

# LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### 1. Divisional Structure.

- 1.1. We again started and finished the season with twenty two teams split into two divisions. The difference this year being ten teams in the first and twelve in the second. These numbers include the withdrawal of the two Stepney Green teams due to the loss of their premises, a welcome re-appearance of Hoares after their season's break and the formation of a second team for NSY Comets. The start of a second playing night (Wednesday) at the Abbey Centre was critical to the entry of these two additional teams. The Beauty and the Beasts team also used the new Abbey match night as the re-arranged match night at Morpeth (Monday) would have meant their withdrawal from the League due to player availability.
- 1.2. As usual the Handbook and fixture grids were issued to all Club reps by email before the season started. We finished the season with 22 teams.
- 1.3. During the season, there were a couple of issues with late running matches. Both The Abbey Centre and Morpeth have venue imposed completion times. All players at the venues should a) be aware of this fact and b) make every effort to sure that they are complied with. In essence, this means having finished the match, any and all subsequent activities and having vacated the premises. The primary responsibility for this belongs with the home team.
- 1.4. Once again thanks are due to Morpeth School, the Abbey Centre (although a charge is made for using both of these facilities) and DEFRA, who allowed their room to be used by 2 other Clubs. The additional playing night at the Abbey proved invaluable for Insurance Offices who were able to play a number of their home matches at the Abbey as the new night at Morpeth gave them (especially their long serving club secretary) significant player selection problems.

### 2. General

Once again the good work of the Divisional Secretaries and Club Secretaries ensured that, despite a small number of issues, the League fixtures were completed more or less to time with only a slight overrun and all problems resolved. Again this year no cup competitions were held due to a lack of interest from member Clubs.

### 3. League Website

Gerry Martin continues to do a fine job managing and running the new TT365 League website which can be accessed at

<https://www.tabletennis365.com/LondonBanksAndCivilService/>

Please note that the old web site is no longer maintained and will soon be removed as Virgin Media have withdrawn the underlying service.

Secretaries are asked to continuing sending copies of match results to Gerry (as well as the appropriate Divisional Secretary), so that the website details are updated promptly. The current arrangement has worked well and will continue next year.

#### 4. Social Evening

The Social Evening followed the AGM in the Civil Service Club Bar and was the usual success.

#### 5. Final Divisional Tables

##### Division One

	<b>Team</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	CreDEX	18	16	0	2	148	32	202
2	Castaways	18	15	1	2	136	44	190
3	Nat West	18	13	2	3	133	47	187
4	JOOLA Morpeth	18	10	2	6	95	85	149
5	Treasury A	18	11	0	7	92	87	146
6	NSY Comets A	18	4	1	13	72	108	126
7	PRO	18	6	2	10	73	107	124
8	Employment	18	5	1	12	69	110	120
9	Treasury B	18	2	2	14	42	138	96
10	HMRC – Outcasts	18	1	3	14	39	141	93

##### Division Two

	<b>Team</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Beauty and the Beasts	22	15	1	6	140	77	206
2	Old Sedcopians	22	15	1	6	132	88	198
3	BIS	22	15	3	4	131	89	197
4	Insurance Offices	22	15	4	3	132	88	192
5	Hoares	22	12	3	7	124	96	187
6	NSY Comets B	22	9	4	9	111	109	177
7	Exlibris	22	9	3	10	108	112	174
8	RMT Credit	22	6	4	12	103	114	169
9	Sparta	22	6	4	12	99	121	162
10	DNS	22	6	1	15	83	137	149
11	NordWest B	22	5	6	11	89	128	149
12	NordWest A	22	2	0	20	62	158	128

## 6. Divisional and Cup Awards.

6.1. Divisional Winners and Runners-up and Merit Award winners (these are awarded not just on the basis of averages but take into account overall performance including number of matches played) are;

Division One	Winners	Credex	P18 W16 D0	Pts 206
	Runners-up	Chadwick Castaways	P18 W15 D1	Pts 198
Merit Award	XXX YY	xxxxxx	P53 W47	88.7%
Division Two	Winners	Beauty & the Beasts	P22 W15 D1	Pts 203
	Runners-up	Old Sedcopians	P22 W15 D1	Pts 164
Merit Award	ZZZZZ ZZZZ	nnnnn	P44 W40	91%

6.2. As no cup competition was held there is no cup presentation.

## 7. Acknowledgements.

As is continually appropriate, I again acknowledge the sterling efforts of those without whom the League could not run. This of course includes all the Club Secretaries, the Divisional Secretaries, Richard Campbell and Colin Walkinshaw, the Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Barry Pollentine and especially our Chairman Neil le Milliere who does an immense amount of work behind the scenes to ensure that the League continues to function and to stimulate interest in the League and, through his involvement with TTE at many levels, Table Tennis generally. Thanks to all of you!

## 8. The future

We have now been running for over 20 years and while most years have seen a reduction in club and team numbers, the position has been stable for the last couple of years, albeit at disappointingly low numbers. Efforts continue to be made to attract new clubs but these have met with little success. Next season, there will be a couple of spaces at the Abbey Centre for any teams interested. If anyone knows of any possible candidates, please contact the Chairman or Secretary for fuller details.

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30 May 2016