



The Wirral Horn

NEWSLETTER OF THE WIRRAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

DECEMBER 1978

This is the season of goodwill, so for a start I wish you all a very happy Christmas, but I also issue a warning about over eating and drinking it is definitely not good for the figure, so beware all you fitness fanatics if you want to keep in the top bracket of your divisional averages.

You will find up-to-date league tables in this issue, I stress that these are made up with cards received by me up to 26th November.

I heard a little criticism the other day, it went like this: "The worst thing about playing in the Wirral League is the unpunctuality of the teams, both visitors and home teams turning up to open up their premises". I think this is fair comment at the moment, let's see if we can improve our manners, because this is what it boils down to.

ANDY SEWARD

It is with regret that I report that Andy is leaving the district in the near future, in fact he had only played one match for his new club Pinewood before taking off to Cheltenham in search of pastures new workwise, he will be moving with his family in the new year.

Andy has had a very strong influence on the fortunes of N.B.C.C. in the past and lately on the league as a whole, his keenness for the sport at club and representative level will be missed and his invaluable help to me as fixture secretary over the last two seasons will be more than missed.

Our loss is Cheltenham's gain, I hear he has already been selected to play for his local league at representative level.

We thank you and wish you well Andy.

CLIFF

It is with mixed feelings I hear that CLIFF SWINDELLS is retiring from coaching.

Happy in the knowledge that Cliff will be able to enjoy a much deserved rest with the satisfaction of having helped and developed the talents of so many local players, I for one will always be grateful.

I have known Cliff for 23 years or more and really cannot put into words all the work he has done for Table Tennis in this area, he is well known in the Lancashire and Cheshire League, and will be missed by not only all of his local players but by people far and wide.

He has coached in most of our schools and youth clubs and it would need only a 'phone call and Cliff would be there. He also coached at Livingstone and then at Byrne Avenue Baths every Saturday night for the last 20/25 years and as far as I know has hardly missed a coaching session.

He has also travelled to many tournaments around the country to keep an eye on his pupils, if ever a man needed to put his feet up and rest it is Cliff (although I don't suppose he will).

I and all his pupils past and present would like to wish him and his wife a happy retirement and once again... THANKS CLIFF.

Roy Tierney

CONGRATULATIONS to Gordon Exell having gained a place in the
CHESHIRE veterans team.

100% records still standing on 26th November, 3 matches to qualify.

<u>1st Div.</u> N.FAGAN (Caldy)	<u>2nd Div.</u> I.TUCKER (Pinewood 3)
J.COOPER (Caldy)	
J.FENNAH (Pinewood)	<u>3rd Div.</u> T.JOHNSON (Busways)
T.BARRACLOUGH (Pinewood)	A.IRWIN (Marine)
G.EXELL (U.V.H.)	<u>4th Div.</u> H.SANDERSON (Ald. 2)
A.TIMEWELL (U.V.H.)	K.DARLINGTON (Civic 3)
C.PAGE (Hoylake)	T.ADAMS (Heswall)
<u>5th Div.</u> R.JONES (Ald. 3)	<u>6th Div.</u> N.PARKINSON (Eng.Mar)
G.PATON (B.Y.M.C.A2)	P.CROSSLAND (M.F.B.)
R.ASHHURST (Upton C.C.)	<u>7th Div.</u> J.PEMBERTON (W.L.T.C.)
D.RENNISON (Upton C.C.)	I.BAWDEN (W.L.T.C.)

Draw for LONSDALE CUP Round 3 to be played W/C Dec. 11th.
First named teams at home.

CALDY 2	v HOYLAK	N.A.L.G.O.	v PINEWOOD
PINEWOOD 3	v NESTON 3	PINEWOOD 2	v U.V.H. 1 or 2
M.FIRE B.	v W.GAS 2	CALDY 3	v U.V.H. 3
ALDERLEY	v NESTON	MOSSLANDS	v CALDY

LEAGUE TABLES (FOR CARDS RECEIVED UP TO 26th NOVEMBER)

DIV.1	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
HOYLAKES YM.	4	3	-	1	28	12	6
PINEWOOD	3	3	-	-	27	3	6
U.V.H.	3	3	-	-	24	6	6
CALDY	3	3	-	-	23	7	6
U.V.H. 2	4	2	-	2	22	18	4
LEVER	3	2	-	1	19	11	4
ALDERLEY	3	2	-	1	18	12	4
NESTON	4	1	-	3	13	27	2
PINEWOOD 2	3	-	-	3	7	23	-
ST. PETERS	4	-	-	-	5	35	-
NALGO	4	-	-	-	4	36	-

DIV.2	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
U.V.H. 3	4	2	2	-	27	13	6
THORNDALE	5	3	-	2	25	25	6
W.GAS	4	2	2	-	24	16	6
PINEWOOD 3	5	3	-	2	24	26	6
W.GAS 2	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
B.POOL	4	2	1	1	18	22	5
CIVIC	4	1	2	1	20	20	4
B.Y.M.C.A.	3	2	-	1	18	12	4
CALDY 2	4	1	-	3	18	22	2
P.SUNLIGHT	2	-	1	1	8	12	1
NESTON 2	3	-	1	2	11	19	1
N.D.L.B.	4	-	-	4	14	26	-

DIV.3	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
MARINE	5	5	-	-	40	10	10
BUSWAYS	4	4	-	-	28	12	8
W.R.U.F.C.	4	3	-	1	30	10	6
CALDY 3	4	2	1	1	24	16	5
THORNDALE 2	5	2	1	2	23	27	5
MOSSLANDS	4	2	1	1	22	18	5
POLICE	5	2	-	3	19	31	4
CIVIC 2	4	1	1	2	17	23	3
NESTON 3	5	1	-	4	17	33	2
N.B.C.C.	3	1	-	2	14	16	2
P.SUNLIGHT 2	5	1	-	4	13	37	2
NALGO 2	4	-	-	4	13	27	-

DIV.4	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
ALDERLEY 2	4	4	-	-	36	4	8
HESWALL	4	4	-	-	35	5	8
W.L.T.C.	4	3	-	1	27	13	6
NALGO 3	4	2	1	1	24	16	5
CALDY 4	5	2	-	3	22	28	4
P.SUNLIGHT 3	4	2	-	2	19	21	4
CIVIC 3	4	2	-	2	17	23	4
BUSWAYS 2	4	1	2	1	16	24	4
W.GAS 3	4	1	1	2	17	23	3
CALDY 5	4	-	1	3	10	30	1
WILLMERS	3	-	1	2	9	21	1
NALGO 4	4	-	-	4	8	32	-

DIV.5	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
UPTON C.C.	4	4	-	-	34	6	8
B.Y.M.C.A. 2	4	4	-	-	32	8	8
W.R.U.F.C. 2	5	3	1	-	34	16	7
ALDERLEY 3	5	3	1	1	32	18	7
ST. SAVIOURS	5	2	1	2	25	25	5
MOSSLANDS 2	4	2	1	1	19	21	5
CIVIC 4	5	1	-	4	18	32	2
NESTON 4	4	1	-	3	14	26	2
WALL. AMB.	3	-	1	2	10	20	1
EGERTON	4	-	1	3	5	35	1
POLICE 2	3	-	-	3	7	23	-

DIV.6	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
ENG. MART.	4	4	-	-	35	5	8
M. FIRE B.	4	3	1	-	32	8	7
U.V.H. 4	3	3	-	-	23	7	6
B.B.B.	4	2	1	1	19	21	5
N.B.C.C. 2	4	2	-	2	21	19	4
WALL. AMB. 2	4	1	2	1	20	20	4
PINEWOOD 4	4	1	1	2	14	26	3
CALDY 6	3	1	1	1	12	18	3
MARINE 2	4	-	1	3	14	26	1
N.D.L.B. 2	3	-	1	2	9	21	1
PINEWOOD 5	5	-	-	5	11	39	-

DIV.7	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
W.L.T.C. 2	4	4	-	-	34	6	8
BIDSTON	4	2	1	1	25	15	5
UPTON C.C. 2	4	2	1	1	25	15	5
ENG. MART. 3	3	2	-	1	15	15	4
MOSSLANDS 3	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
ST. SAVIOURS 2	3	1	1	1	12	18	3
ENG. MART. 2	4	1	-	3	18	22	2
G.R.P.C.	3	1	-	2	12	18	2
W.R.U.F.C. 3	3	1	-	2	9	21	2
NESTON 5	3	-	-	3	5	25	-

LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE LEAGUE

This month's results don't read quite as good as last month's, the first team lost their Norman Cook match in Preston 7 - 2 it was a hard, hard match against premier division opposition - enough said.

A bit disappointing was our 6 - 4 loss against the Oldham league, that spoilt our unbeaten run over 9 league matches, we mustn't forget we are in a higher division, there won't be any easy games.

DRAW FOR BILL LOWE SHIELD 1st ROUND TO BE PLAYED W/C 1st JANUARY 1979

N.B.C.C.	v	MOSSLAND 2	HESWALL 2	v	CIVIC
BUSWAYS 2	v	CALDY 4	ENG. MART.	v	Prelim 8
ST. SAVIOURS	v	Prelim 7	NALGO 2	v	U.V.H. 2
Prelim 9	v	W.GAS 3	NESTON 5	v	ST. PETERS
CALDY 2	v	ST. SAVIOURS 2	Prelim 17	v	Bye
U.V.H. 3	v	CALDY 3	Prelim 20	v	Prelim 4
ALDERLEY 2	v	B.Y.M.C.A. 2	Prelim 19	v	PINEWOOD 5
N.A.L.G.O.	v	POLICE 2	N.D.L.B.	v	Bye
HESWALL	v	NESTON 4	MOSSLAND	v	Prelim 16
Prelim 14	v	Prelim 10	N.B.C.C. 2	v	Prelim 3
Prelim 15	v	NESTON 2	Prelim 6	v	Prelim 2

B.Y.M.C.A.	v Prelim 1	NESTON 3	v NALGO 3
PINEWOOD 3	v ALDERLEY 3	WALL. AMB.	v ALDERLEY
CIVIC 4	v THORND. 2	Prelim 11	v LEVERS
U.V.H.	v WILLMERS	Prelim 12	v Prelim 13
N.D.L.B. 2	v UPTON C.C.	Prelim 5	v Prelim 18

Scoresheets and handicaps will be circulated.

We already have one finalist (Pinewood) for the McNAUGHT BOWL we await the result of THORNDALE v CIVIC for their opponents.

This is of course the Ladies Competition.

The next match for the Wirral Rep. team is away at BURNLEY on December 14th.

W.R.U.F.C. '3' - ST. SAVIOURS '2'

W.R.U.F.C.: - L.Owen, P.Carney, M.Clewitt, D.Shallcross.
ST. SAVIOURS '2': - B.Kenna, M.Cottier, C.Stewart, P.Groom.

St. Saviours went into a good lead at the half way 4 sets to one.

With good wins from Kenna, Stewart and Groom twice Owen replying for Wallasey.

Clewitt won a fine match against Cottier 25 - 23 in the third pulling a game back for Wallasey.

St. Saviours ran out convincing winners, winning both doubles games, Kenna, Stewart winning the remaining single games.

Final Score - St. Saviours 8 W.R.U.F.C. 2

ST. SAVIOURS 1 v CIVIC 4 (DIVISON 5)

ST. SAVIOURS: G.Jones, M.McMahon, P.McMahon, M.Hitchell.

CIVIC 4: E.Harris, M.Burgum, H.Johnstone, I.Nicholson.

Quite a match this in Division 5. At the half way point, Civic were in the lead three games to two.

Johnstone winning two and Harris the other in reply for the saints P. McMahon and Jones.

Hitchell put St. Saviours level with a fine two set win this by playing under a handicap of having a collar on his neck due to a football accident.

Back came Civic Burgum making it 4 - 3.

St. Saviours levelled the score with M. McMahon and Jones winning the doubles 4 - 4.

The ninth game between E. Harris, H. Johnstone v P. McMahon, M. Hitchell was the best game of the night, St. Saviours winning the first game 21 - 18. Civic took the second 9 - 21. The lead changed hands a few times in the last game St. Saviours winning 21 - 18 and making the score 5 - 4 in their favour. G. Jones made the points safe for the Saints winning the final game, 2 games to nil.

Final Score: St. Saviours '1' 6 Civic '4' 4.



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JANUARY 1979

FROM THE SECRETARY

A Happy New Year to all our readers, already we are not only looking forward to a new year, but to a new season, this is the time we should be planning for the next playing season, with this in mind, I am putting into print some ideas which I hope to put before the A.G.M. in the spring, hopefully with your approval, for the season 79/80. Some of these proposals have been put forward before, but I ask you to look carefully at the whole package, for myself I have always had doubts about converting any of the divisions to 3 a-side, but in the light of my experience over the last few years, and the example of other Leagues up and down the country, I think the time has come to make a break and introduce this in the top division. I hope it will improve the quality of play in the top division without upsetting the delicate balance of team make-up and the availability of premises throughout all the clubs in the League. I hope you will all give this serious thought, if anyone has any strong feelings or suggestions on any of these proposals, I will be very glad to hear them and air them in print.

- Proposal 1. (a) To convert the top division to 3 a-side with the appropriate rules to cover these matches (to be called the Premier Division).
- (b) To limit each Club to 2 teams in the Premier Division, 12 teams to comprise it.
- (c) To treat each of these teams as a separate Club (i.e. no transferring of players between teams of one Club).
- (d) To make up this division, all Clubs will be asked if they want to enter teams, preference will be given to those already with first division status.

- (e) The bottom 2 teams at the end of the playing season will be required to re-apply for membership, these will be considered along with the 2 top teams out of the first division proper, who are not obliged to go up to the Premier Division if they don't want to.

2. TROPHIES

- (a) An extra trophy will be provided for either the Premier Division or the first division, to be won by the champions in each category. We have already the Jaques Shield for the present first division.
- (b) A new trophy or cup to be played for by the Premier Division alone, leaving the present Lonsdale Cup to be played for by the First Division down.
- (c) The present RAFA Cup to be played for by the Third Division down.
- (d) The Bill Lowe Shield to be played for as before except that teams can opt out by request. This includes the Premier Division if they can make a team of 4.
- (e) All cup matches (with the exception of the Bill Lowe Shield) shall be played on a 9 game basis, omitting 1 doubles game, to make sure of a result.
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MARINE v BUSWAYS DIV. 3

This match seemingly had everything, both teams had 100% records at the start. Busways won the first set - then Marine levelled it, this pattern went on until 4 all then Marine went to 5 - 4 and this left Arthur Irwin and Tommy Johnston (Busways) to fight it out, up to then both players were unbeaten in the League, after an obviously very exciting set, Arthur won 21 - 16 in the third game, winning the match 6 - 4. We await the replay later in the season with interest!

Draw for LONSDALE CUP Round 4 to be played W/C 29th Jan. 1979

Wirral Gas 2	v Pinewood	Caldy	v U.V.H. 3
Pine 3 or Neston 3	v Hoylake	Alderley or Neston	v U.V.H.

Draw for RAFA CUP Round 4 to be played W/C 15th Jan. 1979

Caldy 2	v Wirral Gas	Pt. Sunlight	v Thorndale
Marine	v B. Y.M.C.A.	B.Pool	v Neston 2

Draw for J. S. BANKS CUP 1st Round proper to be played in January

Caldy or Neston 'A'	v B.Y.M.C.A. 'B'	Mosslands 'A'	v Pinewood
St.Saviours 'A'	v Mosslands 'C'	B.Y.M.C.A. 'A'	v St.Saviours 'B'

All first named teams at 'home'

THE WIRRAL CLOSED TOURNAMENT 1979

Every reader will find an entry form in his copy of the Wirral Horn. As you will see we have again catered for everybody, with divisional singles at all levels. This is the Wirral League's big day, send your entry form off soon and help make this event even better than last year's "best for a long time" tournament.

A Preliminary Announcement - The 1st Wirral Hard Rubber Bat Tournament to be held on Saturday, 21st April, 6 p.m. - 11 p.m. at the Oval Sports Centre, to be played on 15 Jaques Tables. There will be generous prize money for all semi-finalists onwards - entry forms and more details in next month's newsletter, this could be a really good 'Olde Tyme' night out.

<u>DIV. 1</u>	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS.
U.V.H.	7	7	-	-	57	13	14
CALDY	7	6	1	-	51	19	13
PINEWOOD	5	5	-	-	43	7	10
HOYLAKE	6	4	-	2	39	21	8
U.V.H. 2	6	3	1	2	36	24	7
NESTON	8	2	-	6	28	52	4
ALDERLEY	6	2	-	4	27	33	4
LEVER	5	2	-	3	22	28	4
PINEWOOD 2	6	2	-	4	20	40	4
ST. PETERS	7	1	-	6	16	54	2
NALGO	7	-	-	7	11	59	-

<u>DIV. 2</u>							
U.V.H. 3	8	6	2	-	56	24	14
PINEWOOD 3	8	6	-	2	45	35	12
B.Y.M.C.A.	8	5	1	2	48	32	11
W.GAS	8	4	3	1	46	34	11
THORNDALE	8	5	-	3	44	36	10
W.GAS 2	8	4	1	3	47	33	9
CALDY 2	7	3	-	4	35	35	6
NESTON 2	7	2	1	4	28	42	5
B.POOL	8	2	1	5	28	52	5
CIVIC	8	1	2	5	30	50	4
PT. SUNLIGHT	7	1	1	5	25	45	3
N.D.L.B.	7	1	-	6	28	42	2

<u>DIV. 3</u>							
MARINE	7	7	-	-	53	17	14
BUSWAYS	8	5	2	1	51	29	12
MOSSLANDS	8	5	1	2	50	30	11
W.R.U.F.C.	7	5	1	1	49	21	11
THORNDALE 2	8	4	1	3	38	42	9
CALDY 3	7	2	3	2	38	32	7
CIVIC 2	7	2	2	3	31	39	6
NESTON 3	8	1	3	4	32	48	5
POLICE	6	2	1	3	24	36	5
PT. SUNLIGHT 2	7	2	-	5	25	45	4
N.B.C.C.	5	1	-	4	18	32	2
NALGO 2	8	-	-	8	21	59	-

<u>DIV. 4</u>	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS.
ALDERLEY 2	6	6	-	-	56	4	12
HESWALL	8	5	2	1	56	24	12
WALL. L.T.C.	7	6	-	1	54	16	12
PT. SUNLIGHT 3	8	6	-	2	49	31	12
BUSWAYS 2	7	3	3	1	35	35	9
W.GAS 3	7	2	2	3	33	37	6
CALDY 4	8	3	-	5	32	48	6
NALGO 3	6	2	1	3	28	32	5
CIVIC 3	5	2	-	3	19	31	4
CALDY 5	8	1	1	6	25	55	3
NALGO 4	8	1	-	7	15	65	2
WILLMERS	6	-	1	5	18	42	1

<u>DIV. 5</u>	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS.
B.Y.M.C.A.	6	6	-	-	47	13	12
W.R.U.F.C. 2	7	5	1	1	52	18	11
UPTON C.C.	7	5	1	1	49	21	11
ALDERLEY 3	7	4	2	1	43	27	10
MOSSLANDS 2	7	3	1	3	34	36	7
ST. SAV.	7	3	1	3	34	36	7
NESTON 4	5	2	-	3	20	30	4
WALL. AMB.	5	1	1	3	21	29	3
CIVIC 4	7	1	-	6	20	50	2
EGERTON	6	-	1	5	13	47	1
POLICE 2	4	-	-	4	7	33	-

<u>DIV. 6</u>	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS.
M.FIRE B.	8	7	1	-	68	12	15
ENG. MART.	7	6	-	1	53	17	12
U.V.H. 4	7	5	-	2	43	27	10
CALDY 6	6	2	3	1	28	32	7
MARINE 2	7	2	2	3	33	37	6
W.AMB. 2	6	2	2	2	29	31	6
B.B.B.	7	2	2	3	26	44	6
PINEWOOD 4	7	1	3	3	27	43	5
N.B.C.C. 2	7	2	-	5	27	43	4
N.D.L.B. 2	6	-	3	3	23	37	3
PINEWOOD 5	6	-	-	6	13	47	-

DIV. 7	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS.
WALL. L.T.C. 2	6	5	-	1	42	18	10
BIDSTON	7	3	3	1	45	25	9
UPTON C.C. 2	6	4	1	1	44	16	9
MOSSLANDS 3	6	3	2	1	35	25	8
ST. SAV. 2	6	2	3	1	30	30	7
ENG. MART. 3	5	3	1	1	27	23	7
G.R.P.C.	4	2	-	2	21	19	4
ENG. MART. 2	7	1	-	6	24	46	2
W.R.U.F.C. 3	7	1	-	6	16	54	2
NESTON 5	4	-	-	4	6	34	-

PLAYERS AVERAGES 5 MATCHES MINIMUM

DIV. 1	P	W	AV%	DIV. 2	P	W	AV%
T.Barracough	10	10	100	I.Tucker	12	12	100
G.Exell	9	9	100	A.Currie	16	15	94
J.Cooper	10	10	100	J.Harris	12	11	92
A.Timewell	13	13	100	C.Dunning	14	12	85
P.Greenshields	10	8	80	J.Basnett	16	13	81
N.Roberts	10	8	80	R.Bissell	16	12	75
N.Fagan	14	11	78	F.Irwin	16	12	75
G.Atwell	13	10	76	B.Fuller	14	10	71
G.Parkes	12	8	66	F.Hepple	14	10	71
				G.Oldfield	14	10	71
DIV. 3	P	W	AV%	DIV. 4	P	W	AV%
A.Irwin	10	10	100	K.Darlington	10	10	100
T.Johnson	16	15	94	H.Sanderson	10	10	100
R.McAllister	16	14	87	N.Rowlands	14	13	93
G.Healey	12	10	83	A.Edwards	12	11	92
B.Maiden	12	10	83	G.Evans	10	9	90
G.Pierce	16	13	81	M.Bowen	12	10	83
A.Gorman	10	8	80	R.Barker	14	11	78
K.Walton	14	11	78	G.Charles	14	11	78
B.Gordon	14	10	71	D.Fisher	14	11	78
				T.Adams	16	12	75
				N.Berry	12	9	75
				R.Spence	15	11	73

<u>DIV. 5</u>	P	W	AV%
G.Jones	14	13	93
R.Jones	12	11	92
D.Humphries	12	11	92
G.Paton	12	11	92
R.Ashurst	14	12	86
K.Fessey	12	10	83
G.Hannon	12	10	83
J.Heskine	14	11	78
D.Rennison	14	11	78
A.Brammah	12	9	75
K.Cross	12	9	75

<u>DIV. 7</u>	P	W	AV%
I.Bawden	10	10	100
J.Pemberton	10	10	100
Rich Barchha	12	9	75
Robb Barchha	12	9	75
P.Doyle	12	9	75
B.Kenna	10	7	70
P.Morrissey	10	7	70

<u>DIV. 6</u>	P	W	AV%
P.Crossland	12	12	100
D.Harland	12	11	92
G.Kirsopp	12	11	92
D.Caldwell	10	9	90
N.Parkinson	14	12	86
J.Jones	12	10	83
D.Mather	12	10	83
B.Spencer	10	8	80
J.Abraham	14	11	78
F.Roberts	14	10	71
S.Elms	10	7	70
D.Steedman	10	7	70

In a recent letter to me Mr. Tom Blunn, Chairman of the E.T.T.A. one of our League's founder members and Vice Presidents, wishes to be remembered to his friends and colleagues in the Wirral League, with special reference to Cliff Swindells and a motor bike. I sense there is a story in there somewhere, I think Cliff must have had quite a reputation on 2 wheels!!

MOSSLANDS 2 v CIVIC 4. - DIV. 5

Mosslands recorded their best win of the season against a game Civic team who after being 5 - 0 down gave the home team a hard fight, but the outcome was still 10 - 0 in favour of Mosslands.

"Nothing in this world is so powerful as an
IDEA whose time has come" (see page one)

VICTOR HUGO