

## Awarding of Silver and Bronze Prizes for East District Events

We try to encourage entries for our East District events by having Silver and Bronze prizes for less experienced teams. The ranking of a team is based on the ranking of the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest ranked player in a team.

We have experienced difficulties where we have publicised these prizes and then had only one team in the Silver and/or Bronze categories and that team has not done well. On one hand, is it right and fair to award the relevant prize to these teams effectively for turning up? On the other hand is it right to advertise prizes and then not award them?

In order to resolve this issue and manage the expectations of teams, we have implemented the following guidelines:

- Event posters should use a form of words such as  
“Silver and Bronze prizes will be awarded if there are sufficient teams in these categories”
- A category prize should always be awarded to the top team if there are 3 or more teams in the category. E.g. in the Watson recently we had 3 bronze teams and awarded a prize to the best placed of these teams.
- If there are 1 or 2 teams in a category then a prize should be awarded to the higher placed of the teams as follows :
  - Silver - only if the top team is in the top half e.g. 7<sup>th</sup> or better in a field of 15 teams
  - Bronze - only if the top team is in the top two-thirds e.g. 10<sup>th</sup> or better in a field of 15 teams
- The prizes awarded should be at least the amount that the players have paid to enter the tournament (as long as this allows the tournament to run with a sensible profit). Where finances are difficult convenors could consider bottles of wine as prizes rather than cash.