

Tournament Report 2024

This was my first year running the tournament and although there were a few issues with time on both days I think overall it went well. I have learnt from what didn't go to plan and will make a few small changes for next year. We had 78 players over the two entries this year an increase of 10 on 2023, and had small increase in Juniors and Juniors and would like to see more next year.

Although we decided not to replace the over 70's with the hard bat, but to run both events this did lead to the time issues on the Saturday. I therefore propose that we drop the Handicap, don't hold the hard bat at the Championship, and maybe hold a separate more fun day that it could be included in. Although it may have brought in entries, players still in other events don't wish to switch between the very different formats and this doesn't help scheduling issues late in the day. As Alan mentioned in his report, some events may have to have limited entries as this would encourage players to enter earlier and help scheduling.

I would like to thank everyone who helped run the event this year, especially setting up the Tables on the Friday evening, as I was unable to be there. Also, clearing it all on Sunday evening, thank you all. Special mentions to Jan as always, who ran the catering as usual, and raised over £600 for the league, (I think we need to find some Volunteers to help Jan next year, so she doesn't have to spend two full days on the canteen area). To Dan Anderson, Alan Scammell, and Anthon Ranjit-Singh, for helping on the control desk at times, and for being our go to umpires, along with Neil Want. And to anyone I have missed.

I am looking forward to next year and running an even better tournament. If anyone has any thoughts or comments, good or bad, I am willing to listen as we all want the Burnham Tournament to be the best it can be.