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## Editorial

**F**ROM letters received throughout the season it seems that the League A.G.M. will face a number of rule change proposals with regard to such matters as the points system and four-a-side teams, and also (it seems) that some debate will come up about the "twin-strem" and "straight division" structures or divisions. While these are all to the good in one way, for they show an active interest in the League, I feel that some of the arguments used will not bear too close scrutiny. As an example, one of our latest correspondents appears to consider that all clubrooms *must* be suitable for doubles play to be in use today. Obviously this cannot be so, for clubrooms are extremely difficult to find, and there are few which could not be faulted in some respect. It is relatively easy for teams such as works teams to provide a good playing arena, for normally there is plenty of accommodation, but for the independent club, it is always a matter of making the best of what is available. Equally obviously, the inspection of any clubroom *must* be of a "general" nature . . . not over critical . . . good lights, reasonable space, etc., and it is undoubted that some are NOT completely suitable for doubles play. It would be quite impossible for every club to find such premises, and to insist on perfection would probably decimate the League membership.

Club meetings, whether general or Committee, should talk these (and other) matters over, before instructing their representatives on voting. These are matters to concern every League member next season, and Secretaries should always know the views of members, not, as so often happens, voting entirely on his own viewpoints because the members are not bothered to give him guidance. A Secretary who acts with the full knowledge that his club-mates have certain wishes is in a strong position.

The Liverpool "Closed" is upon us. The Referee and his colleagues need all the help you can give, so do not be bashful. Come along and offer your aid, which will be most acceptable. Do not leave everything which concerns your League to an overworked few.

Finally, on a happy and "non-preaching" note, I have learned that a club Secretary, who is also one of our regular contributors DAVID COHEN, is to be married in Birmingham, on March 27th. David has been a member of the League for a long time, and has always been both popular and respected with all those who have come to know him, and in wishing him and the lady whom he is to marry a long and a very happy married life I know, without doubt, that such are the feelings of the entire League. The best of luck to you, Dave, and to the future "Mrs. Dave".

**T**HE Micklesfield Medals competition will be held as a Brazilian tournament again this year, since everyone present at last year's tournament appeared to enjoy this form of competition. Five members of the Committee will be responsible for selecting the teams, and they will select **ONLY** from players nominated by clubs with a team in the division concerned. The five divisions eligible, and the person responsible for selecting each team are as follows :

- DIVISION 3A. J. C. McKim, 14 Greenhill Avenue, Liverpool 18.  
 DIVISION 3B. A. E. Upton, 19 Cedar Grove, Waterloo, Liverpool 22.  
 DIVISION 4A. J. Byrne, 100 Northway, Maghull, Lancs.  
 DIVISION 4B. J. R. Green, 43-45 Lark Lane, Liverpool 17.  
 WOMENS'. Miss J. A. Crafter, 17 Burford Road, Liverpool 16.  
 (Teams from the 1st and 2nd divisions are not entitled to enter).

Teams will consist of three players : 1 under 20 years of age ; 1 between 20 and 40 years ; and the third over 40 (at 1st July, 1965). Each team will play 1 set of two games against each other team. The scores of both games will be counted, and that team which totals the highest number of points from all four sets (against each of the other teams) will be the winners.

The date and venue of the competition will be announced later but it will probably be held in the week following Easter.

We regret to have to record the resignation from the Committee of Jack Lambert, of English Electric. Because of pressure of other commitments Jack felt it impossible to carry out to his own satisfaction his duties as a Committee member, and I would like to place on record our appreciation of the services rendered by him to the League. Mr. J. Byrne, also of English Electric, has been co-opted to the Committee for the remainder of the season.

No response has been forthcoming to the appeal for helpers at the tournament. I trust that you will receive this copy of the " Digest " before the " Closed " Tournament, and if so it is not too late to volunteer your services, even now. Any assistance will be welcomed by the Referee and his staff.

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