

The Quiz League of London

Team Times

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Charity Quiz Night 2009

Welcome to this year's event, postponed from February due to the snow. Held in aid of the Royal London Society for the Blind (www.rlsb.org.uk), we thank to the Counting House, quiz setter and organising sub-committee. Winners last year were guest side Some Hopes. February's Team Times was still produced, and is available at the event and online.



2008-2009 Season review

Congratulations to Nomads who won their first League Championship ahead of previous champions, Broken Hearts. Pericardium convincingly won Division 2 in their first season.



QLL President Donald Yule and the 2009 League Champions.
Nomads: Andrew Frazer, Roger Bennett, Richard Jones, David Lea.
Nomads not pictured: Jonathan Creer, Ray Eaton, Paul Steeples.

Pos	Division 1	P	W	D	L	Avg	B	Pts
1	Nomads (C)	16	14	1	1	52.94	11	69
2	Broken Hearts	16	12	1	3	51.19	15	65
3	Allsorts	16	10	1	5	51.38	11	53
4	Atletico	16	9	0	7	48.31	12	48
5	Old Itonians	16	9	1	6	45.56	4	42
6	Waterloo Sunset	16	6	0	10	43.50	6	30
7	Pineapple	16	4	0	12	41.44	8	24
8	Barb (R)	16	3	0	13	40.63	5	17
9	Gray Monks (R)	16	3	0	13	39.63	4	16

Pos	Division 2	P	W	D	L	Avg	B	Pts
1	Pericardium (C)	16	15	0	1	53.00	7	67
2	Belly (P)	16	12	0	4	43.56	6	54
3	Telstars	16	8	1	7	40.88	5	39
4	Rossllyn Park	16	8	0	8	39.25	5	37
5	Ovalytes	16	8	1	7	38.81	2	36
6	Mealy Bugs	16	8	2	6	36.50	0	36
7	Accrington Cylindricals	16	7	0	9	39.19	5	33
8	London Scottish	16	2	0	14	30.44	4	12
9	Wharfside	16	2	0	14	24.81	2	10

President's Cup 2008-2009

London completed a perfect season to win the President's Cup.



Brian Wright, Phil Smith, Robert Willer, Donald Yule (President), David Lea.

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	2s	Pts
1	London	10	10	0	0	127	20
2	Sussex	10	6	0	4	120	12
3	Mastermind Club	10	5	0	5	111	10
4	Cambridge	10	5	0	5	92	10
5	Oxford	10	3	0	7	84	6
6	Beds & Herts	10	1	0	9	72	2

Finals Night

Finals night was held on 21 April at the Counting House and saw the showpiece finals and the awarding of trophies.

Brain of London 2009

Defending champion Robert Willer (Atletico) won a close final to retain his title with 13 points, ahead of a Broken Hearts trio.



Jesse Honey (12 points), Robert Willer (13), Mark Grant (3), Ian Bayley (11).

All London Cup and Plate 2009

The final saw Division 1 runners-up Broken Hearts defeat Division 2 champions Pericardium 59 to 50 from a start scoreline of 2 to 8. The quiz was prepared by Allsorts, the cup winners in the 2007-2008 season.



Cup winners: Jesse Honey, Olav Bjortomt, Ian Bayley, Sean Carey, Mark Grant.



Pericardium (Division 2 champions and Cup runners-up): David Stainer, Jenny Ryan, Kathryn Johnson, Gareth Kingston, Beth Maclure, Simon Webster, Nic Paul.

In the Plate final, Accrington Cylindricals starting with a 12 point lead over Atletico and held 8 of them until a 10-1 score on round 4 saw Atletico reach half way with a 1 point advantage, eventually winning with 57 to the Accies' 46.

Suporters' Plate, Ashman Trophy

Accrington Cylindricals, who as JHC are one of the founding teams of the league, were awarded the Supporters' Plate by the chairman Andrew Frazer on behalf of the committee. Ron Kirkham (pictured) collected the award.



A new award for 2009, the Ashman Trophy was presented by Marketing and Development Secretary Richard de Costobadie to the player with the highest 2 point average over the regular league season who has played in at least half of their team's matches. With 6.25 out of 8, the first winner is Kevin Ashman himself.

Pos	Player (Team)	2sA
1	Kevin Ashman (Allsorts)	6.25
2	Gavin Fuller (Allsorts)	6.00
3	Paul Steeples (Nomads)	5.58
4	Olav Bjortomt (Broken Hearts)	5.46
5	Jesse Honey (Broken Hearts)	5.38
6	David Stainer (Pericardium)	5.30
7	David Lea (Nomads)	5.25
8	Nic Paul (Pericardium)	5.20
9	Brian Wright (Atletico)	5.14
10	Martin Smith (Pineapple)	5.12



Summer Quiz League

SIGN UP! The Summer Quiz League needs both existing QLL teams and new players to sign up. Smaller or split teams with less than four players are welcome (as they can help blood new players or enable roaming players to get a game), as are individuals looking for a team or to just play in a few matches.



There will be a section on the QLL website for team members to coordinate their sides in advance of matches.

Teams will get two games per match night against the other two sides at the venue. Matches will begin at 8 p.m., ending around normal QLL finishing time.

We have plenty of fresh quizzes, designed to be welcoming to new players and fun for more experienced quizzers. Anyone who wants to can set a quiz for the competition and read it.

Fill out a paper form or go to: www.QLL.org.uk/w/QLL:Summer

National Team Quiz Festival

The tournament featuring an individual quiz, picture quiz, challenge match and friendly quizzes takes place from 10:30 on Saturday 13 June 2009 at the Counting House, Cornhill. More information will be on the website in the near future.

Annual General Meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday 30 June 2009. Venue to be announced.

Summer QuizFest

Scheduled for Sunday 12 July 2009. Venue to be announced.

Brain of London Preliminaries

Although the final has already taken place, it's worth mentioning and congratulating Hugh Brady and Michael Dawson of Mealy Bugs. Both progressed to the last 8 at their first attempts in the competition, the stage where both Kevin Ashman and Olav Bjortomt also went out.



2009-2010 Season preparation

Several new teams are already due to make their league debut in the autumn. A Joining In form is also on the website. A quiz setting tender document is also available.

Merseyside Quiz Leagues

Merseyside Quiz Leagues celebrate 50 years since they were founded in 1959 (first league: Bootle). The Quiz League of London (then the South London Quiz League) was founded in 1990 by former Warrington Quiz League player Donald Yule. We thank MQL for their support and assistance over the years.



Are You an Egghead? 2

A second series of Are You An Egghead? (pictured: 2008 winner Barry Simmons and runner-up Shaun Wallace) begins recording in May 2009. The applications deadline is 1 May 2009. email: areyouanegghead@12yard.com



Rob's Quiz 6

Rob Hannah's new 200 question quiz is available. The deadline is 7 June 2009. Email pantscat69er@hotmail.com for a copy.

Quiz times

Countdown, Weekdays, 15:25, Channel 4

Weakest Link, Weekdays, 17:15, BBC1

Eggheads, Weekdays, normally 18:00, BBC2

Mastermind, Friday, 19:30, BBC2

A Question of Sport, Friday, 19:30, BBC1

Mastermind

The delayed series of Mastermind is finally past the heats. Olav Bjortomt (Broken Hearts) achieved the joint best General Knowledge score (14 and 0 passes), but did not win his heat. Howard Pizzezy (Telstars) equalled the top points total in his heat (with 25) but found himself 3rd on passes. Shirrang Raddi



(Wharfside) won his heat, but went out in the first semi-final, and Paul Sinha (Allsorts) finished 3rd in a strong contest. Ian Bayley (Broken Hearts), Hugh Brady (Mealy Bugs) and Gareth Kingston (Pericardium) all won their heats comfortably.



Gareth Kingston found himself part of a Mail on Sunday non-story designed to bash the BBC when he was contacted by one of the question setters seeking an out-of-print book about Northampton Town FC, his semi-final subject.

He immediately contacted the producers to notify them of the contact. The article (also rehashed by the Telegraph and Independent) was presented to suggest he had been asked to set his own questions. The story has since been removed from the Mail on Sunday website, and is subject of a complaint by Gareth about their breaches of the Press Code.

University Challenge

University Challenge winners Corpus Christi College, Oxford were stripped of the title after the BBC decided they had broken the rules by fielding a player (Sam Kay) who was not a student throughout the recording and broadcast schedule. The title was subsequently awarded to the University of Manchester.



Solution: Record all UC episodes in a single academic year e.g. in November and December to allow time for teams to form, audition and prepare; and to avoid recordings in heavier exam time. The present schedule makes things difficult for students on short courses, adds to exam-time stress (often during finals) and makes it more difficult for students to fulfil eligibility requirements. Sam Kay was not the first to break this rule.



Paul Sinha at E4 Udderbelly

Stand-up comedian and qualified GP Paul Sinha (Allsorts in the 2008-2009 Season) will perform his biggest gig ever at the Southbank Centre on Friday 3 July 2009. Tickets cost £15 from: www.underbelly.co.uk

Only Connect series 2 is due to be transmitted later in 2009.

Contestant Calls

Appear on television and radio quiz and game shows:

The Chase: thechase@itv.com (deadline: 7 May 2009)

Mastermind: www.bbc.co.uk/mastermind

Weakest Link: weakestlink@bbc.co.uk

Eggheads: eggheads@12yard.com (teams of 6)

Are You An Egghead? 2: (see left, deadline: 1 May 2009)

Brain of Britain: paul.bajoria@bbc.co.uk

University Challenge: universitychallenge@bbc.co.uk

For more calls and information: UKGameshows.com

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Items, ideas and quizzes for inclusion in future issues are welcome.

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