

The following article in the Bristol Evening Post highlighted the League's ambition to create a third division for the 1954-55 season in response to increasing applications. However, the formation of a third division would not become a reality until 10 years later.



MR. B. H. QUELCH (right centre), area manager Simonds Brewery, presents the A Division Championship Shield to **Mr. W. Hurley**, captain of the Three Black Birds, Stapleton Road, during the annual dinner and presentation of trophies and prizes of the Bristol Hop Leaf Skittles League at the Civic Restaurant, College Green. Also in picture is **Mr. T. C. Lloyd** (left) chairman, and **Mr. E. G. (Ern) Harding** (secretary and treasurer).

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Three Divisions For Hop Leaf Skittles League

SPEAKING at the Bristol Hop Leaf Skittles League's annual dinner and presentations, held at the Civic Restaurant, College Green—nearly 400 members were present—Mr. Harry Millman referred to the remarkable growth of the league.

He stated that after starting with only one division, the committee, in response to numerous applications, had decided to run a third division next season.

AVONVALE DOUBLE

The responder, Mr. H. Taylor, referred to the success of Avonvale, the Division II champions and winners of the K.O. Cup in their first season. They won prizes to the value of £65.

Mr. Taylor said he was pleased the Three Blackbirds team (Division I champions) had decided to remain in the league. "They are a very fine team," he said.

Mr. Quelch presented the trophies and awards won last season, the champions and runners-up being: Division I — Three Blackbirds and Ramblers. Division II—Avonvale and Douglas H.M. Knock-out Cup—Avonvale and Elbury Sports.

Hop Leaf

Hop Leaf Skittles
League clubs' records:

A Division — Three Blackbirds 65 points, Ramblers 49, Greyhound 45, St. George C.C. A 42, Beaufort Arms 41, Cumberland N. 40, B and St. Annes C.C. 38, Elbury Spts. 36, Redfield Spts. 36, Clare Spts. 35, Cumberland H 32, Brewery A 32, Avondale 30, Carwardines 28, N.F.S. 28, St. George C.C. B 28, Black Horse 27, B. Pottery 24, St. George Spts. 18.

B Division—Avondale 62 points, Douglas H.M. 46, Pecketts 44, Bell Strag. 42, Avon Tin Printers 39, Narks 38, Chapple Allens 37, Eastville Club 37, Park Spts. 36, Whitchurch Spts. 36, Redland S.C. 36, Newths 32, St. Agnes Spts. 28, Gipsy Patch Spts. 24, Rodney Elec. 24, Brewery B 17, Wanderers 16, Ex-Service Club 16.

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