

## **Competition Secretary's Report January – June 2017**

The Dyer Smith has been moved from 8<sup>th</sup> October to the 1<sup>st</sup> due to a clash with the Metropolitan Cup which was unknown at the time of arranging the calendar for the year.

### **Fleming Femina / Hunter Homines**

Whilst entries for the men's and ladies pairs were down from last year's high they were still up on the previous year. There were 13 tables in the Fleming Femina (16 last year, 11 the year before) and 14.5 tables in the Hunter Homines (19.5 tables last year, 13 the year before).

### **Corbett League**

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

Tunbridge Wells 'A' won the Corbett Cup, Farnborough 'B' the Corbett Plate and Gravesend 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, 24<sup>th</sup> June.

### **One Day Green Point Swiss Events**

Monica Aitken has resumed her position as Green Point Secretary.

Swiss Pairs (March): Continuing the current downward trend we had 29 tables, one down on last year.

Swiss Teams (May): Again numbers were well down on last year with only 28 teams competing.

This was disappointing as the move back to Tunbridge Wells had been requested by a number of players from the area. It seems to be the case that wherever we hold these events they are not that well supported by the local clubs. Therefore the only advantage TWBC has over Maidstone's Leisure centre is one of cost.

### **George Griffiths**

Numbers were down half a table from last year at 16.5. This was the lowest since I took over six years ago with the previous 5 years being between 17 and 21 tables so hopefully just a 'blip' and will be back up again next year.

### **Larsky Cup**

Seven heats were scheduled to be held but unfortunately there were insufficient numbers at Beckenham so this heat did not count. These six heats only produced 28 pairs scoring above 50% and as we need 26 pairs for the final it was inevitable we would not make the required number of tables. In the end only 18 of the 28 pairs available were able to play in the final. In an effort to find more pairs Beckenham was approached to see whether anything could be salvaged from their heat but it transpired that their numbers were so low that one pair went home with the remaining four pairs playing teams.

One plus point however was that, for the first time since I took over six years ago, the top four pairs all took up their option to represent Kent in the Corwen Trophy. The Corwen took place last weekend with our highest placed pair finishing 14<sup>th</sup> Out of 100.

## Arnold Cup

Nick Iren's team won the Arnold Cup, beating Mike Hampton'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 of this prior to the final and luckily Mike Hampton was able to put a team together for this event. The EBU allow the county's team to be made up from any combination of players from the two finalists.

## Arnold Plate

The Arnold Plate has been won by Lindsey Clark's team, last year's losing finalists. They beat Christine Kempton's team.

## Area Leagues

South East – Dover Cup	Mid – Aveling Trophy	North West – Gill Cup	South West – Pearson Cup
Adamson	Not played for	Division I – Inniss Division II – Gibbons (R)	Not played for

The **Brook Shield** was scheduled to be played at TWBC on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May. However, as only two leagues were operational this year it seemed more sensible to allow the teams to arrange the match to be played privately. Due to holidays it has not yet been played for.

The Area Secretaries for the Aveling Trophy and the Pearson Cup are hopeful they will resume next season. Sue Walsh, Area Sec for the Gill Cup, is standing down and Lindsey Clark has agreed to take over the post.

## Phillimore Cup

Current entries are standing at 10 tables this is much healthier than the 3.5 tables we had this time last year. We still have a couple of weeks to go and the current trend seems to be very much for last minute entries. A reminder email was sent out a few days ago.

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### KCBA Competition table numbers

