

HARD BAT COMPETITION

The next annual Hard Bat competition is scheduled for **Saturday 13 January 2024** and will be held at the **Bristol Civil Service Sports Club**, Filton Avenue. This competition is open to all currently-registered B&DTTA senior and junior league players, so if you wish to avoid disappointment for this always very popular and highly-anticipated event (*as entries will be restricted due to the number of tables available*), please send off your entries without delay.

Doors will open at 08.30am for practice with the identical bats that will be provided on the day, with the event commencing around 9.00am. The licensed bar will be open from 11.00am and there are likely to be bacon rolls available for purchase from mid-morning, if you wish. Play will be as continuous as possible throughout the day, although there is normally a short break in between the first two group stages and again just afterwards, with the two finals (Main and Plate competitions) expected to be completed around or before 16.00pm.



Please note that the closing date for entries to this always exciting event is **Sunday 31 December 2023**. The entry fee is just £10 which can be paid preferably via BACS or by cheque by emailing the organiser (*see below*) with your full name and club details, who will then provide the bank details.

Please also note that the competition floor has recently been re-laid, so only footwear in the playing areas is requested which has NOT been worn outside. All public viewing and seating areas are not affected in this respect. The current holder of the Main Competition trophy since its inception in 2007 is the record five-time champion **Dave Reeves** (*see above left*) who beat **Jon Thorn** in the last final, which can be viewed on YouTube, along with many other brilliant finals in this competition over the years, whilst the current Plate Competition winner is **Simon Monks** (*see right*) who defeated **Paul Redman**, so if you think you can take their crowns, get your entries in as soon as possible. Thank you.



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