

The Quiz League of London

Team Times

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New Season Social 2007

Welcome to the new season social, held at The One Tun, Saffron Hill - home venue of Barb and Old Itonians (formerly Chester Army) on the penultimate Tuesday of September. We hope you have an enjoyable quiz season. For anyone looking to join a team, today is a good opportunity!



2007-2008 Season Preview

Two division of eight teams will contest the league this season, with no byes, and play-offs between the top and bottom four in each division in February 2008. Shown below are the divisions, teams, venues and what happened in 2006-2007.

Division 1

Aldersgate (Hand & Shears)
 Allsorts (Old Star) Runners-up
 Atletico (Five Bells)
 Barb (One Tun) Division 2 Winners
 Broken Hearts (Carpenters Arms) League Champions
 Nomads (formerly Priory Nomads) (Carpenters Arms)
 Old Itonians (formerly Chester Army) (One Tun)
 Telstars (Calthorpe Arms) Promoted

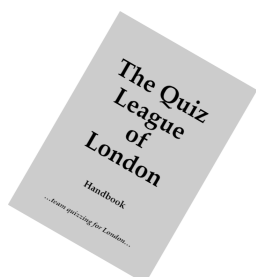
Division 2

Accrington Cylindricals (Royal Oak)
 Belly (Five Bells)
 Gray Monks (formerly Uncosy) (Calthorpe Arms) Relegated
 London Scottish (Triple Crown)
 Ovalytes (Royal Oak)
 Pineapple (The Pineapple)
 Rosslyn Park (Rosslyn Park FC)
 Waterloo Sunset (Hand & Shears) Relegated

Full details and team contacts are available in the handbooks and links to maps for the venues can be found on the QLL web site at www.QLL.org.uk

President's Cup 2007-2008

The President's cup will be contested by the same six teams as last year: Beds and Herts, Cambridge, London, Mastermind Club (Champions), Oxford and Sussex.



Opening Fixtures 2007-2008

Week 01 - 2007-09-25	
Aldersgate v Nomads	Belly v Rosslyn Park
Allsorts v Atletico	Gray Monks v Pineapple
Broken Hearts v Barb	London Scot. v Accrington Cyl.
Old Itonians v Telstars	Ovalytes v Waterloo Sun.
Week 02 - 2007-10-02	
Allsorts v Nomads	Belly v Gray Monks
Telstars v Atletico	Ovalytes v Rosslyn Park
Barb v Aldersgate	Pineapple v Accrington Cyl.
Broken Hearts v Old Itonians	Waterloo Sun. v London Scot.
Week 03 - 2007-10-09	
Aldersgate v Allsorts	Accrington Cyl. v Belly
Atletico v Broken Hearts	Gray Monks v Ovalytes
Barb v Old Itonians	Pineapple v London Scot.
Nomads v Telstars	Rosslyn Park v Waterloo Sun.
Week 04 - 2007-10-16	
Atletico v Barb	London Scot. v Belly
Broken Hearts v Nomads	Ovalytes v Accrington Cyl.
Old Itonians v Aldersgate	Rosslyn Park v Gray Monks
Telstars v Allsorts	Waterloo Sun. v Pineapple
Week 05 - 2007-10-23	
Aldersgate v Telstars	Accrington Cyl. v Rosslyn Park
Allsorts v Broken Hearts	Belly v Pineapple
Nomads v Barb	Gray Monks v Waterloo Sun.
Old Itonians v Atletico	London Scot. v Ovalytes
Week 06 - 2007-10-30	
Atletico v Aldersgate	Accrington Cyl. v Gray Monks
Barb v Allsorts	Pineapple v Ovalytes
Telstars v Broken Hearts	Rosslyn Park v London Scot.
Nomads v Old Itonians	Waterloo Sun. v Belly
Week 07 - 2007-11-06	
Atletico v Nomads	London Scot. v Gray Monks
Broken Hearts v Aldersgate	Ovalytes v Belly
Old Itonians v Allsorts	Rosslyn Park v Pineapple
Telstars v Barb	Waterloo Sun. v Accrington Cyl.

President's Message

Let me enlarge upon my remarks in this year's Handbook. I am making a plea to all teams this season to start their matches ON TIME. In the early days of Team Quizzing in the north, it was very important that all sides started their matches at the same time. In Warrington, for instance, which had no less than 5 divisions there could be 5 matches all taking place in the pubs along Bridge Street! Hence a player in one division could easily sneak in to a neighbouring venue where, unrecognised, they might listen to the first half of a match and then nip off to their own game rather better prepared than the others! [Don't laugh - it DID happen!]

With our superior southern standards of course no such thing would be dreamt of - even though we have had clusters of venues over the years. But whereas QLL people are honourable, some have fallen away in consideration for others. A late start to a match means a late finish to the evening. Many players are faced with a journey home on public transport which can take up to an hour. We all know that tube stations and bus stops are not the safest of places late at night - particularly for a woman on her own, so I do urge consideration on you all. The Rules enjoin us to begin at 8.30 so by 8.20 the home Team Secretary should have the room ready and the Question Set in the hands of the QM. It follows of course, that a delayed visitor should waste no time in contacting the venue to inform of late arrival. That 15 minutes grace in start time should be the exception and not the norm which, sadly, all too often in recent seasons it has become. Our Chairman pleaded for courtesy and consideration last year, I echo that - this is the simplest way of showing both.

Donald Yule

Brain of Britain 2007

Brain of Britain has just started on Radio 4 at 13:30 on Mondays and repeats at 23:00 on Saturdays. Robert Robinson has now been replaced by Peter Snow. The broadcasts can also be heard from the 'Listen again' feature on the BBC web site: www.bbc.co.uk/radio4

The Behemoth Quiz

Broken Hearts player Olav Bjortomt recently compiled The Behemoth Quiz, the third large quiz he has run in recent months, following his Monster and Colossus quizzes. Six QLL players featured in the top ten positions.

- 1 Kevin Ashman (Allsorts) 351.5
- 2 Mark Bytheway (occasionally Allsorts) 325
- 3 Pat Gibson (Ormskirk League) 312.5
- 4 Sean Carey (Broken Hearts) 293
- 5 Ian Bayley (Broken Hearts) 291
- 6 Mark Grant (Broken Hearts) 267.5
- 7 Erik Derycke (Belgium) 264.5
- 8 Dorjana Sirola (Croatia) 256.5
- 9= William De'Ath (Atletico) 255
- 9= Barry Simmons (Yorkshire Leagues) 255

Watch out for Olav's next quiz by checking out: thequizblogger.blogspot.com

QU12

Six rounds of the 12 round national QU12 series have been completed. The London leg took place on 2nd September and saw Peter Ediss (Uncosy, now Gray Monks) defeat other QLLers present and past, namely Mike Abbott (Priory Nomads, now Gray Monks) and Trevor Montague (who used to play for Rue St George, now Waterloo Sunset).

QU12

Recordings of the matches can be viewed on www.YouTube.com by searching for QU12. The first six finalists are: Pat Gibson, Darren Martin (Lancs), Rob Hannah (Torquay), Diane Hallagan (Yorkshire), Peter Ediss and Mark Labbett (Wales). The next nearby opportunity to take part will be in Rochester, Kent on Sunday 4th November. The grand final will be held in Turville, Bucks on Sunday 9th December. For more information, visit: www.QU12.com

Quiz

- 1) Sitting atop the Shaftesbury Memorial, what figure from Greek myth is inaccurately known as Eros?
- 2) What diarist who lived from 1620 to 1706 recorded the events of the Great Fire of London?
- 3) Who broke the 5000 metres athletics world record by 5 seconds at the White City stadium in 1954?
- 4) What play began as a short radio play broadcast on May 30, 1947 called Three Blind Mice?
- 5) What festival took place in London on 15 and 16th September 2007, billed as "London's biggest end-of-summer party"?
- 6) What character did Reginald Marsh play in The Good Life?

Answers in the "A Quiz" section on www.QLL.org.uk

Quiz in the news

Richard and Judy phone quiz thievery

A fine of £150,000 is to be levied on the phone company involved in the Richard & Judy phone quiz fraud. You Say We Pay began shortly after Richard & Judy went on air at 5pm and ended at 5.38pm, with the competition being won at 5.42pm. On most days a shortlist of 24 possible winners was drawn up as early as 5.11pm, and sent by Eckoh to Cactus Television.



Millionaire moves to audition model

In an attempt to refresh the show ahead of its tenth anniversary, Who Wants to be a Millionaire? is to begin holding auditions for prospective contestants. The premium-rate application line will remain, but will be joined by a free web entry route.



Merv Griffin

Merv Griffin, the deviser of game shows Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy!, has died at the age of 82. The US entertainer, best known for his eponymous talk show which ran from 1965 to 1986, had been diagnosed with prostate cancer for a second time earlier this year.



12 question money tree on WWTBAM

The prize money will now start at £500, not £100, and it will only take 12 correct answers to win the top prize. It will only take two questions to reach the first safe haven at £1,000. The second rises in value from £32,000 to £50,000, and is achieved after seven correct answers.

50/50

Who Wants to be a Millionaire? bosses have created a spin-off show based on the 50/50 lifeline.

Contestant Calls

Many opportunities exist for QLLers to appear on television and radio quiz and game shows. Here are some e-mail and web addresses to obtain application forms.

Duel: www.gallowgatetv.com/contestants

1 vs 100: 1v100-3@endemoluk.com

Mastermind: www.bbc.co.uk/mastermind

Weakest Link: weakestlink@bbc.co.uk

Visit www.ukgameshows.com for more calls and info.

Submissions

If anybody has any submissions / ideas / quizzes for inclusion in future issues of Team Times, please get in touch. By way of a declaration of interests, I should point out that I am involved with the running/editing of UKGameshows.com (used as a source for news), and I also assist with the QU12 matches.

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