

NORTHERN COUNTIES BRIDGE LEAGUE[NCBL] final amended version  
Review of 2009 season---notes from meeting at Bradford BC 12/11/09

#### 1. PRESENT

Austin Barnes, Barry Brelsford, Jeff Smith[Lancs] Stuart Knox[Lincs] Sid Travers[Manchester], Bernard Kaye –Chairman , Philip Wraight[ Westmorland] Janet Latham, Graham Jepson—notetaker [Yorkshire]

#### 2. APOLOGIES

Cumbria, North Wales , John Hampson, David Howe [Merseyside/Cheshire; Ian Rankin , [ North-East], Michael Byrne, Jeff Morris[Manch]

3. Bernard Kaye reported the death of Dave Mullany , [Cumbria] recognising his efforts since the NCBL began in 2005. Bernard thanked all the host venues and NCBL workers/selectors for the successful completion of the 2009 Leagues, especially Stuart Knox, Jeff Smith and Tony Woollin. He welcomed Westmorland to the League and North Wales [and subsequent to the meeting the re-entering of 3 North –East teams for 2010]

#### 4. 2010 MATCH DATES AND VENUES[final altered version]

ALL SATURDAYS	12 JUNE	3 JULY	28 AUGUST	9 OCT
A	Brierfield	Manchester	Bradford	Bradford
B	Bradford	Manchester	Bradford	Keighley
C	Bradford	Blackburn	Manchester	Bradford
Juniors	x	[Manchester]	X	[Bradford]

#### 5. 2010 League structure

A	B	C
North-East	North-East	North-East
Manchester	Manchester	Manchester
Merseyside/Cheshire	Merseyside/Cheshire	Merseyside/Cheshire
Lancashire	Lancashire	Lancashire
Yorkshire	Yorkshire	Yorkshire N/W
-----	Lincolnshire	Yorkshire S/E
-----	North Wales	Cumbria
-----	Westmorland	Westmorland

In 2010 in the EBU P2P era master points are free, so there is no need to pay at end of the season [only this year 2009 payment for master points is necessary]

From 2010 an entry fee of £10 per team of 8 is required instead [Graham Jepson is happy to co-ordinate if you are happy for me to do that [cqs/entry fees payable to EBU, sent to him in April 2010] AND HE WILL SEND ALL COUNTY ENTRY FEES FOR THE 2010 LEAGUE SEASON TOGETHER.

#### 6. Changes for 2010 Season

- TDs will receive a fee of £75 per event [to include expenses -hoping the host club will provide the TD with a free meal]. If a long journey is needed , petrol only can be claimed or public transport costs.  
A second TD [£50?] The TD SHOULD SETTLE UP WITH CLUB ON THE DAY [still £10 per player] and each day should be self-financing. Any profit /deficit to the County, after host club and expenses paid.
- Duplimating costs --£15 per group A , B or C

- c. Players may only play for 1 county/N.Wales in any one season but may play for A/B or B/C
- d. Division A will play 48 boards
- e. Our good standard of dress and good manners/behaviour is to be maintained.
- f. Captains must ensure first/last names and EBU numbers are given on teamsheets ,and handed to the TD
- g. Our leagues are all played as Level 4
- h. The website will show how many local/green point have been earned per person per day[annually- credited at season end-to be confirmed ?]
- i. Juniors have 2 dates and are essentially for school/college children under 19 as university students can have C matches at the very least .We should try and give any Northern youngsters a game if possible ,amalgamating??
- j. Butler scoring-we would like a volunteer from the counties so counties can have their Butlerying at each level, and our web could show overall butlers ,say to halfway only, so as not to discourage newcomers.
- k. Start Knox will have an up-to-date list of delegates addresses ,emails and phone nos.
- l. Yorkshire CBA will act for EBU to kickstart Great Northern Swiss Pairs in Harrogate/Leeds area on Oct 2/3 2010

#### 7 2010 JOBS

- A Bernard Kaye will continue as NCBL co-ordinator [absent Jan-March2010]
- B Stuart Knox web/results /master point responsibilities
- C Jeff Smith movement updates
- D TD on the days responsible for getting duplimated boards to venue via Tony Woollin or Stuart Davies, and getting detailed results to Stuart Knox

Chairman thanked Bradford BC for their hospitality, AND TO ATTENDING DELEGATES, and set 2010 Appraisal meeting at Bradford BC for Thursday Oct 21<sup>st</sup> at 11a.m.