

IDDL NEWSLETTER

MAY 2013

SUMMER DIARY

20th June: Mixed Triples at Chelmsford SC: Enter on the night at £6 per trio...

1st August: Divisional Singles at Chelmsford SC: Enter on the night at £2 each...

8th August: AGM at Bentley Club, followed by Winter League Registration...

Tuesday 13th August: Reg Atkins Memorial at Bentley Club: Pre-enter on form on Brentwood web-site.

15th August: Mixed Pairs at Chelmsford SC: Enter on the night at £4 per pair...

6th to 9th September: DC Voltreffers visit us at Bentley; those wanting to go to Belgium in 2014 should attend!

12th September: Bullseye Divisional Competition (Divisions 1 & 2) at Chelmsford SC: Enter of night at £2 per player...

19th September: Champion of Champions at Chelmsford SC: Invitation only to all winter & summer winners.

26th September: Presentation Night at Writtle SSC...

3rd October: Start of the 2013/2014 Winter League.

Kevin J Stammers

The Future of the League...

The league has survived many comings and goings over its 65 years history, but is probably at its most vulnerable, since 1981.

There is currently a dip in teams taking part, this is due to many reasons; we need to save our dart league from disappearing and the Ingatestone & District is struggling, and will face new challenges in the near future. More and more players enjoy the singles element of competitions, and there are more and more money competitions around the area. Our up and coming players would seem to rather try a win a few bob than commit to playing in a local team in a local league. There is of course the cost, drink/driving and in the current climate, players who played 4 or 3 nights a week, are now only play 1 or 2 nights

25 Years in Charge!

At the end of the 2012/13 season, saw me complete 29 years as an league official; 25 as League Secretary. Over recent years, I've had a few ups & downs, including my resignation over the Blind-Draw Singles; which in hindsight was a little childish, but I did prove the point; although there are still

a week. When I joined the committee in 1984, there were 14 teams of 10 players, and this dropped to 12 teams for a couple of seasons. When I took over in March 1988 there were 13 teams. This stayed steady until 1993 when the format changed to 8 players being required, and we had 18 teams and the 2nd division was formed. In 1999, the number of player required per team was changed to 6, and best of 3-legs introduced and 20 teams took part. In 2003 the league was at its highest winter entry level of 29 teams; and there was a further 5 teams playing in the summer of 2003 (34 teams in total in a 16 month period). We are now down to 16 for next winter, and may be even less. To combat this possible reduction, I'm proposing to introduce a FOURS-

LEAGUE for those team's that can't get six players for next winter season. This will enable players to remain part of the league, and apart from the Main league & KO Cup, be able to play in the Singles and pairs competitions as normal. This offer will require a minimum of 6-teams to register; and may give the opportunity for a venue to enter 1 team into the main league, and another into the Fours-league; or two teams into the Fours-league. The format would consist of 4-singles 501; 2-pairs 601; and another 4-singles but 401, all best of 3-legs. 1-point per game plus a bonus 2-points for a win and 1-point for a draw. It could be the future, or just a stop-gap before the popularity of bigger teams returns one-day, maybe!!!

a few captains out there that don't like the draw system, but the majority of players do. I've been asked why I don't include the pairs as part of the tables; my answer is always going to be, "when the pairs are drawn I will include them". I do still use them at the end of the season to calculate the Player of

the Season and the Most Improved Player.

I'd like to thank all those teams and players that turned up and played in my 25th Anniversary competition on 9th May. I think the format was successful with all the teams being mixed-up. Congratulations to all those who won!