

## County Captain's Report

Unfortunately I cannot make the meeting so please give my apologies.

### Metropolitan Cup - 30th September 2018

I am pleased to report we managed to send 2 teams of 8 to each division ( A,B,C) of the above event but the results were disappointing - A -4th and 5th out of 10. B -7th and 9th out of 9 . C-4th and 5th out of 9. The results and teams can be found on Ian Mitchell's bridge web site.In 2019 the organisers are considering the event having each division playing at different locations across different Counties . Tunbridge Wells maybe approached to host one of the Divisions .

### Tollemache Qualifier 2018/19

We sent 5 pairs to start the defence of Kent as National champions. We were drawn in a group of 8 teams and are pleased to report we comfortably won our group ( Surrey were runners-up). The results are on the EBU web-site. We will now select a team for the 8 county final that takes place on 16/17th February in Coventry.

On the KCBA agenda is a question about the Tollemache draw . At present the top 4 counties from the previous final are classified as A seeds for the next year draw and the remaining 4 are B seeds . As a result this splits the teams for the next qualifier ( as normally 4 groups ) and the rest of the counties are randomly allocated to each group. There is a move to make the groups more " balanced " . We are not sure how this would be achieved , but the vote of the Kent team at the qualifier was to stick to the successful format that is used now . It occasionally leads to a group of " death " - as this year when Middlesex , London and Manchester were all drawn in one group . However this adds to the excitement and fortunately Kent over the last few years have avoided this group !