

## BCCA AGM 2025 – Fred Day Cup Controller's Report

Firstly, congratulations to the victors - Gary Kenworthy in division one and Nick White in division two. The cheques should be in the post soon after the AGM (£35 for Gary and £25 for Nick). Thanks also to those who entered.

### Cross table for Division One

Name	Kenworthy, G	Hansen, H	Hunt, P	Hessling, R	Ferris, H	Cox, S	Simpson, D	Total
Kenworthy, Gary	x	½(w)	1(w)	1(w)	1(b)	1(b)	1(b)	5½
Hansen, Hans-Peter	½(b)	x	½(w)	1(b)	0(b)	1(w)	0(w)	3
Hunt, Peter	0(b)	½(b)	x	1(w)	1(w)	½(b)	(b)	3
Hessling, Raoul	0(b)	0(w)	0(b)	x	1(w)	1(b)	(b)	2
Ferris, Herby	0(w)	1(w)	0(b)	0(b)	x	0(b)	1(w)	2
Cox, Steven	0(w)	0(b)	½(w)	0(w)	1(w)	x	(b)	1½
Simpson, Derek	0(w)	1(b)	(w)	(w)	0(b)	(w)	x	1

### Cross table for Division Two

Name	White, N	Brown, D	Clark, R	Clarke, D	Collins, P	Total
White, Nicholas E	x	1(w)	(w)	1(w)	1(b)	3
Brown, David	0(b)	x	½(b)	(b)	1(w)	1½
Clark, Ray A	(b)	½(w)	x	(b)	1(w)	1½
Clarke, Duncan	0(b)	(w)	(w)	x	1(b)	1
Collins, Patrick	0(w)	0(b)	0(b)	0(w)	x	0

Following the departure of Ray Sayers, participants might have expected a more level playing field but, with two players well over 2100, this is probably the strongest first division since the Bucks Individual competition was inaugurated.

Entry was free for the tournament after a missed year and the previous covid period. No doubt the meeting will recommend an entry fee for the upcoming season.

Entries were initially encouraging but there were some withdrawals which affected the second division in particular.

Also, rather too many pairings were not fulfilled. A contributory factor might have been my relaxed approach to when games were played thus granting players too much latitude. If I run it again, I would enforce playing dates with more rigour and award defaults where appropriate.

The number of entrants in future tournaments is not predictable. If it is too low, we might consider playing double round ties, home and away with colours reversed.

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The future direction of the tournament is uncertain and this style of county individual is becoming less popular. Options used by other counties include...

1. Awarding the championship to the highest placed qualifying player in an open congress (I know from experience that Berkshire, Devon, Derbyshire, Oxfordshire do this).
2. Running a two-day closed tournament over a single weekend.
3. Running a two-day closed tournament but spread over two separate weekends.
4. Holding a congress for club champions.

Option 1 is a fallback option if there are too few entries. I have already discussed this with the Berks and Bucks congress controller and, if required, he would be happy to oblige. The Berkshire Individual is already piggy-backed onto this tournament.

I don't believe there would be sufficient demand for options 2 and 3 and they seem like high-risk strategies. FWIW, I would not be volunteering to run it.

Option 4 probably doesn't work, not least because not all clubs have a club championship.

I am willing to stand for the position again but would be equally happy to pass the baton to someone new.