

Tournament Secretary Report 2022

We had a creditable 68 entries for the tournament only down a little on our 2020 entry (the one that was cancelled) generally the comments about the event were favourable however as the organiser I do feel that we need to discuss changes to our event to make the timings work better. (see suggestions below) The most disappointing thing was the lack of Junior players which led to us not running any junior/cadet events.

Unfortunately due to a bit of covid doing the rounds at the time of the tournament our group of helpers was smaller than usual in fact just 4 yes 4 of us set up the hall, thanks to Tim Huxtable, Dave Goody, and Neil Want, let's hope we get a few more able bodied helpers next year! On the two days Gordon Gatheral helped greatly with the control table and once again my wife Jan supplied the catering which made over £300 profit to help towards the cost of the event which when you take trophies in to account runs at a loss, the cost of the Hall and table hire comes in at about £1500 so if anyone knows of a company looking for a bit local publicity a sponsor would come in very handy.

The issue with timing that has happened every year since I've been involved comes about because of the same players being involved in multiple events near the end of the day and whilst this is always likely to happen to some extent I feel we can take some action to improve the situation. I would like opinions on the following suggestions –

1. Move Over 60's event to Saturday from Sunday and make it the over 65's (or OAP's event)
2. Discontinue Handicap doubles (this event always causes issues) and replace it with hard bat singles event.
3. Change rules of Mixed Open event from excluding men singles seeds to excluding top 20 or 25 players on our rankings on 365 website at closing date for tournament entries. This would catch all likely seeded players and for reference the winner of the mixed open Sam Lowman is currently number 25 in the rankings but has the advantage of players knowing they cannot enter for sure.