

Competition Secretary's Report January 2018

Dyer Smith Cup

We had 17.5 tables for the Dyer Smith. This was a major improvement on last year's 12 tables which, for some unknown reason, was particularly low. We are not back to the dizzy heights of the 23 tables achieved in the 2014-15 season but at least we are back to the average for this event.

Fleming Femina / Hunter Homines

Entries currently stand at 9.5 tables for the Fleming Femina and 13.5 tables for the Hunter Homines. This time last year we had 12 and 13 tables respectively. Last year we reached 13 and 14.5 tables. The closing date for entries is Monday 8th January but of course we will accept entries up to the end of the week.

Arnold Cup

We have 17 teams in this year's competition. This is three down on last year which was six down on 2015-16. Previously numbers had been slowly increasing. The average over the last 12 years is just under 20 teams per season. I believe some teams have dropped out as they were always drawn against the same one or two teams. However due to ensuring first round matches are relatively local this is impossible to change due to the limited number of teams entering.

Seven teams lost their first match in the Cup and have been put forward into the Plate.

We now use the EBU's website to make the draws for the Cup and Plate and to display the results. There is a link from the Cup and Plate pages under the *Competitions* tab on 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. There are no new teams entered this year but the event is still well supported

Area Leagues

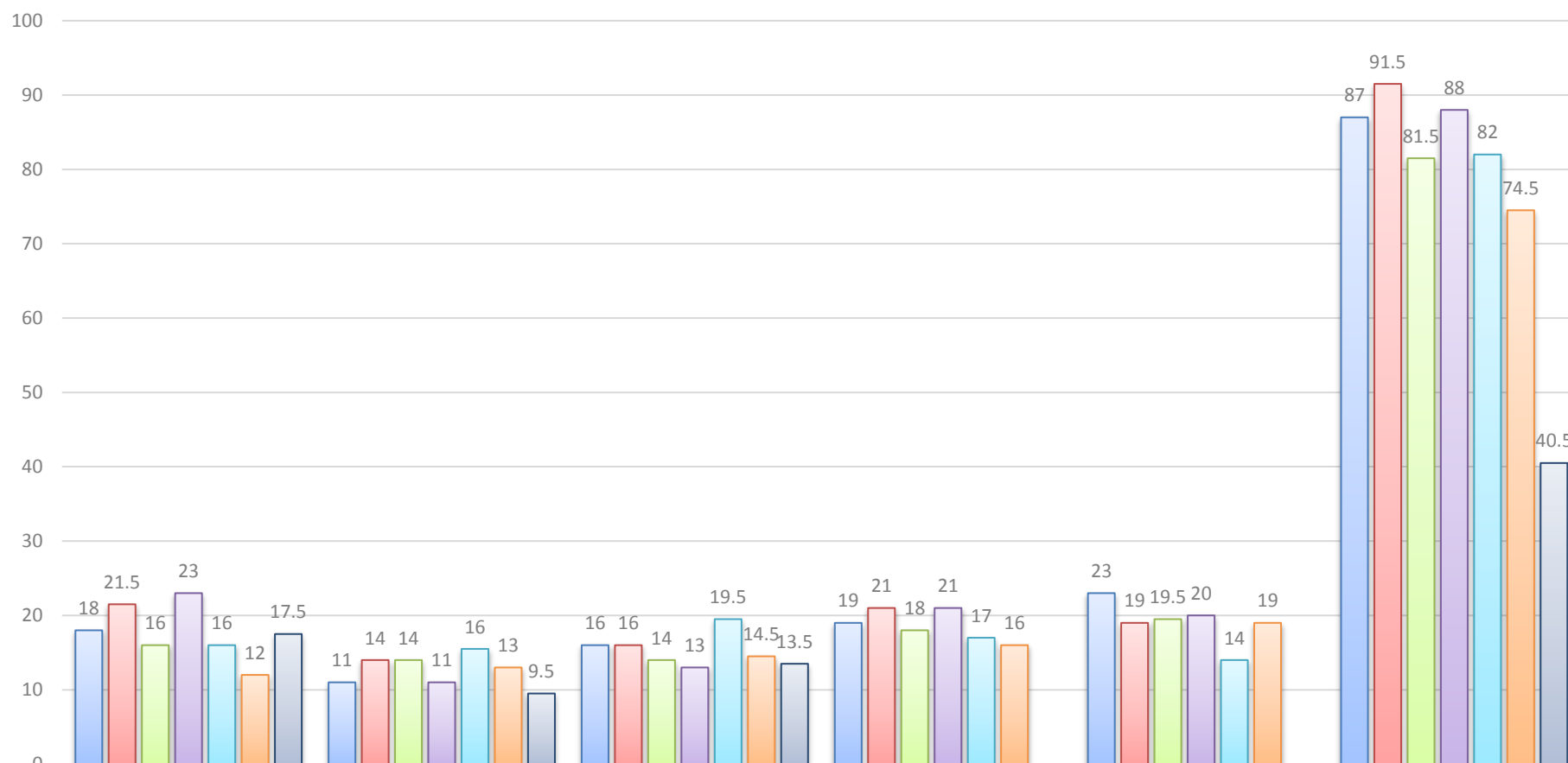
After a break of one year the Aveling Trophy (Mid-Kent League) is back. Mike Griffiths did his best with the Pearson Cup (South West Kent) but was unable to generate enough interest. The Dover Cup (East Kent) has lost one team from last year. The Gill Cup (North West Kent) lost two teams from last season and now has two divisions of five teams. According to the rules this should mean teams play each other home and away for a total of eight matches. However this resulted in another team withdrawing so to keep things on an even keel we decided to leave the matches as they had been in the past with each team playing each other team once, either home or away.

Competition dates for 2018-19

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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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	9.5	13.5			40.5

2018 - 2019	Proposed date	Other events / competitions			
		The weekend before	The same weekend	The weekend after	The weekend after that
Dyer Smith	Sunday 7th October	Metropolitan Cup (prov)		Overseas Congress Gold Cup Final	Autumn Congress (prov)
KCBA Congress	27th & 28th October	Autumn Congress (prov)	Premier League (2nd w/e)	Seniors Congress	
Fleming Femina Hunter Homines	Sunday 13th January	Camrose (1st weekend)	Lady Milne trials (tbc)	Point-a-Board teams (London)	
Mitchell Salver	Saturday 26th January	Point-a-Board teams (London)			
Corbett Cup & Plate (1st weekend)	Sunday 27th January	Point-a-Board teams (London)			
Corbett Cup & Plate (2nd weekend)	Sunday 10th February	Overseas Congress (prov)	Harrogate Congress	Tollemache final	Ranked Masters
GP Swiss Pairs	Sunday 3rd March				
Larsky Final	Sunday 17th March	National Pairs heat	Hampshire Congress (GP)	Portland Pairs	Mothering Sunday
George Griffiths	Sunday 14th April	National Pairs final		Easter Congress	Jersey Congress
Brook Shield	Sunday 12th May	Jersey Congress	National Swiss Teams (West Midlands)	GP weekend	Spring Congress
GP Swiss Teams	Sunday 19th May				
Phillimore & AGM	Sunday 16th June	First weekend - Corwen Second weekend - Pachabo	Saturday - Garden Cities Sunday - Inter County League Sunday - Father's Day	GP weekend	Riviera Congress