

Northern Counties Bridge League (NCBL)

Review of 2008 season

Notes of meeting held at Bradford BC on Thursday 6th November 11a.m

Present

Austin Barnes, Barry Brelsford (Lancs); Stuart Knox (Lincs); Bernard Kaye, Jeff Smith, Jeff Morris (Manchester); John Hampson, David Howe (Merseyside/Cheshire); Ian Rankin (North East); Graham Jepson, Janet Latham (Yorks)

Apologies

Dave Mullany (Cumbria); Tony Woollin (Lancs); Alan Brown (Lincs); Michael Byrne, Sid Travers (Manchester); David/Jean Keen (Merseyside/Cheshire); Morag Clare, Peter/Jean Hand (North Wales); Mike Baker, Pauline Durie (North East); Philip Wright, Peter Jeffrey (Westmorland); Gill Copeland, Jim Proctor, David Waxman (Yorks)

1. Welcome

Bernard Kaye welcomed the delegates, thanked the clubs who hosted matches, Dave Mullany for the scoring, Stuart Knox for website, Jeff Smith for IT work, Tony Woollin (duplimating) and all others who had helped make the 2008 season a success. Also to Mrs van Heel and Bradford BC for hosting, and catering for, this meeting. Sid Travers and non-attending counties sent their apologies.

2. Venues

It was decided to use Bradford and Keighley (Yorkshire), Blackburn and Brierfield (Lancashire) and Manchester for 2009, as they are central venues.

3. 2008 Results (in full on our website)

A Division

1 Manchester; 2 Yorkshire

B Division

1 Yorkshire, 2 Manchester

C. Division

1 Manchester 2 Yorkshire S/E

THE 3 WINNING TEAMS WILL REPRESENT THE NCBL IN THE NATIONAL FINAL IN SOLIHULL ON SUNDAY 5th JULY 2009

Under25

A Yorkshire team of 4 beat a Manchester team of 4 in a match played in a wonderful spirit that was a credit to their tutors. The combined age of the YCBA team was 58!

4. 2009 Dates

	13th June	11th July	29th August	10th October
A	Brierfield	Manchester	Bradford	Manchester
B	Bradford	Blackburn	Keighley	Bradford
C	Bradford	Keighley	Blackburn	Bradford

Under21(To4) Bradford

Bradford

Appraisal meeting for 2009 season will be at BRADFORD BC at 11am. on Thursday 29th October 2009

5 New Leagues 2009

Cumbria look like entering 2 teams in 2009 (not yet sure which divisions) otherwise it is assumed that all other counties will be as 2008.

6 Management

Bernard Kaye will continue to be League Co-ordinator, with Jeff Smith and Graham Jepson assistants where and when necessary. Stuart Knox will be website and results person. He will produce matchday master point awards so each county can award master points immediately at the end of the season.

7. Youth

After much discussion it was decided for 2009 there to be 2 dates for under 21s, as teams of 4 and counties to merge to make teams to increase participation if necessary. Counties can provide as many young teams of 4 as Bradford can accommodate.

8.Match Costs

Player charges £10 PAYABLE ON THE DAY (£5 under21)

TD fee is £60 (including travel) Meal free. TD responsible for downloading stationery, collecting table fees, paying host club expenses, paying for duplimated boards if appropriate, and getting any leftover money to county treasurer. EBU NUMBERS OF PLAYERS IS REQUIRED and lists of results would be appreciated in alphabetical order for Stuart Knox. Any profit from Bradford venues will be used to help appraisal meeting expenses at end of season.

9. Failure to play

Much discussion - team cancelling in last week before match £40 per team to host club.

ALL TEAMS WILL GAIN A GHOST 12-8 win if a team not present. NB. It is assumed a team will play in every match.

10. Arrangement for match days

1.12:30 for 1pm.

2.Lancs responsible for duplimation of boards.

3.Movements on web to be used + expanded captains' sheets for clearer figures and room for EBU numbers

4.2008 VP scale will continue to be adopted

5.Bridgemates used where possible, if suitable person able to cope if things go wrong.

6.Butler scores via S Knox (liaising with Dave Mullany) - BUTLER SCORES TO EACHCOUNTY REP. stating overall position of their own players only.

Any errors, omissions please let me know—Graham.

Note

These minutes have been scanned from Graham Jepson's original, which included phone numbers and email addresses. This document has been uploaded to the website as a pdf file. Those of you who have received this by email will also have another Word document attached which includes the phone numbers and email addresses.