Winking World: Submission Guidelines

From Issue 101 (January, 2018) onward

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1.1 What to Send In

While the major elements of *Winking World*'s scope are discussed in section 2 below, the best advice is to send to the Editor any and all articles that you think might be of interest to the readership. The exception is that you should not send in material that is not your own without the copyright owner's permission.

1.2 Where to Send It

All submissions for *Winking World* should be sent to the Editor at:

winkingworld@gmail.com

2 Scope

It is the Editor's intention to keep the scope of *Winking World* rather broad. Anything relating to:

- the Sport of Tiddlywinks;

- the people who play the Sport of Tiddlywinks ('winkers');

- things that winkers do (other than playing the Sport of Tiddlywinks); or,

- things that winkers might be interested in (other than the Sport of Tiddlywinks),

is to be considered acceptable topics for inclusion.

Issues of *Winking World* will be divided into four parts, the specific scopes of which are listed below.

2.1 Preliminaries

Generally speaking, this will only contain the Editorial and a call for submissions for the next issue. However, material pertaining to the publication itself (such as errata from previous issues, letters to the editor, &c.) may also be included here.

2.2 National and International Tournaments

This section will contain the usual write-ups of major tournaments. The criteria for inclusion are as follows:

- events must be
  - open to the public; or,
  - a challenge competition such as World titles, the Jubilee or the Golden Squidger; or,
  - a nationwide or international team competition, such as an inter-university match or tournament;

- nationally recognised rules must be used; and

- at least one player must have already been rated before the event began.

2.3 Local News

Reports of local events, including invitational tournaments, will be included here,[1] along with news from local and university clubs, which the Editor would be particularly keen to receive.

2.4 Occasional Articles

In this section, articles of general interest to the winking community will be published, including:

- player profiles;

- guidance on strategy or technique in 'winks;

- descriptions of how slow play is ruining the game;

- articles on other activities enjoyed by winkers;

- literary, comical or musical works; and,

- book reviews.

3 File Type

When sending your article to the Editor, if you know how — and can be bothered — to send it in as a `.tex` file, please do. Failing that, the Editor requests that articles be sent in plain text format (if you have a picture that you would like included, put its file name in your text where you would like it and send it separately).

The Editor also requests that, for the love of all that's holy, nobody sends him anything as a `.doc` or `.docx` file.

4 Content and Formatting

For the most part, the advice on formatting is: "don't". Formatting decisions to do with titles, font size &c. will generally be dealt with by the Editor. However, there are a few considerations for the author.

4.1 Length

Starting from *WW101*, the Editor shall be working to a precise page count (44 pages). Therefore a balance must be struck between brevity (which is sorely needed) and literary merit. In other words, your articles should be as short as possible, but don't make them so sparse that they are not enjoyable to read.

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[1]Eagle-eyed readers of *WW100* will have noticed that the Somerset Invitational 2017 was included under 'National and International Tournaments'; this was an editorial error.

In general, your article should be normally be 4 or 5 pages long (on A5 paper), but feel free to make it shorter. Naturally, the Editor reserves the right to publish longer articles.

4.2 Spelling Guidance

Please spell all words correctly.[2]

4.3 Top Matter

Immediately after the title of your article,

- if your article is a write-up of an event, please name the location(s) and the date(s) (in that order) first;

- then provide your own name.

If you are providing your article as a `.tex` file, the location and date should be bold, and your name should be italic.

4.4 Tables

If you are sending an article in plain text, table columns should be separated by ampersands (&). It is preferable that tables are **not** tab-separated, but it is tolerable if they are.

4.5 Rational Numbers

Rational numbers in scores, PPGs &c. should be expressed as fractions, not decimals. If you are sending a `.tex` file, please use the `xfrac` package, and for the fraction use `\sfrac{x}{y}`. If using plain text, please simply write the fraction as `x/y`.

4.6 The Ampersand

Please avoid the use of the ampersand to mean 'and'. However, please **do** use '&c.' to mean 'et cetera'. Standard abbreviations such as 'B&B' or 'G&S' are also completely acceptable.

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[2]Before I receive a document containing the word 'correctly' a thousand times, this **does not** say "Please spell all words 'correctly'."