

## NWEBA League Structure 2015 Season

The current league structure whereby the clubs were split into two sections was largely based upon geographical lines owing to the long time it took to travel around the North West Essex area. The road transport links have been improved tremendously since that time and it is time to re-evaluate whether this is the best way to organize the league structure.

At the present time Section 1 has 9 teams in Division C with a 10<sup>th</sup> team (Witham Mill Lane B ) wishing to join. This is not possible given the current structure as we cannot accommodate 10 teams in a division and still provide 7 home and 7 away fixtures for all the teams.

It is therefore time to allow for future expansion rather than turn teams away.

The proposal is to combine the top four teams in Sections 1 and 2 into a single new Division A. To combine the remaining four teams in sections 1 and 2 into a new Division B (after allowing for promotions and relegations based on this seasons results).

This would be repeated in a similar manner for the existing Division B and Division C in Sections 1 and 2. This process would result in 5 Divisions of 8 teams and 1 Division of 6 Teams allowing Witham Mill Lane B to join the league. Each team would play 7 home and 7 away fixtures. The new structure and team make up is shown below.

### **Division A**

Silver End A  
Bocking Alliance A  
Halstead A  
Tiptree Jobserve A  
Saffron Walden A  
Radwinter A  
Quendon  
Elsenham A

### **Division B**

Halstead B  
Braintree A  
Castle Hedingham A  
Braintree C  
Dunmow A  
Birchanger  
Saffron Walden B  
Thaxted A

### **Division C**

Witham A  
Bocking Alliance B  
Braintree B  
Tiptree Jobserve B  
Steeple Bumpstead  
Stansted A  
Radwinter B  
Thaxted B

### **Division D**

Bocking Alliance C  
Silver End B  
Witham D  
Castle Hedingham B  
Stebbing  
Clavering  
Elsenham B  
Dunmow B

### **Division E**

Witham B  
Witham Mill Lane A  
Bocking Alliance D  
Witham C  
Dunmow C  
Stansted B  
Saffron Walden C  
Elsenham C

### **Division F**

Halstead C  
Princess Marie Louise  
Braintree D  
Silver End C  
Tiptree Jobserve C  
Witham Mill Lane B

Trevor Hackett

Hon Secretary

## PROPOSAL TO RECONFIGURE LEAGUE

Courtauld Halstead BC has had an initial discussion on the league restructuring proposal and are generally in favour with the exception of how teams have been allocated to the new divisions from Sections 1 and 2. We feel the allocation is unfair in that it 'toploads' the teams from Section 2 leaving Div F populated by all Section 1 teams.

We propose an ammendment to allocate the 20 teams from Section 2 and the 26 teams from Section 1 as follows-

	SECTION 1	SECTION 2
DIV A	Top 4	Top 4
DIV B	next 5	next 3
DIV C	next 4	next 4
DIV D	next 5	next 3
DIV E	next 4	next 4
DIV F	last 4	last 2
TOTALS	26	20

Pat Ashcroft

Halstead BC

### **Comments from Tiptree Jobserve Bowls Club regarding the proposed NWEBA league structure for 2015.**

- Tiptree is the most easterly club in the association.
- In order to get to, say Quendon, & to get there on time, our members would have to leave before 5pm. With games ending at about 8.30pm with food & socialising afterwards it's unlikely members would get home until about 11pm.
- We have no doubt that teams, like Quendon, will also have the same concerns.
- Members that work will be unable to get to these games.
- Should the restructuring be passed we anticipate members will be unwilling to play & that it is likely that we will either (i) reduce our entries to two teams or (ii) look to similar leagues locally & withdraw completely from the league.

Please note that should the resolution be rejected we anticipate maintaining our current participation in the leagues.

With regard to the three proposals from Witham regarding start times & green fees we would support them.

Gordon Bazley

for Tiptree Jobserve Bowls Club

### **Witham Bowls Club proposal 1**

To start all North West Essex Wednesday games at 18 -15 pm. It makes no sense to have two start times during the year.

### **Witham Bowls Club proposal 2**

That the last 2 games for NWE league be started at 6.0 pm for light reasons only.

### **Witham Bowls Club proposal 3**

That in all NWE league games only the HOME team pay the Green fees.

Derek Hunt

Witham BC