

Competition Secretary's Report

January 2017

Dyer Smith Cup

Entries for the Dyer Smith finally reached a very disappointing 12 tables. I cannot think of any particular reason for this.

Fleming Femina / Hunter Homines

Entries currently stand at 12 tables for the Fleming Femina and 13 tables for the Hunter Homines. Last year was an exceptional year with 35.5 tables across both events, this year we are back to the usual numbers. The closing date for entries is tomorrow.

Arnold Cup

We have 20 teams in this year's competition. This is six down on last year. Over the last few years we had been slowly increasing numbers by two teams a year but this is now the lowest number of entries for four years.

The second round of the Cup was completed yesterday. The randomised draw for the quarter final can be made today at this meeting along with the teams going into the Plate.

Larsky heats

Heats are being held at the same seven clubs as for last year.

Farnborough (Kent) BC - Friday 20th January

Maidstone BC – Thursday 26th January

Tunbridge Wells BC - Tuesday 7th February

Medway Towns BC – Monday 13th February

Canterbury BC - Friday 17th February

Ashford BC - Tuesday 21st February

Beckenham BC – Thursday 23rd February

The final will be at TWBC on Saturday 25th March at 11am.

There is a list of dates and venues on the home page of the KCBA web site.

Corbett League

We have had repeat entries from all the clubs that participated last year with the exception of Otford in the Mitchell Salver. Chislehurst may be able to enter a fourth team into the Salver, I have given them an extension as we don't want to turn teams away. Currently the Salver has nine teams. I only had comments from one club about the increase in the entry fees and this was when it was noticed in the minutes on the web site. When I explained the reasons behind the increase and that it wasn't a money making exercise they understood and were happy about it. These reasons were also contained in the email to club secretaries when the entry forms were sent out.

Area Leagues

Unfortunately three teams have withdrawn from the Pearson Cup (South West Kent) so this league, having been revived three years ago after a break of five years, is not running this season. Mike Griffiths hopes to be able to generate some more interest for next season.

Green Pointed Swiss Pairs

Monica has agreed to resume her position as Green Point Secretary as the events have moved back to Tunbridge Wells. However she is away for a couple of weeks in February so I propose we bring the green events into line with the KCBA pairs events and have an online entry form so entries can be monitored and acknowledged during her absence. Should this be agreeable Monica will need to be advised of the committee's decision.

Competition dates for 2017-18

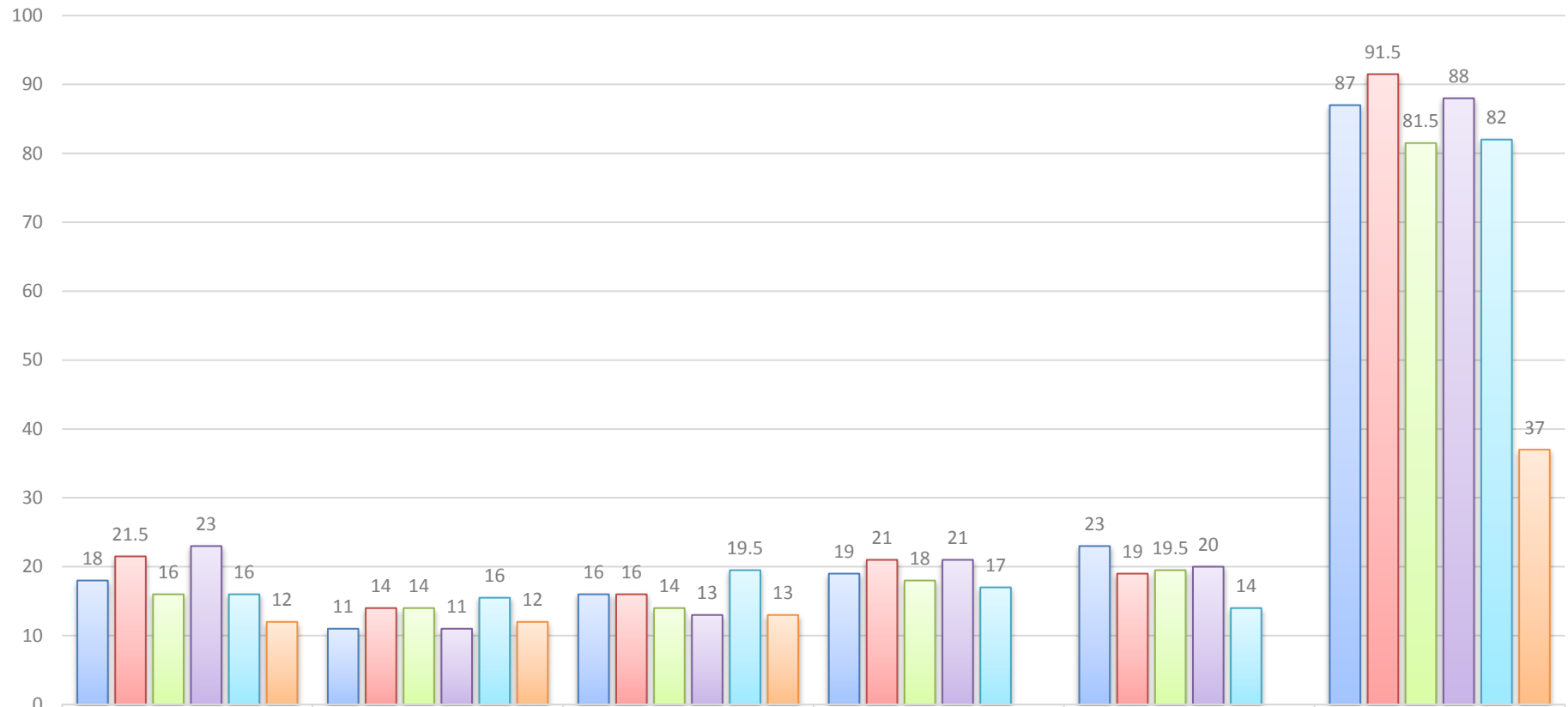
I have attached a list of proposed dates for next season's competitions. Once these dates have been agreed we can book venues and Stephen Brown will be able to organise directors.

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Competition Secretary

8th January 2017

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	12	13			37