

Competition Secretary's Report September 2017

Phillimore Cup

After last year's low turnout of just 14 tables, things picked up again this year and we ended up with a more respectable 19 tables.

Dyer Smith Cup

Entries are beginning to trickle in. To date we have 4.5 tables. Entries generally come in later these days with the online entry option so there is no need to worry just yet. At this time last year we had 3.5 tables ending up with a very disappointing 12 tables. We are hoping to get nearer to the 18 table mark.

Arnold Cup

We currently have 7 teams for the Cup, one more than this time last year. The closing date for entries is 30th September. Liz will be sending out reminders for this and the Dyer Smith early next week.

Area Leagues

Only two of the four Area Leagues (North West Kent and East Kent) were active last season. Unfortunately a date could not be agreed between the two teams eligible for the Brook Shield (Inniss and Adamson) which resulted in the title going to the Inniss team (North West) by virtue of a walk over. Mid Kent will be running again this coming season but the South West is still unable to get sufficient teams together to make a league worthwhile. We will therefore have three leagues running and without the South West will need to look for a suitable venue for the Brook Shield on Saturday 24th March.

Overall we were 7.5 tables down last year on the previous year's figures across the pairs events (Dyer Smith, Fleming Femina/Hunter Homines, George Griffiths and the Phillimore). This has brought the average for the year down another two tables from 86 to 84.

Mike Rafferty, 8th September 2017

