

## COMPETITIONS OFFICER AGM REPORT 2023/24.



### Community Club New Project.

We started this project with Bryan Fernandes on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and for a few weeks we did not have enough revenue to keep the lights on and I will ask Bryan to say some words to you all later. The project background was that we wanted to start a new project to bring existing and encourage new players into our league structure. We have joined together with TTW and their schools programme and this has further increased the numbers where we are almost breaking even on occasions. It is forecast that by the start of the new term we should have enough young players to commence a junior league and we should be in profit.

Grants have been a problem because Sport Wales via TTW can only support clubs and we are a league.

We would very much encourage existing league players to visit the project and help with supporting Bryan and then have a game themselves as this project was also set up for them as well. Please promote the project within your clubs. One hour is £2.00 and this is good value for money.

Our game will diminish over time if we don't get behind this project and integrate.

### Summer League.

We have a ten-week summer league programme in WIS and starts in June so far, we have 9 teams we could do with one more please try to encourage your members to enter. £80 per team and the team is made up of 2 players.

### Cardiff Closed was held in April.

The turnout has not been representative of the clubs who enter teams for a few years and we need to decide over the next year if we run this event again or do something different. So can you please ask

your membership if they want this event to run in the future and forward responses to Geoff Lloyd by following your own AGM if appropriate by 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

This year's finalists were:

40S Mark Farrow beat Kevin Poon

60s Mark Edmunds beat Steve Eades

Open event Steve Eades Beat Mark Farrow

Hard Bat James Fenton beat Steve Eades

Handicap Phil Avery beat Ryan Fenton



Cup Results:

Division one was won by Cardiff City B who beat Rhiwbina B



Division 2: Cwm Talwg v Rhiwbina D WINNER Rhiwbina D



Division 3: St Davids v Cardiff City D WINNER Cardiff City D





## Welsh League.

We had two team in Seniors one in the premier and one in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division both got relegated.

In the Veterans, Cardiff A of Steve Eades, Jeff Rigby, John Paine, Bryan Fernandes and John Hook won the Premier Division for the first time in 10 years and the B team of Peter Gordon, Mr Curtis, Mr Holiday and John Jones came third in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division and obtained the bronze medal.



## The G.B International Home Nations Veteran event IOM.

The home nations event took place this league year in September and was played in Douglas Isle of Man. Representatives from the Cardiff League were:

- Paul Holliday;
- Peter Gordon;
- John Paine;
- Tony Collins;
- Mark Edmunds;
- Colin Price;
- Steve Eades.

This event is formed from the best players who are selected to represent their countries in the following age categories from IOM, England, Scotland, Jersey, Guernsey, Ireland and Wales. For instance, England and Scotland run a number of events and have a ranking list and the top three players from each age category are selected. To provide some perspective England Veterans ranking has over 600 players across all their lists and Wales 60.

40s Men and Women, 50s Men and Women, 60s, 70s and over 75s.

Success was achieved in the over 50s team when John Paine and Bryan Fernandes won team Bronze. Bryan Fernandes obtained the silver in the singles consolation event.

Steve Eades won the Gold in the over 60s singles event and won the silver with Tony Collins in the over 60s Doubles event.



### Moving Forward.

There is a booking in WIS to hold a central league starting in October 2023 to March 2024 in conjunction with our traditional league format. The intention is to hold a central league that will run a three-man team and run similar to what has happened prior to COVID. The benefit is that the venue provides a home for those teams that used to play out of CCTCC. We as a committee will need to know from you a commitment from members via your clubs to enter teams by January 2024. If not, we will use the available space to expand the community club and run out a possible Junior League in the future. This will mean we may lose teams or they can join other club venues.

## Summary

Overall, it has been a good productive season with regards to achieving all our existing competition commitments and we have a growth plan in place.

Bryan Fernandes does need help from members and I wanted to ask you all to assist with spreading this message and contact Bryan with the offer of help, otherwise we run the risk of our sport eventually in Cardiff diminishing.