

KC4s League

Presidents Report for 2009 / 2010 Season

Another season has run like clockwork by your Secretary and Treasurer - Karl Elliott and Collin Woolley. Although it appears as if little effort is required, behind the scenes both give up a lot of time to make sure everything runs smoothly on the night. I know John Bruton - your Vice President - and myself are very grateful for the effort as we only need to focus on bowling most of the time.

As ever our old Secretary - Peter Singfield - keeps a watching brief on the facilities for the web site. Recently he gave Karl some added goodies in the form of the ability to highlight and colour texts. Now we have the benefit of Karl's witty comments about last weeks bowling highlighted in colour so you just can't miss them. Still I am surprised that Karl survived alive after his comments about a team mates gutter clearing ability.

This year saw the collapse of the league adjoining us (Garden Care) and our league moving up onto the high numbered lanes.

Following the decision to close the league, two of the teams approached the KC4s and joined us on the second week of the season. Neither team could find an opportunity to bowl the missing first week and consequently the League Officers agreed to the request that the initial match be declared as a draw in view of the very special circumstances. Both teams have made a welcome addition to the league and I think have been pleasantly surprised by the standard and the welcome they received.

At the end of the summer, we were told that the Friendship League (the one that is always waiting to get on our lanes at the end of bowling) was closing down. There is a possibility that some teams may be considering joining us and I am sure you will make them most welcome - as well as showing them how difficult it is to get off the lanes by 9:15!

As some of you know, I have also been trying to put together a History of KC4s. Following acquiring a further large box with 4 massive folders in it, I have been able to fill in some of the gaps. One interesting snippet that has come to light is that a certain team has set a record for name changes - earliest records show it as Black Adder IV, then followed by Open House, Going Spare, Mission Impossible, M..... P....., B..... U..., D..... T..... and most recently T..... T..... (I will fill in the names for anyone who has not worked them out yet).

Another interesting fact is that our oldest team (and without a single name change) is Late Again which has now existed for 35 years - overtaking the previous 33 year record for Guttersnipes.

With help from Peter Singfield, I hope to be loading sections of the history and interesting facts to the web this year.

Following the fine examples of gutter clearing expertise, we have decided that we will introduce a new trophy to be awarded to each years Gutter King. This very valuable trophy will be a perpetual award so we expect each years winner to take great care of it - ready to be presented to the next years winner. We will be relying on team mates and opposition to add notes to the scoresheet of every first ball trip into the gutter by whom and on what frame / game. We are sure that everyone will be happy to report on anyone clearing the gutters as this will ensure they do not become a candidate for the award!

As a final comment, I hope the league will join me in a vote of thanks to the league officers - Karl Elliott, Colin Woolley and John Bruton plus Frank Varney and Peter Singfield for the hard work they put in on running the league and the social / raffle aspect of the league. Without all of their efforts, league members would not be able to have such an enjoyable and smooth running bowling experience.

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