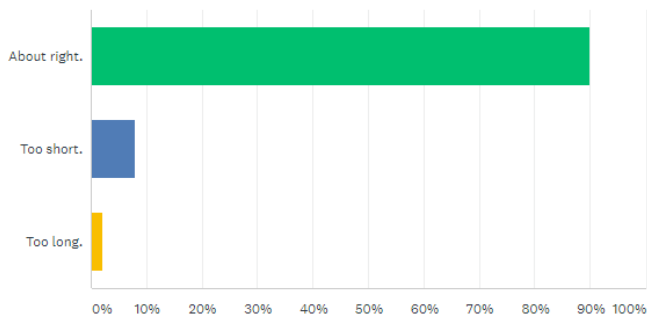
- Prefer the current 12 match pattern
- Home and away dont really matter as home matches are sometimes played away as venue hosts allow. Playing once would imply more teams of a wider range of abilities. Fewer teams would mean a closer match.
 - Another alternative would be 2 divisions of 10 & one match against each.
 - But promotion/relegation needs amendment to have only 1 up/1 down
 - Over the many years I've played in the league, it's generally the case that teams promoted to the 1st division struggle, see Woodley this year. If there were, say, 3 more teams in the 1st div that were likely to be of a lower calibre than Woodley, then they are likely to be hammered in at least half their matches.
 - I think playing home and away against each team is important because it is often one or two hands that can swing a result. If you reduce the number of teams in a Division you will need to consider adding another Division to cater for the overall interest in the League.
 - I would much, much prefer one match against each team in divisions increased to 8-10 teams.
 - There were only six teams in Division 1, including three from one club. I don't think reducing the number of teams and playing each other twice would work very well at all.
 - I prefer the two legged matches, as it provides for more opportunity to play against similar teams. It also removes any "home advantage".
 - Reducing the number of teams in a division is probably the easier option.
 - Would not support a reduction in fixtures

Q4

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The Season normally runs for about 6 months from September through to the end of March. Is the length of the Season:

Answered: 50 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
About right.	90.00% 45
Too short.	8.00% 4
Too long.	2.00% 1
TOTAL	50

Comments (8)

- I wouldn't want it to be any longer
- Inevitably many matches require re-scheduling due to holidays etc which causes a backlog at the end of the season
 - many people seem to be away in September
 - 6 months allows for rearrangements and deferrals
 - Extend Aug to May but make sure teams spread their matches
 - My preferred 6 months is October to March inclusive
 - Needs possibly one month at end more to allow for rearrangements.
 - With April as spill over

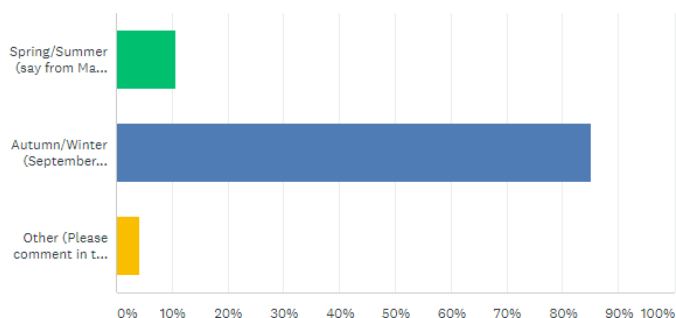
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Q5

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The Season runs mainly through the Autumn and Winter when days are short and the weather can be unpleasant, making travelling difficult. What time of year would you prefer?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Spring/Summer (say from March through to October).	10.64% 5
Autumn/Winter (September through to April).	85.11% 40
Other (Please comment in the box below).	4.26% 2
TOTAL	47

Comments (1)

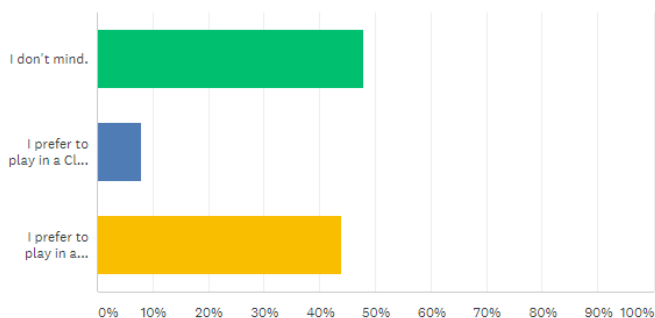
- prefer not to play Bridge during good weather !
 - Teams should be encouraged to avoid January/February if possible.
 - Prefer to keep the lighter summer months for outdoor activities
 - It would almost certainly be more difficult to arrange matches in the summer because of, for example, holidays.
 - Other seasons are likely to cause probs due to holidays
 - Prefer to keep the summer evenings free.
 - Don't think I have any preference
 - No real preference, as bridge players tend to are holidays throughout the year.
 - There are very few really unpleasant days.
 - I don't mind when the league season runs.
- However as most leagues run in the winter, it could reduce the pressure to reduce the number of matches if the BBL were to change to a summer season.
- Don't mind

Q6

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Matches are often played at the house of one of the Home Team members. What is your preferred venue?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I don't mind.	48.00% 24
I prefer to play in a Club environment.	8.00% 4
I prefer to play in a house.	44.00% 22
TOTAL	50

Comments (7)

- Do not wish for league games to be played at club as it is disruptive to a club session.
- it is what makes the league pleasantly different
- Dependent on suitable house and willing host
- Happy to play in a house too
- Ascot Bridge Club is so cold on a winter evening that it is a shame to invite other clubs to play there. Playing at home emphasises the social aspects of the competition.
- Issue of no home venue. Have tried affiliation with a club to use their facilities to no avail
- Club venue is fine too, I have also played at another friends house too when we didn't have a home venue

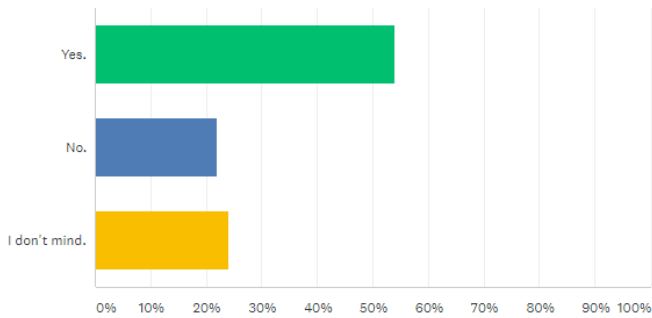
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Q7

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League Rules currently require matches to be played in the evening. Would you like the flexibility to be able to play during the day instead, provided both teams agree?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes.	54.00%	27
No.	22.00%	11
I don't mind.	24.00%	12
TOTAL		50

Comments (9)

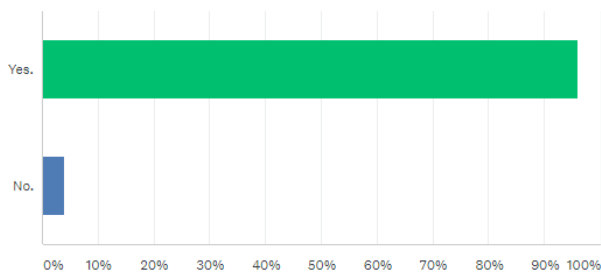
- I still work
- possibly include an option to play on a Sunday
- Depends on general willingness all round
- Didn't realise that was a rule. It seems daft, if two teams are willing to play at any particular time, to have a rule saying they can't do so.
 - This would need all 8 players to be retired & still struggle to fit matches round their golf or other commitments!!!
 - Hadn't realised the rules specified evenings only and I'm sure if both teams agreed now to play a match over breakfast, then that would happen anyway. Just have the unnecessary rule changed.
 - In Division 3 many players are retired and could then avoid the dark evening travel for winter matches.
- Absolutely yes.
- Particularly in the winter.

Q8

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The current rules specify that the match location should be within a ten mile radius of the site of Bracknell Railway Station (although this may be changed provided both captains agree). This area includes the following places: Ascot, Bagshot, Blackwater, Bracknell, Camberley, Crowthorne, Finchampstead, Holyport, Jealotts Hill, Sandhurst, Sunningdale, Sunninghill, Winnersh, Wokingham and Yateley. In your view, does this provide an acceptable distance for teams to travel?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes.	96.00%	48
No.	4.00%	2
TOTAL		50

Comments (2)

- Say 8 miles from BRS. I have in mind those players who live on the periphery. Their journey could be 20 miles currently though this of course is unusual.
 - As a team we have been travelling 60-80 miles, in partic last 7 years. If we cannot find a club to affiliate to and the constitution doesn't allow teams to play away twice, we would have to withdraw