Selection Committee report for AGM 2017

The committee (Alan Mould, Steve Mattinson, Roger Hopton, Michael Newman, Ken Hassell) have met five times since the AGM of 2016. In these meetings they have selected teams for the Northern League for the four sessions (A1, A2, B, C divisions), the Derbyshire Match, the Presidents Cup, the Tollemache Qualifiers and the Tollemache Final. At their last meeting, because Manchester won both the A and B divisions of the Northern League, the selectors nominated the teams to play in Coventry in those divisions in the National Inter League Finals.

It has been no different this year in the difficulty of obtaining the flexibility in choosing teams for the Northern League with the many other calls on the players time. However, it is pleasing to note that it has always been possible to put out an A2 team. The committee have endeavoured to find volunteers to play for the county and have circulated the participating bridge clubs with some success. The committee have a strong brief from the association re the selection procedures but it would still like further guidance re the C Division. Consequently, this is to be raised at the AGM.

On a personal note I would like to say how much I have enjoyed my three years on the committee and would particularly like to thank my fellow members for their full support over this period.

Ken Hassell