

# The Wirral Horn

NEWSLETTER OF THE WIRRAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

Editor :- Stan Wilkinson

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## HEADQUARTERS

Visitors to H/Q this season will notice that the dividing wall which had of late become quite dangerous has been removed, the upper portion now being made a more solid fixture. At present for a trial period a plastic type of material has been hung to act as a curtain giving the advantage of quick removal and open aspect, allowing more table space for coaching, league meets & events on open evenings.

s Our thanks to Roy Tierney for not only supplying the  
991 material, but with the aid of our Chairman working very hard on their own all day one Sunday to complete an excellent job.

Thanks also to Joe for providing the material to divide the room so quickly.

Future improvements planned for H/Q :-

Installation of false ceiling, and screening wall to shower.

Premises to be decorated.

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FARNWORTH V WIRRAL JUNIORS 'A'

12th. Sept 1991

Chris Butters narrowly failed to record a victory against Mark Stevens in his very first game for Wirral but lost 20 & 18, Clare Newns then beat Dean Seddon and after Peter Walsh destroyed Mark Craven we were 2 - 1 up. Chris then beat Dean but Peter lost to Mark Stevens.

Peter & Clare then won the doubles and Clare stayed on to beat Mark Craven, Peter beat Dean 5 & 6. Chris beat Mark Craven in the first set that went all the way. Mark Stevens completed a personal Hat Trick by beating Clare in the third.

The final score being an impressive 7 - 3 win in our favour.

PRESTO V WIRRAL JUNIORS

13th. Sept. 1991

Gary Allen came from a game down to beat Rod Manwaring, Mark Newns went on to beat Andy Bottoms, but Preston got off the mark when John Pilkington beat Clare Newns. Gary then beat Andy after losing the first, Clare lost 15 & 14 to Rod, Gary & Mark maintained our upper hand with a narrow win in the doubles.

Mark gave us a 5 - 2 lead by beating John but Clare was narrowly defeated by Andy. Gary then produced a breathtaking performance to beat John, this secured a victory for us despite Mark losing to Rod.

The final score of 6 - 4 to us was sweet revenge for last seasons defeat by them.

R.A.F.A. CUP Results

Marconi 1. 9 Caldy 4. 1  
Caldy 6. 3 GRPCC 2. 7  
Eng Mart 3. 2 Marconi 2. 8  
Civic 4. 6 NALGO 1. 4  
ESWA W/O NCLTC  
Caldy 2. 8 Eng Mart 2. 2

LONSDALE CUP Round one W/C 28th Oct 1991

NCLTC	v	Caldy 3	Civic	v	Civic 2
Alderley	v	Civic 3	Eng Mart 3	v	GRPCC
Eng Mart 2	v	NALGO	WRUFC	v	Marconi
W.Spartans	v	Pinewood	NBCC	v	Caldy 5
Marconi 2	v	NALGO 2	Neston 2	v	Caldy 4
Eng Mart	v	NBCC 3	NBCC 2	v	NBCC 4
Neston	v	GRPCC 2			
Caldy	v	Pinewood 2			
Caldy 2	v	ESWA			
Civic 4	v	Alderley 2			

Home team to notify away team of match night.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS :-

CALDY 3 Captain now I Owen details as handbook.  
NESTON 1 Captain now K Wells Tel 648 1415  
NESTON 2 replace Caldyc 6 as team No. 7 in Division 4  
Captain Don Beynon details as handbook M/N Wed.

NATIONAL RANKING LISTS PUBLICATION DATES

Start of season lists	31st July 1991
Senior & Veteran	18th Oct 1991
Junior & Cadet	21st Oct 1991
Senior & Veteran	6th. December 1991
Junior & Cadet	17th January 1992
Senior & Veteran	21st February 1992
Junior & Cadets	20th. March 1992
Senior & Veterans	1st. May 1992
Junior & Cadets	1st. June 1992
End/Start of season	20th. August 1992 - The Senior Lists up to and including the Olympic games. The Junior lists up to and including the European Youth Championships.

MEMO from E.T.T.A. National Umpires and Referees Committee:

As a result of decisions taken at the I.T.T.F. BGM, the following changes to the laws of Table Tennis and the regulation for international competitions come into effect from 1st. Sept 1 They will be included in the next edition of the I.T.T.F. Rules Booklet, which should be available in about a month.

LAWS

3.6.1. At the start of service the ball, but not necessarily the whole of the free hand, must be behind the server's end line

3.6.6.1. On the first occasion in a match on which he is doubtful of the legality of a player's service, the umpire may warn a player without awarding a point.

3.11. Foot - stamping in service will not automatically incur the loss of a point.

3.16.1. The expedite system will not come into operation automatically after 15 minutes play if both players or pairs have scored at least 19 points.

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### HEPPLE CUP round 1 w/c 18th. Nov 1991.

Marconi	v	Civic A	Caldy 6	v	Caldy Civic B
NCLTC	v	Caldy B	Neston B	v	NALGO
Neston A	v	Alderley	Bye	v	Pinewood
WRUTC	v	Caldy D	Caldy A	v	Eng Mart.

This is a three-a-side match no doubles.

Home side named first, to contact away side to arrange match.

### R.A.F.A. CUP Round 2 w/c 16th Dec 91 or sooner.

Civic 4	v	Caldy 5	GRPCC 3	v	NBCC 4
NALGO 2	v	ESWA	Pinewood	v	GRPCC 2
Eng Mart	v	Marconi	Neston	v	Civic 3
Marconi 2	v	Pinewood 2	Caldy 2	v	Caldy 3

Home team named first to contact away team to arrange match night.

### LONSDALE CUP round 2 w/c 16th. Dec or sooner.

Marconi	v	NBCC 3	Alderley 2	v	NBCC 2
Neston or GRPCC 2	v	Caldy	NALGO	v	Civic
Alderley	v	Caldy 3	Caldy 2	v	GRPCC
Marconi 2	v	NBCC	Pinewood	v	Caldy 4

Home team named first to contact away team to arrange match night,

<u>DIVISION ONE</u>	P	W	D	L	PTS
NBCC	3	3	0	0	26
CIVIC	2	2	0	0	20
GRPCC	2	2	0	0	16
ALDERLEY	3	1	1	1	16
NBCC 3	3	2	0	1	13
CALDY	3	1	0	2	13
CIVIC 2	4	1	1	2	12
ALDERLEY 2	3	0	0	3	9
NBCC 2	1	0	0	1	4
W HORNETS	2	0	0	2	1

DIVISION TWO

MARCONI	3	2	1	0	21
CALDY 3	2	2	0	0	15
CIVIC 3	2	2	0	0	15
NALGO	2	2	0	0	14
PINEWOOD 2	3	1	0	2	10
PINEWOOD	2	0	0	2	7
CALDY 2	1	0	1	0	5
NBCC 4	2	0	0	2	5
GRPCC 2	2	0	0	2	5
UPTON CC	1	0	0	1	3

Lancashire & Cheshire matches :-

Mens first team	Nov. 13th.	Blackburn	v	Wirral
	Dec. 6th.	Wirral	v	Warrington
Mens 2nd. team	Nov 19th.	Blackpool A	v	Wirral A
	Dec. 13th.	Wirral A	v	Lancs/ More.
Ladies	Dec. 6th.	Wirral	v	Preston
Junior First team	Nov 15th.	Wirral	v	Halton
	Dec. 6th.	St Helens	v	Wirral
Junior 2nd team	Dec. 6th.	St Helens A	v	Wirral A
Vets 1st team	Nov 11th.	Salford & Farnworth	v	Wirral
	Dec. 13th.	Rochdale	v	Wirral
Vets 2nd team	Dec. 6th.	Wigan	v	Wirral A

<u>DIVISION THREE</u>	P	W	D	L	PTS
Marconi 2	3	2	1	0	22
E MART	3	2	0	1	18
ENG MART 2	3	1	0	2	15
NESTON	2	1	1	0	13
CALDY 4	3	1	0	2	12
NCLTC	3	1	0	2	12
WRUFC	3	1	0	2	11
ESWA	2	1	0	1	9
GRPCG 3	2	1	0	1	8

DIVISION FOUR

CALDY 5	3	3	0	0	25
CIVIC 4	2	2	0	0	17
W SPARTANS	2	2	0	0	16
NALGO 2	3	0	1	2	10
ENG MART 3	2	0	1	1	8
GRPCG 4	1	1	0	0	6
GRPCG 5	2	0	0	2	5
NESTON 2	1	0	0	1	3
GRPCG 6	2	0	0	2	0

Please note N.A.L.G.O. 2 in Div. 4 have changed their match night to TUESDAY.

## BRISTOL AIR IS BEST

Once again the long trip to Bristol agreed with Wirral Juniors, Mark Newns now playing in Liverpool as well as Wirral, Winning the Junior Boys one star event, while sister Clare reached finals of three three categories, but had to settle for runners up spot in each event this year. Dean Appleton also played very well tho not able to reach the last eight, but this looks only a matter of time.

Success for Alice Howard nearer home at Market Drayton who achieved her first major win at the Grove Excel One Star event in the Cat A under/12 years, also Terry-Anne Nolan with Rebecca Nolan coming runners-up in the Cat A under/12 yrs doubles winning their first major trophies. Jell Harris reached the Semi-Final of the Cat A under/12yrs Boys. I do not know what pleased the Girls most, playing so well or receiving their trophies from Desmond Douglas.

We all hope the Cadet/Juniors are successful in the Final Regional Trials Sat/Sun 9th./ 10th Nov to join Mark and Clare at the Final England trials in Dec.

\* We will also see the return of Keith Gillison to the tournament circuit very soon, now he is over his injuries, but we are still missing Gary Allen who has decided to give T/T a rest for a while, lets hope he re-discovers his appetite and the rest does him good.

I can see a general improvement at H/Qs but why smokers still have to use the floor as ash trays I don't know, and why is it easier to overload waste bins when they can be emptied in the litter bin just outside the gates instead of encouraging the mice (we are trying to get rid of them)

COMMITTEE meetings are normally held on the second Monday of the month at Gautby Rd 7.45 pm. Therefore next meeting will be held on 9th. Dec 1991.



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May I take this opportunity to wish all our members the Compliments of the Season, I hope that you, like me will continue to enjoy your matches within the League at whatever standard you play.

The League is hoping to take advantage of cash available from a national pools scheme to get some help with improvements at the H/Q in Arrowe Park, the main scheme is the fitting of a false ceiling to retain heating, let's hope our application is successful, we are still hoping to get the lower portion of the room painted in the near future, we do have visitors coming from a wide area to play in our premises so please do try to leave it tidy when you leave, I have mentioned to the Council about a floodlight on the car park at the rear of the premises and this will most probably be done soon.

There is now a key hanging in the kitchen which will open the far gate at which there is a ramp for wheelchair access. This will also be useful for members to bring their very young children to initiate them with T/T from a very early age, this is very important because the average age of those of us playing seems to go up and up.

<u>DIVISION ONE</u>					
	P	W	D	L	PTS
Civic	5	5	0	0	49
GRFCC	5	5	0	0	43
NBCC	4	4	0	0	36
Caldy	7	4	0	0	36
Alderley	7	4	1	3	31
Civic 2	7	3	1	3	28
NBCC 3	6	3	0	3	28
NBCC 2	4	1	0	3	20
Alderley 2	6	0	0	6	15
W Hornets	7	0	0	7	4

<u>DIVISION TWO</u>					
Marconi	6	4	2		42
Civic 3	6	4	1	1	39
Caldy 3	6	3	1	2	34
Caldy 2	6	3	2	1	32
Pinewood	7	1	1	5	28
Pinewood 2	7	2	1	4	27
NALGO	5	2	1	2	25
NBCC 4	5	2	1	2	23
GRFCC 2	6	1	1	4	22
Upton	4	0	3	1	18

Reminder to all clubs of draws published in November issue and particularly that HEPPLER CUP results should be in before Christmas, Contact club secretary if necessary to find team captains.

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DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	PTS
Eng Mart					
Marconi 2	7				
Eng Mart 2	6	5	1	1	45
Neston	6	4	1	1	39
WRUFC	6	3	1	2	34
NCL	6	1	5	0	33
GRPCC 3	6	2	1	3	27
Caldy 4	6	2	1	3	26
ESWA	6	1	2	3	23
	5	2	0	3	23
			0	3	20

DIVISION FOUR

Caldy 5					
W Spartans	7				
Eng Mart 3	5	6	1	0	55
NALGO 2	6	4	1	0	34
Civic 4	7	3	1	2	34
Neston 2	4	2	2	3	33
GRPCC 5	4	2	1	1	26
GRPCC 4	5	2	0	2	23
GRPCC 6	3	1	0	4	21
	7	0	0	2	10
			0	7	4

BILL LOWE SHIELD

Prelim. round w/c 6th. Jan or sooner.

GRPCC 3 v CIVIC 4

ALL GAMES start 0 - 4 to Civic otherwise played to normal cup rules.

GROVE 2 STAR CADET TOURNAMENT

7 Wirral Cadets entered the above tournament, Alice Howard achieved the best result on the sturday finishing runner-up in the Girls under /11 event, with more experiance and a more varied game, Alice will win a lot of tournaments.

C Dunne was beaten in the seni/final of the under/10 and under/11 events, all the others played well but could not get past + the quater/final stages.

On the Sunday Clare Newns reached the final of the Cadet Girls event, but was unable on this occasion to beat Niccola Smith who she had previously beaten 3 times this year.

Clare partnered by Alison Smith won the doubles event.

MANCASHIRE and CHESHIRE matches :-

Mens 1st. team	January 17th.	v Liverpool (A)
Mens 2nd "	January 17th.	v Hyndburn (A)
Ladies	January 17th.	v Oldham (H)
Junior 1st. 2	January 10th.	v Blackpool (H)
Junior 2nd. "	January 10th.	v Burnley (H)
Vets 1st. "	January 17th.	v Liverpool (H)
Vets 2nd. "	January 24th.	v Wigan 'A' (H)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS please note next meeting 13th. Jan 1992  
at Goutby Rd.