

NIBU Leagues 2023-2024

Report to Council

Senior League

Organisation

The League in 2023-2024 was organised, as in the previous year, to be played on the Real Bridge platform. There were 12 entries, including 2 teams from CBAI, this meant that there could be a full round-robin movement of 11 rounds played at approximately 3 week intervals. Wednesday evenings were selected as this avoided clashes with the NIBU BBO tournament on Thursdays and CBAI events on Tuesdays.

Rounds and Results

All fixtures in Rounds 1-5 were fulfilled, 4 out of the last 5 rounds saw concessions due to various reasons, one of which is the subject of an appeal. Up to date standings were available within an hour of each round being completed, full details of bidding, play and results are available on the Real Bridge Kibitz site.

Final results - subject to an outstanding appeal are:

1st Lindsay 163.88
2nd Hamilton 159.09
3rd Tranmer 157.52

Recommendations

1. The League should continue in its present format next year, I would be prepared, if asked, to undertake the organisation
2. If more than 12 teams enter then the event should be run as a Swiss of 8 rounds, one round each month October to May
3. Consideration should be given to changing to Thursday play as a number of Dublin clubs run events on Wednesdays. This would clash with the NIBU BBO tournament but there is little overlap of players
4. The rules on late arrival and non-arrival should be amended. If a team is not fully available by 7:05 then a penalty of 1VP should be applied. If the team is still unavailable by 7:20 then they will be defaulted and a concession awarded. This caters for the Real Kibitz Server which starts at that time

Council is requested to consider these recommendations and to approve and/or amend as appropriate.

Brian McDowell

Senior League Organiser

Intermediate League

Organisation

The Intermediate League 2023-24 was played on BBO. Originally the event was advertised as taking place on RealBridge. However, very few entries were received and the event was re-advertised as taking place on BBO. Entries were received from 12 teams – 10 teams from the NIBU and 2 teams from CBAI.

The league passed very smoothly. With the help of guidance on the website on how to set up a match, most teams managed to host the event successfully. I had to 'hand hold' a few teams with their first match by helping them set up the tables/teams etc. Only one 'walk over' was recorded.

Results

1st Judy Young

2nd John Forsythe

3rd Christine Crockett

Recommendations

- The Intermediate League 2024-25 will take place on RealBridge.
- Encourage more teams from the CBAI to participate.

Helen Hall

Intermediate League Organiser