

# **NSBL NEWS**

## **Seasons Results**

Another competitive season drew to a close with honours shared between the following clubs :

<b><u>4's League</u></b>	Winners :	Southey
	Runners-Up :	Belmont
<b><u>Triples League</u></b>	Winners :	Supreme
	Runners-Up :	Cheam
<b><u>Top Ten Competition</u></b>	Winners :	Supreme
	Runners-Up :	South London
<b><u>Ron Willson Triples Competition</u></b>	Winners :	Southey
	Runners-Up :	Supreme

This is the first time that Southey B.C. have won league and competition honours in the same season and happily coincides with their Delegate taking over as NSBL Chairman – many congratulations to Paul Wessier and Southey.

Paul has advised that Southey will host the Presentation Evening in their clubhouse in February 2006. Formal invitations to all NSBL clubs will be issued closer to the date.

Thanks are due to Ron Willson for consistently e-mailing the League Results and Tables to all clubs on a fortnightly basis throughout the season, and to all those clubs that e-mailed and posted their results on time.

Belmont B.C. kindly offered to host the competition finals on their green in September and as usual provided a fine playing service and generous hospitality. Many thanks to Belmont and particularly to Eamon O'Flynn for marking the Top Ten Singles match, and to John Parsons who umpired faultlessly.

## **Main Points from the Recent AGM**

### **1) Change in NSBL Member Clubs**

At the AGM held this month, the Delegates elected Carshalton Beeches B.C. and Old Coulsdon B.C. to the NSBL. Both clubs will play in the weekday Triples League, but not for the time being the weekend 4's League. We'd like to take this opportunity in welcoming both clubs to the NSBL and wish them every success.

Also, Warlingham Park B.C. successfully applied to re-join the NSBL and will play in the weekend 4's League but not the weekday Triples League.

Hopefully all these clubs will enter the competitions.

Unfortunately, Worcester Park B.C., a founding member of the NSBL, have now withdrawn from the NSBL due to their falling membership.

### **2) Clarification of the Dress Code for NSBL Matches**

In answer to a question from the floor at the AGM the dress code for NSBL matches was clarified. This is summarised as follows:

*When playing away matches if the visiting club wishes not to arrive in white shirts and not change back into white shirts after the match it is imperative for them to determine beforehand from their opponents if this is acceptable to them. It is entirely the home club's prerogative to determine what is required in this respect and for the visiting club to adhere to the home club's custom. If a club does choose to change in and out of white shirts at away matches even if this is not a formality required by their opponents this is entirely their decision.*

It was noted that the above arrangement had been discussed and agreed by the club Delegates at a Committee Meeting held in the winter at the beginning of this year and had therefore been in force for the 2005 season.

The NSBL rules will be updated to reflect the above before the start of the next season.

### **3) NSBL Officers**

The incumbent Officers offered themselves for re-election and were returned unopposed. They are :

Chairman : Paul Wessier (Southey)  
Secretary : Bary Davies (South London)  
Press Secretary and Treasurer : Peter Gammage (Supreme)

### **4) Fours League Rules Review**

The final round of voting between Alternative N°3 and Alternative N°4 was as follows :

Alternative N°3 (based on Sutton Indoor league rules) : 5 votes.  
Alternative N°4 (no change) : 9 votes.

Therefore, there is no change to the rules for the 2006 season.

Note : Worcester Park's proposed amendment for the Triples League rules was not tabled as they have now withdrawn from the NSBL.

### **5) Annual Subscriptions**

No replacement sponsor for the NSBL has been found and therefore Top Rink prizes previously provided by our sponsor were discontinued last season. However, the income and expenditure for the past year have been more or less in balance and it was therefore agreed to leave the subscription rates unchanged as follows :

- Joining Fee : £10.00
- Annual Subscription (see **Note** below) : £10.00
- Triples League Fee : £5.00
- Ron Willson Triples Competition : £5.00
- Top Ten Competition : £5.00.

**Note** : There is no additional fee for the weekend 4's League as this is incorporated in the Annual Subscription whether or not the club plays in it or not.

It was generally agreed that, in the absence of a sponsor, the substantial increase in subscriptions from member clubs that would be required to fund Top Rink prizes (>£1000) was not justified. It was felt that should individual clubs feel the need to provide these rewards for their own players they would have to be funded out of the club's own resources.