

LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Friday 14th June 2019.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

1. Divisional Structure and Conduct

1.1. For the 2018-2019 season, the League had twenty two teams with eleven in each Division. The small decrease was due to Northwest Postal no longer having a playing venue. Many thanks are due to Paul Kersey for managing the Northwest teams over the past twenty plus seasons. Paul hopes to re-enter teams next season if he can find a new venue. One of the Karma teams decide to move from the Central league and play in the LBCS League.

1.2. The arrangement of the playing area at the Abbey Centre to support four teams was improved by the installation of netting between the tables. This has been well received and does actively cut down the number of interruptions. The benefit is well worth the small extra effort required to install and remove the netting each match night. Many thanks go to Ross Roberts of BTB for his acquisition and installation of the netting.

1.3. The Handbook and fixture grids were issued to all Club representatives by email before the season started as well as being available on the website.

1.4. By and large the season ran smoothly and all matches were finally completed during the week after the official end of the season.

1.5. As ever, the First division had a very wide variety of talents on display. By midway through the first half of the season, the 'big four' teams had established themselves at the top of the division with Castaways in first place. Castaways, perhaps sensing that their time had finally arrived, and despite occasional player availability issues, managed to retain the top spot until till the season's end. The chasing group of Morpeth, Treasury and Natwest, notwithstanding the odd outstanding result, lacked the overall consistency to threaten Castaways' dominance. Morpeth achieved their highest ever placing to finish in second position narrowly ahead of Treasury. Somewhat surprisingly, this is Castaways first ever number one spot after twenty five years. Well done Neil and Co.

1.6. The Second division was again more competitive throughout. By the end of the first half of the season, HMRC Outcasts were odds on favourites to bounce straight back to the first division and duly finished in top spot. The second promotion place was claimed by a HM Treasury team strengthened by the return of Tony Dight after a season's absence. New boys – Good Karma - had a very successful start to their league career finishing in third position.

- 1.7. Once again thanks for playing venues are due to Morpeth School, the Abbey Centre and to DEFRA at Nobel House, who allowed their venue to be used by 2 other Clubs.

2. Cup Competition

There was no Cup Competition this year.

3. League Website

- 3.1. Gerry Martin continues to do a fine job running the TT365 League website which can be accessed at <https://www.tabletennis365.com/LondonBanksAndCivilService/> 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.

- 3.2. Following the irretrievable breakdown in the contract renewal negotiations between Table Tennis England (TTE) and Table Tennis 365 (TT365), it appears that there will be two competing League Management (LM) systems next season. This has resulted in motions at the TTE AGM to alter the annual individual membership fee. All Club Secretaries were supplied with full details of the proposed different new arrangements. The committee sought input from each Club as to which of the three options their respective club preferred. The result of this exercise is as follows :-

Option 1	3
Option 2	1
Option 3	5
As Committee decides	4
Abstain	2
<u>No Response</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	17

On this basis, the league will continue to use the TT365 LM system next season and will vote for the fee split proposition (option 3) at the TTE AGM.

While this is our current position, it is highly possible that matters may change dependant on the result of the votes made at the TTE AGM. The committee will re-assess the league's best way forward shortly after the TTE AGM on the 29th of June.

4. Social Evening

The Social Evening followed the 2018 AGM in the Civil Service Club Bar and was the usual success.

5. Final Divisional Tables

5.1. Division One

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Bonus	Pts
1	Castaways	20	16	3	1	166	34	60	226
2	Morpeth A	20	15	4	1	149	51	60	209
3	Treasury A	20	14	2	4	144	56	60	204
4	Nat West A	20	12	3	5	127	73	60	187
5	Comets A	20	10	1	9	107	93	57	164
6	Employment	20	10	2	8	96	104	60	156
7	PRO	20	9	1	10	91	109	60	151
8	Sparta	20	6	2	12	73	127	57	130
9	Insurance A	20	3	2	15	64	136	60	124
10	Beauty & the Beasts	20	2	1	17	43	157	60	103
11	DIT	20	2	1	17	40	160	60	100

5.2. Division Two

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Bonus	Pts
1	HMRC Outcasts	20	17	1	2	152	45	60	212
2	Treasury B	20	14	2	4	119	81	60	179
3	Good Karma	20	11	3	6	110	90	60	170
4	Old Sedcopians	20	8	4	8	108	92	60	168
5	Old Hoares	20	10	1	9	103	97	54	157
6	NSY Comets B	20	7	3	10	92	108	60	152
7	Insurance B	20	9	1	10	92	108	57	149
8	Morpeth B	20	6	4	10	91	109	57	148
9	ExLibris	20	6	3	11	84	110	60	144
10	DNS	20	4	2	14	73	127	60	133
11	Nat West B	20	4	4	12	67	133	60	127

6. Divisional and Merit Awards.

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;

<u>Division One</u>	Winners	Chadwick Castaways	P20 W16 D3	Pts 226
	Runners-up	Morpeth A	P20 W15 D4	Pts 209
Merit Award	Samson Bekele	Morpeth A	P41 W38	92.6%
	Peter Harris	Chadwick Castaways	P46 W42	91.3%
<u>Division Two</u>	Winners	HMRC Outcasts	P20 W17 D1	Pts 212
	Runners-up	HM Treasury	P20 W14 D2	Pts 179
Merit Award	Andrew MacAlister	HMRC Outcasts	P28 W28	100%
	Bob Coull	HMRC Outcasts	P35 W34	97.1%
Special Merit Awards		To be announced.		

7. Acknowledgements.

Once again, we all need to acknowledge the sterling efforts of those without whom the League could not run. This of course includes all the Team Captains, Club Secretaries, the Divisional Secretaries, Richard Campbell and Colin Walkinshaw, the Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Barry Pollentine and especially the immense efforts of our Chairman Neil le Milliere. Many thanks once again to all of you!

8. The Future

As always, we continue to attempt to attract new players and/or teams. Next season, there will be a couple of teams looking for additional players, if anyone knows of any possible candidates, please contact the Chairman or Secretary.

The table below shows the current age profile of players in the league.

Age Group	# per Group	% per Group	
Under 40	21	14%	100%
Over 40's	18	12%	86%
Over 50's	15	10%	73%
Over 55's	26	18%	63%
Over 60's	23	16%	45%
Over 65's	20	14%	29%
Over 70's	23	16%	16%
Total Membership	146	100%	

National Table Tennis Day will be on Thursday July 18th 2019. An open day at the Abbey Centre may be organised if there is sufficient interest. It will be run on similar lines to the 2016 event. Anyone interested in assisting should contact the Chairman and/or the Secretary.

Gerry Martin
League Secretary
24th May 2019