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National Development Officer

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There has been a great deal of progress in the last few months. The Training Procedures were finalised and approved at the last Executive Meeting and have been printed ready for distribution to the Training & Development personnel.

The 5 National Tutors and 5 National Examiners have been selected from the huge number of applications. The T&D committee would like to thank everyone that applied. Details of the 10 national posts will be posted on the EBUA Website shortly. A training session for these 10 individuals will be held in February (date to be finalised).

The new Home Study manual is in its final proof stage and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed and proof read the document.

In particular I would like to thank Jack Sadie, Rick Moore, Val Coldwell, Alex Duckworth and Ken Roots for their valuable input. The manual will be sent to print in December and is expected to retail at between £12.50 and £14.50 (dependent on final weight)

A new training DVD is to be filmed in December and will be finalised by the beginning of January. The DVD will include sections on Marking, Umpiring, Equipment and Measuring and will compliment the Home Study manual. We are also extremely proud to announce that England's Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist, Natalie Melmore, has agreed to present and narrate the DVD

A meeting of the Training & Development Committee was held over

two days in November where the examination questions for each individual module were deliberated on, written and allocated to their respective modules. Needless to say it was an ideal opportunity for a little heated debate – especially on some of the more obscure questions.

The production of the workbooks and examination papers will take place early in 2011 ready for the first batch of new candidates. We have approximately 20 new candidates on the waiting list.

Applications for upgrades will be taken at the same time with the first workshop and assessment commencing in April 2011.

Allan Thornhill

Information for National Umpires due to re-qualify in 2011

The Training and Development team have now agreed on the best way of carrying out this assessment. We can start gaining marks immediately by our appearance and attitude. Also there are 6 marks up for grabs just for having

the correct items in your personal umpire's kit. We could have 10 marks already and we have only just walked in.

Now we get the opportunity of showing our expertise, by selecting and using, from our own kit, the most appropriate

pieces of equipment for each of 8 compulsory measuring exercises. Also during this time we will be asked 4 oral questions on scenarios that could occur during our duties as umpires.

Then quietly sitting on our
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News From The Areas

South East Area

On behalf of the South East Area members I would like to congratulate Ian Gilbert and Michael Dady from Middlesex for their selection to the BIBC Championships and International Series being held in March 2011. I would also like to congratulate Ken Bickley

for his International duty at the U25 Internationals in Ireland in September. In October, Alex Duckworth (Kent) and I travelled to Delhi for the XIX Commonwealth Games. It was a most enjoyable experience. Alex, as a newbie to the Games, did himself and our association proud carrying

out his duties professionally and without fuss (I won't mention the scorecard you wanted to keep as a memento, Alex). As for me, having now attended three games I would say that Delhi was probably the most enjoyable for a number of reasons.

Allan Thornhill

"...BIBC Championships"

"...XIX Commonwealth Games"

South Western Area

The Charity Matches played by the Umpires in the SW raised £2,300 last year, which has been used to support Children Hospices and the Air Ambulances in the area. Congratulations to all concerned.

We held our first joint meeting at Exonia IBC on 24th November which was attended by 49 members,

including Rick Moore our National Secretary. There was a long discussion, at times rather heated, regarding the introduction of the new uniform. The vast majority of those present expressed their opposition to the manner in which that change had been introduced. It was felt that this went against statements made at the AGM i.e. that there is a lot to be said for keeping

the two uniforms as they are, but before we really need to make the final decision, let's get a bit of experience of working together. It was felt that there was a lack of transparency, with little information being put on the web pages.

I was re-elected at Area (Regional) Secretary.

John Davies

"...raised £2,300 last year"

"...introduction of the new uniform"

Eastern Area

Paul Cox has stood down as County Co-ordinator for Herts and his place has been taken by Rae Knights. I wish Rae well in his new role.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Costin, Roy Himpleman, Colin Buck, George Rowland, Peter Hartwell and Bernard Prescott for all the sterling work they do as County Co-ordinators which is much appreciated.

A training seminar was held at Acle IBC on the 27th & 28th November. Of the twenty people attending, 5 were potential umpires, two were taking their upgrade and the remainder were doing their 4 year refresher course. I would like to thank Brian Fairchild and Eddie Hall for driving up from Essex on a snowy weekend as well as Roy Himpleman and Mickey Gill for examining the candidates. Everyone managed to pass the exam.

So congratulations to Vic Chamberlain and Jimmy Moore who are now National Grade umpires and a warm welcome to John Gray, Michael Harvey, Colin Whitear, Tony Dunton and Keith Whitehaed who qualified as County Grade umpires.

Finally, I would like to thank Paul Cox who has done a sterling job as county co-ordinator for Hertfordshire for a number of years. He will be missed.

Trevor Hackett

"New County Coordinator for Herts"

"Acle training seminar results"

News From The Areas

Midlands Area

Since the change in policy to make competing teams pay for umpires expenses on the day rather than through Vernon via donations, the demand for umpires has fallen off the cliff. I am at least 45 appointments down by mid November on previous years and we must guard against teams looking for umpires on the cheap and just using their local ones. This would be unfair, prevent development and cut many umpires completely out of the loop. In a few areas direct payment seems to work well but in the majority it does not. No-one is there with the authority to pay, or is unaware of the requirement. We need to tackle this problem with some urgency as, if it continues, we will need fewer umpires.

An obvious method would be to charge each outdoor club £5.00 per annum and each indoor club £20.00 per annum for umpiring duties. Alternatively a capitation charge to all clubs at say 10p per member for umpire costs would probably be fairer, but both of these methods are fraught with politics and would need the support of the National Governing Bodies which we don't have at present. Your thoughts would be appreciated.

We recently provided the umpires & markers for the Under 25's World Championships at Nottingham where they performed excellently and

Were thanked by the WIBC. The bowling from these youngsters was awe inspiring at times. They have the full game from beautiful draw shots, conversions and straight out firing – they have it all.

A major problem initially occurred as the WIBC wanted qualified EBUA Umpires & Markers (8 - 10 per day), but at the last minute said that they would not pay the Markers anything and that they would also have to buy their own drinks and meals. Unsurprisingly, this caused a few to drop out as the travel and meal costs were quite significant over three days. On the day, the WIBC relented and actually provided meals, but many of those on duty have said that they only went so as not to let the players or myself down, but don't ask next year. Not an auspicious start for next year and why should they expect umpires to subsidise them for free. The officials were looked after well!

Eventually, we took the pool of money provided for the umpires and, with their co-operation, split it with the markers. Our thanks go to the umpires for their gesture - what a great team we have.

This was followed a month later with the English Under 25's National Final at Rugby Thornfield, where again we provided the umpires and markers. Again the standard was high both for the bowling & the

umpiring. Again, the payment system is messy.

Midlands Issues

We had the Midlands Area AGM in October – I am told that it should not be an AGM but a general meeting held annually!!

The main topic of the meeting and communications to the Area Secretary before and after the meeting was why has the belt fallen off the Executive communication pulley. Have we all become graduates of the Laurel & Hardy School of Management?

The Executive are making decisions in isolation and then not communicating them effectively to the membership. A typical example was the introduction of blue trousers for National finals. One umpire appointed came back at me to ask why I had not told him that they would be required as he had to rush out and buy some. I had not told him because I did not know of this decision. It was never discussed or Minuted. Whether it was a good idea or not was not the issue - it was poorly handled.

The same goes for the uniform and badge issue. No communication and no membership involvement – just a dictate. This is causing anger and resentment. To suggest, as the last Executive Minutes do, that it was approved by the full Council is gilding the truth

somewhat. The issue of uniforms was not even on the Council Agenda, but was added by the Chairman part way through the meeting. No options were shown to the Council and it was introduced as “this is the new uniform”.

Discussion was curtailed and no discussion took place as to how it would be put to the membership.

The Midlands area unanimously requested that the issue of both the badge and the uniform be put on hold until options were made available and approved by the membership. From the last Executive Minutes, this does not appear to have been transmitted to the Executive, two of whom were present.

To suggest that we need to make the decision urgently for the sake of new members is ridiculous as we have been selling umpires kits all this year. Why, if we thought a new uniform would be essential? There are always problems with any cut off date, but providing the overlap is well managed it presents few problems.

These problems did not seem to exist before amalgamation when communication was reportedly very good, but why on earth should amalgamation create poor management and loss of democracy?

We must not forget that if you do not take the membership with you, you may not have any membership!!
Brian Burton

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own we will be asked to complete a paper of 15 multiple choice questions. (at this point the displacement charts may be used but not the law book). But the best thing about this exercise is the CORRECT answer is given to us, along with 2 incorrect answers.

At some time during the assessment we get to watch a short video of players and / or umpires NOT following the correct procedure and for identifying these mistakes we can gain more marks.

In my opinion this is a good advancement and an interesting mixture of theory and practical exercises.

SIMPLES
Good luck to all

Val Coldwell
Training & Development Committee

Is this a record?

Richard Tugwell is still an active umpire since passing his exam in October 1982, can anyone better that?

If you can, then let me know and we'll see if we can uncover who the longest serving umpire without a break in service actually is.

Trevor Hackett
(Editor)

National Competitions

"Please can we urge all members to read National Competition Rules carefully and understand their meaning before officiating. A number of incidents have been brought to our attention recently which are clearly resolved by having an understanding of the rules and Laws of the Sport.

As an example: In timed National Indoor competitions an end started before the time limit MUST be played to competition even if it is killed."

Allan Thornhill

Random thoughts from Leamington 2010.

1 Always check that players put jack on side of stick

2 Check that mat is 2 metres from ditch

3 Make yourselves familiar with the stoppage due to inclement weather law

4 Refreshments on greens are nothing to do with umpires.

The above instances were all seen at Leamington 2010, and should not have occurred.

Jessie Clark

Treasurers Corner

Once again it is that time of the year when our thoughts turn to the festive season, and the giving of presents.

As your treasurer I also like receiving them as well, so a cheque for your 2011 subs would be much appreciated [unless you have paid, of course] ladies please note all subs are now payable to me not Jessie Clark

Also if you received from our new technological world an e-mail address this year, I would be happy to share it with you, thus being able to keep in touch with you easier. My address for future reference is findellvernon@yahoo.co.uk

I would like to wish Karen Wood our joint merchandising officer all the best in her new post. She will be dealing with all sales and she can be contacted on : 01428722942 or kempmoss@hotmail.com

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the help and kindness you have shown me through-out the year, and wish you, and all your family a merry christmas and happy and prosperous new year.



Vernon Findell

Extra Ends in National Competitions

Please be aware that some umpires are incorrectly having the extra ends played at the wrong time. The extract below is taken from the ADDITIONAL RULES FOR NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS Document on the EIBA web site. Please refer to their website so that you can download a full set of Competition Rules for all the EIBA competitions.

“8. Games will be 21 ends or maximum 4 hours; whichever is the shorter, not including trial ends or extra ends. An end started before the 4 hours (jack cast) must be played to a finish. All dead ends will be replayed.

The Challenger shall nominate one designated rink number to play an extra end, before the draw is made for rinks.

The extra end should only be played if the game is a draw. The only exception to this is when the 2 rinks at home and 2 rinks away are unable to play at the same time when the extra end will be played by the nominated rink immediately after the 21st end is completed.

If all rinks are playing at the same venue, the extra end will only be played after all 4 rinks have completed their game and the extra end will only be played if the result is a tie.”

Jessie Clark

The new appointments made by the Development team will be seen on the web site shortly.

However, there are many people who do not use the internet so it has been decided to also put the names in this issue of the Newsletter.

National Tutors

There have been five National Tutors appointed with a good geographical spread amongst them as follows:

Andy Ewens - Gloucester

Val Coldwell - Blackpool

Frances Fletcher - Solihull

Trevor Hackett - Elsenham

Ken Woodcock - Rustington

National Examiners

Similarly, there have been five National Examiners appointed as follows:

Vic Perry - Ruislip

Ken Roots - Nuneaton

Eric Tomlinson - Selby

Michelle Van-Put - Finchley

Mavis Wellington - Kingsbridge

The other new appointments will be published shortly

Competition Rules

Members involved with the Top Club competition may not be aware that the Rules for this competition are wrong again. They have cleared last years errors but added some more.

Extra ends are not required as a draw is a permissible result.

The revised Rules are on the EIBA website and are as listed below :

TLH NATIONAL TOP CLUB,
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RESORT

1. The Competition shall be a mixed competition open to all clubs affiliated to the English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd. Entry is not restricted and Clubs may enter more than one team if required. The competition shall be played on a knock out basis in 4 areas of the country as determined by the Competitions Committee with 2 teams from each area qualifying for the final stages which shall be played over a single weekend at the TLH Leisure Resort. Final stages competitors are required to make their own accommodation requirements at the TLH Leisure Resort and will be offered competitive rates by the sponsors.

2. Prize monies to be determined by the EIBA Competitions Committee and will be dependant on the number of teams entering the competition. Trophies shall be provided by the sponsors.

3. A team shall be a mixed side consisting of 11 players with each player being a fully paid up member of the same club. Each side to consist of a mixed 2 wood fours (2 men, 2 ladies), a mixed 3 wood triples, a mixed 4 wood pairs, a ladies 2 wood singles and a men's 2 wood singles.

4. All matches shall be played under the National Championship Rules and in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Indoor Bowls with the following exceptions:

a) Pairs and fours games shall be 21 ends or maximum 4 hours; whichever is the shorter, not including trial ends.

b) Triples games shall be 18 ends or maximum 4 hours, whichever is the shorter, not including trial ends.

c) Singles games shall be 21 ends to determine the winner. Both singles games should be played to 21 ends to cover the possibility of a tied game.

5. Male and Female substitutes are allowed in the team providing the players are members of the competing club and have not previously played for any other team in the competition. All games are to be played, failure of a team to provide 11 players shall result in a "walkover" for their opponents.

6. Each of the games to be scored on a maximum of 16 points with 2 points awarded to the winner of each singles game and 1 point to each side if drawn. 4 points awarded to the winner of each pairs, triples and fours game and 2 points to each side if drawn. The overall winner will be the side scoring the most points. If equality exists the winning side shall be determined on the total number of shots scored, if equality still exists the side winning the most ends will be declared the winner.

7. The Challenger shall have the choice of green and offer their opponents not less than 2 dates, 1 of which must be on a Saturday or Sunday which shall be accepted by their opponents under the conditions of the general Competition Rules. The challenger shall be responsible for providing an umpire and markers for the singles games.

8. Clubs with less than 4 rinks: Triples and Fours should play first unless all games can be accommodated at the same time.

9. Rink fees will be shared

Brian Burton

Note that the words "**or extra ends**" has been removed from paragraph 4a and 4b of these rules. (Ed.)

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	XXL	£16	£2.50		
	XXXL	£16	£2.50		
CRAVATS	MAROON	£7	£1.50		
TIES	RED	£4	£1.50		
BADGES		£1	50P		
TIE CLIP		£1	50P		
TIE, BADGE & TIE CLIP		£7	INC		
<u>30 METRE MEAS- URES</u>		£35.50	INC		

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