

NSBL NEWS

Presentation Evening

The 2003 weekend 4's League Winners, Belmont BC, hosted the annual Presentation Evening of the NSBL at their clubhouse on Friday 20th February 2004. Members from most League clubs attended and were treated to Belmont's customary warm hospitality including a hot meal that was particularly welcome on a cold winter's evening. The League sincerely thank Belmont's Dave Bourne, John Southwell, Eamon O'Flynn and all their supportive members for a successful evening.

The recipients of trophies awarded at the Presentation Evening are summarised below :

4's League	Winners :	Belmont
	Runners-Up :	South London
Triples League	Winners :	Sutton
	Runners-Up :	Cheam
Top Ten Competition	Winners :	Cheam
	Runners-Up :	West Wimbledon
Ron Willson Triples	Winners :	Supreme
	Runners-Up :	West Wimbledon

New Member for the NSBL

The NSBL are very pleased to welcome Cheam Fields BC as a new member club. At the AGM held in October 2003 the Delegates unanimously elected them to the NSBL. Cheam Fields will play in the weekday Triples League and both competitions in the 2004 Season after which they will then review whether they wish to play in the weekend 4's League in future seasons.

Club Contacts

The NSBL Delegate List has been updated and posted on this Site.

2004 Competitions

The draws were made for the 2004 competitions at the recent Committee meeting and are posted on this Site. Would all club captains please ensure they arrange the dates for their matches in good time – the rules for the competitions are posted on this Site.

Would all member clubs please e-mail the Press Secretary, Peter Gammage, with the name and contact details of their club member responsible for making arrangements for their NSBL competitions. Peter's e-mail address is given on the Delegate List.

Weekend Four's League Fixed Date Matches

The protracted debate over the introduction of playing matches in this League on fixed weekends is finally drawing to a conclusion. At the recent Committee Meeting it was

decided that all clubs have had ample time to consider their position on this issue and no more time will be allowed to those clubs who have still failed to respond to the Chairman's final letter circulated to all clubs last December. Therefore, at the next Committee Meeting in May a final vote will be taken from the Delegates present as to whether to proceed with fixed weekends according to a schedule drawn-up by the 3 man working group.

The benefits foreseen with introducing fixed weekend matches are summarised below :

1. All clubs will know in advance from year-to-year what their NSBL weekend commitments are.
2. All clubs play on the same dates and therefore a better indication of their true position in the Four's League table will be known throughout the season.
3. It will smooth out the current bottlenecks of fixtures with which some clubs are now faced.
4. All clubs play an equal number of home and away matches each season.
5. Each club would not be required to play more than one NSBL Four's League match on any single weekend.