

# The Quiz League of London

# Team Times

#35, 2009-09

## New Season Social 2009

Welcome to the New Season Social at the One Tun. We hope you have an enjoyable evening.



## 2009-2010 Season Preview

22 teams will contest the new season, the QLL's 20th and we are delighted to welcome four new teams to the league. **The Banana Splits** (venue: The Sheephaven Bay) led by vice chairman Richard de Costobadie (formerly of Pineapple), **The Eclectics** (Hand and Shears) led by QLL President Donald Yule (formerly of Barb), **The Outcasts** (venue to be decided) led by John Saunders and **Sons of the Dessert** (Old Star) led by Chris O'Shea. The website will be updated with full venue details once they are known.

The expansion of the league has meant three teams (Pericardium, Belly and Telstars) have been promoted to Division 1 with only Gray Monks relegated (Barb staying up). As you will see from the handbook, Belly are now known as the Five Bells and Accrington Cylindricals are now known as the Accies.

## Fixtures League Week 01 - 2009-09-29

### Division 1

Atletico v Barb · Broken Hearts v Telstars  
Old Itonians v Five Bells · Pericardium v Nomads  
Waterloo Sunset v Pineapple · Free week: Allsorts

### Division 2

Accies v Outcasts · Gray Monks v Banana Splits  
London Scottish v Ovalytes · Mealy Bugs v Eclectics  
Rosslyn Park v Sons of the Dessert · Free week: Wharfside

## Fixtures League Week 02 - 2009-10-06

### Division 1

Broken Hearts v Barb · Five Bells v Nomads  
Old Itonians v Telstars · Pericardium v Pineapple  
Waterloo Sunset v Allsorts · Free week: Atletico

### Division 2

Gray Monks v London Scottish · Mealy Bugs v Rosslyn Park  
Outcasts v Banana Splits · Sons of the Dessert v Accies  
Wharfside v Eclectics · Free week: Ovalytes

## Summer Quiz League 2009

As the inaugural season is now concluded with the following result. Congratulations to South London:

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	B	Pts
1 South London	20	13	0	7	808	722	6	58
2 North London	20	12	1	7	806	749	6	56
3 West London	20	12	0	8	793	731	8	56
4 Central London	20	10	1	9	774	777	6	48
5 Outer London	20	9	1	10	773	772	3	41
6 East London	20	2	1	17	603	806	0	10

## Thanks

I would like to thank all the people who have helped out with the running the league and setting the quizzes. To the people who have set matches, particular thanks go to Mark Rae who set six, Peter Ediss, Jon Gilbert, Mark Grant, Rob Hannah and Collin Kidd for setting two each, and Richard de Costobadie, Andrew Frazer, Fred Filby, Sunil Rao and Sam Roberts who all set a match. Copious thanks also go to Rob Hannah for his checking of many of the quizzes prior to them being used for matches. Thanks also to the team secretaries: Mark Cooper (East), Mark Grant (West), Colin Kidd (North), David Lea (South) and Stewart McCartney (Central) and to everyone who took part. We hope you found it fun! Feedback is always welcome.



## Annual General Meeting 2009

As a result of the AGM, the text of the constitution and rules has been significantly updated, though not in a manner that is expected to affect how the league runs. Retained are the 4 points for a win, 2 for a draw and 1 bonus point for a full house in a round and for a narrow defeat. An important change to the tie-breaking criteria was made to put league points without bonus points ahead of points scored. Extract:

4.4 If two teams are level on league points, league positions will be determined as follows:

**i) highest number of results points; if equal:**

ii) highest number of match points scored during the season; if equal:

iii) cumulative match points difference over the season; if equal:

iv) results points in matches between the teams concerned; if equal:

v) match points scored in matches between the teams concerned; if equal:

vi) number of questions answered for 2 points during the season; if equal:

vii) toss of coin.

## National Team Quiz Festival 2009

Congratulations to the North who beat London 48-38 to win the Don Bissett Memorial Cup at the Counting House. A field of 43 took part in the Rally Quiz on 13 June. The top 15 after the three stages looked like this:

Name	Total	S1	S2	S3	Points	Time
1 Pat Gibson	<b>99</b>	36	31	32	71	28
2 Gavin Fuller	<b>95</b>	35	30	30	65	30
3 Robert Willer	<b>92</b>	36	29	27	68	24
4 Barry Simmons	<b>91</b>	30	33	28	61	30
5 Kevin Ashman	<b>88</b>	32	32	24	65	23
6 Dag Griffiths	<b>87</b>	31	27	29	57	30
7 Jim Eccleson	<b>86</b>	33	27	26	61	25
8 Ian Bayley	<b>84</b>	35	31	18	61	23
9 Olav Bjortomt	<b>83</b>	33	27	23	58	25
10 Andrew Frazer	<b>83</b>	30	29	24	57	26
11 Kathryn Johnson	<b>82</b>	27	31	24	56	26
12 David Lea	<b>81</b>	26	29	26	59	22
13 Paul Steeples	<b>78</b>	25	28	25	59	19
14 Mick Lancaster	<b>77</b>	26	26	25	59	18
15 Ken Emond	<b>77</b>	32	24	21	51	26

## Charity Quiz Night 2010

Talking Newspapers UK are the chosen charity for the 2010 event which next year will be held after the completion of the league fixtures on 16 March 2010.



## Rob's Quiz 7

Rob Hannah's new 200 question quiz is available. The closing date is 23:59 on Sunday 18 October 2009. Email [pantscat69er@hotmail.com](mailto:pantscat69er@hotmail.com) for a copy.

## CIU National Quiz 2009

Craig Element, Gareth Kingston (Pericardium and Beds & Herts), Dave Masters and Nic Paul (Pericardium and Sussex) scored a famous victory in the Clubs and Institutes Union National Quiz final of 2009. Congratulations to them.

## University Challenge

You may remember in the April's edition of Team Times the editor's comment regarding the University Challenge eligibility and disqualification furore: "Solution: Record all UC episodes in a single academic year". An Observer article of 21 June contained the following: "The BBC said filming will in future take place over a single academic year. That change was not made in time for this series, but will come into force next year." Result!



## Is Google Killing General Knowledge?

From Intelligent Life Magazine, Summer 2009 an article that asks: General knowledge, from capital cities to key dates, has long been a marker of an educated mind. But what happens when facts can be Googled?

Brian Cathcart spoke with former University Challenge host Bamber Gascoigne, 1997 Mastermind Champion Anne Ashurst, and Mastermind, Brain of Britain, Brain of Brains, Top Brain, Jorkins, Egghead and QLL regular for Allsorts - Kevin Ashman.



My own comments that somehow made it into the article were that "... education and books are important, but if you read online, you're going to pick up general knowledge there too, and it is so easy. The supply of information has absolutely exploded—it's like having hundreds of thousands of books on your shelf."

[www.moreintelligentlife.com/content/brian-cathcart/no-passes](http://www.moreintelligentlife.com/content/brian-cathcart/no-passes)

## Google fast flip

Google has released a tool that mimics the experience of flicking through a newspaper or magazine, allowing fast visual search of stories. At launch, there were 39 mainly US-based news partners. The New York Times, BBC, Newsweek and Slate are included. It is also available on iPhone and Android mobile devices. [fastflip.googlelabs.com](http://fastflip.googlelabs.com)



## Money For Old Rope

Reports in September stated that in an after dinner speech, John Humphrys came close to admitting that he was overpaid for what he regarded as the simple task in firing questions at Mastermind contestants. He recalled being offered the chance to take over from Magnus Magnusson on the BBC1 programme six years ago. "Money for old rope, I thought. I was right as well,"

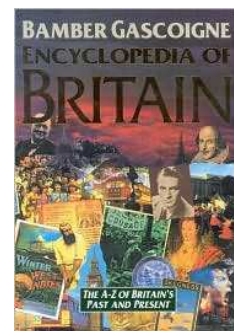


## Masoquizm 3

A look at a the comments on **BUZZERQUIZ** the blog of Olav Bjortomt (Broken Hearts) reveals that another Masoquizm tournament is due to take place on 21 November 2009. Website: [thequizblogger.blogspot.com](http://thequizblogger.blogspot.com)

## Sell or buy books

Should you wish to sell or buy books, please contact the editor. Available right now are copies of Bamber Gascoigne's Encyclopedia of Britain and Fifteen to One 2001 for 2001. There is a section on the QLL website for this purpose at: [www.QLL.org.uk/w/QLL:Books](http://www.QLL.org.uk/w/QLL:Books)



## Quiz times

**Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?** Saturdays, ITV1.  
**Countdown**, Weekdays, 15:25, Channel 4  
**Weakest Link**, Weekdays, 17:15, BBC1  
**Eggheads**, Weekdays, normally 18:00, BBC2  
**University Challenge**, Monday, 20:00, BBC2  
**Mastermind**, Friday, 19:30, BBC2  
**A Question of Sport**, Friday, 19:30, BBC1  
**Only Connect** series 2 is due to be transmitted later in 2009.

## Contestant Calls

Appear on television and radio quiz and game shows:

**Mastermind:** [www.bbc.co.uk/mastermind](http://www.bbc.co.uk/mastermind)  
**Weakest Link:** [weakestlink@bbc.co.uk](mailto:weakestlink@bbc.co.uk)  
**Eggheads:** [eggheads@12yard.com](mailto:eggheads@12yard.com) (teams of 6)  
**Brain of Britain:** [paul.bajoria@bbc.co.uk](mailto:paul.bajoria@bbc.co.uk)  
**University Challenge:** [universitychallenge@bbc.co.uk](mailto:universitychallenge@bbc.co.uk)

For more calls and information: [UKGameshows.com](http://UKGameshows.com)

## The end bit...

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

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