NEWSLETTER OF THE WIRRAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

Editor :- Stan Wilkinson.

October 1983.

A happy and successful new year to all our readers, rather belatedly as it happens this year, as most of you will already played one or two matches. We welcome one new club to the League, that is Livingstone St. and hope they enjoy their Table Tennis with us, one or two new names of Clubs have turned up but looking closer at their membership we find that they are mostly re-hashes of old ones(clubs I mean).

Most notable of clubs not longer with us is the Lever Club surely one of the cldest in the League, unfortunately not able to carry on, we will miss the 'Upper room' many back to the wall contests have been fought out there, both League matches and also many Representative matches, I wonder how many cups of tea Ernie has provided over the years ? Maybe one day we can go back there again.

Merseyside Police also have not appeared this season Iknow it is always difficult for such - like organisations to field steady teams but we hope to see them again another season.

While on the subject of police matters, we send our thanks and congratulations to the local Bobbies for organising a very successful tournament for local youngsters in the closed season, this can do nothing but good to relationships and help these youngsters find in sport an outlet for their energy. Two of our youngsters from the League Sharron & Tracy Norman won the Under 14 and Under 18 events in the Police tournament.

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" It is with great regret that we have to report that A. Timewell ( League Chairman ) has recently been forced to resign from the most Noble Order of Ancient Englishmen on reaching the maximum age limit "

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Congratulations :- To Paul Birken who has been ranked No 1 Chaire Cadet (under 14) Also Neil Kirsopp ranked No 3 in the same event.

In the North - West regional rankings the positions seem to be reversed - Neil being ranked No. 8 and Paul 13th. in the Cadets. Sharon Norman also appears in No. 5 position in the Cadet girls rankings. The Wirral League obviously has some up and coming talent, keep up the good work.

While we are still back - slapping it is good to hear that ROBIN BARKER and JOHN WATTS have both passed their Coaching Diploma Badge, well done !

HANDBOOK ALTERATION Please note that WIRRAL GAS 1st. the have altered their Match night to MONDAY.

Sorry :- in the Cheshire County at under 17 level, Bernie Wentworth was ranked 4th. and Andy Taylor seventh.

Coming soon - certain rule changes from the ruling bodies of Table Tennis, both Nationally and International, when the Committee has deciphered them and decided to introduce them we shall inform you fully, .

# News from the Representative Teams

Wirral Junicr 1st. Team started off their campaign in the Lancs & Ches League with a fine 8 - 2 win over Macclesfield in spite of fielding a weakened side because of injuries and tournament commitments. Andy Taylor and Neil Montague scored maximum points and Leigh Donnison making his debut performed very creditably winning one and going close in the others

Wirral Mens 'C' Team lost their first match of the season 7 - 3 to "Ssop 'A'. Andt Taylor scored two wins here and Mike Thorne one.

Roger Butler lost all three but went to three in two of his matches. Wirral mens First Team lost 8 - 2 to Stockport. Malc. McEvcy was the only Wirral winner, both Steve Green & Rob Bevan going home empty handed.

Wirral Mens Second Team won their match 7 - 3. Phil Luxon won all three, Billy Wardle won one and Malc McEvoy two.

## Results of Wirral Junior Rankings.

1.	Andy Taylor.	6.	Ian Thomas.
2.	Bernie Wentworth.		Paul Birken,
3.	Gary Daw.		Paul Wright.
4.	Neil Montague.	9.	Leigh Donnison.
5.	Neil Kirscpp.	10.	Neil Garrett.

LONSDALE CUP 2nd. Round matches to be played W/C 24th. October.

Pinewood or W.R.U.F.C.	V	Wall Man. 2.	
Pinewood 4	v	St Peters.	
NCLTC 3	v	B'Head l.R.	
Alderley	v	Alderley 2.	
M Fire Brig.	v	Caldy 5.	
Civic	v	Neston 2.	
W.R.U.F.C. 3	v	Wall Man 4.	
Civic 4	v	Wall. Man.	
Epic	v	NALGO.	
English Mart	v	Civic 2	

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Lonsdale 2nd. round cont!

	NCLTC	v	Wall Ferries.
	NBCC 2	v	Wirral Gas.
soll	Caldy	v	Neston
	Pinewood 2	v	NBCC 3.
	Caldy 2	v	Oxton X Bats.
	NBCC	v	NCLTC 2.

R.A.F.A. Cup 1st. Round to be played W/C 10th. October.

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NALGO 2	v	Upton C.C.	Dyes :-
Eng. Mart	v	Wirral Gas 4.	
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B.B.B.	v	Caldy 4	D.K.S.
Neston 2	v	Mountwood.	Pine. 4.
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Alderley 3	v	St Peters.	
N.B.C.C. 3	v	D.K.S. 2	
Wall Man 4	v	Civic 3	
Marine	v	Oxton X Bats.	
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Seshire County News :- New secretary - Mr Moss firther details ter. Our County Rep has reported that the powers that be are concerned at player availability especially at junior level, I'm sure we could help them cut..... Whilst on this subject if any member of our Leaguethinks he is of a standard to represent the league in any of the teams please let the Gen. Sec. or any committe member know, we cannot be aware of every potential rep. player in the league, our rep teams are not constituted wholly by players who subscribe to cur Chairmans benevolent fund as is generally thought.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS BEAUFORT T. P.C., New Secretary :- P Dean, 36 Holmlands D\_ive, Prenton. Tel. (H) 608 1807. B'HEAD. LAND REGISTRY .:- Sec. change of address to 18 Lynton Drive, bebington, Tel. (H) 334 9869. (H) 327 3903 2nd. Team Captain now :- J BRIGGS ALDERLEY 2 (B) 41 22704 Change of match night from Thurs to Wednesday. D.K.S. 2 Team captains :- 1st team Rich. Jones (H) 653 5810 N.A.L.G.O. 2nd team Nara Murphy (H) 638 6513 TON C.C. 2 Team captain A.G.Irwin (H) 638 2851 WIRRAL REP. TEAMS Alan Timewell is now 3rd. team manager. Phil Luxon is now the 2nd. team manager. Due to the granting of a supper licence on thurs. NESTON 2 nights at Neston C.C., it is almost certain that we must vacate the Table Tennis room at 10-30 pm, If visiting teams could arrive at about 7.00 pm with a view to starting the match at 7.15, this would greatly facilitate matters. Ox.Dic. Facilitate to make easier or simpler - Ed.

Errata :- On the 5th line of this page please read this as He or She this invitation is for all teams.

LANCS & CHESHIRE NEWS ;-

Div. 1 Wirral 2 Bolton 8. 1 win each for Rob BEvan & Trevor Manning, No joy for Steve Green.
Div 3 South. Wirral 'A' 6 Glossop 4 -- 3 wins for Dave Roberts, 2 for Malc McEvoy, Phil Luxon not in the medals.
Div 5 Sale 'A' 6 Wirral 'C' 4 two wins each for Bernie Wentworth & Andy Taylor Tony Bryon - no luck.
Juniors Wirral 10 Widnes & Runcorn 0 Bernie & Andy & Gary Daw played with obvious success. Farnworth 1 Wirral 'A' 9. Neil Mcntague (3) Paul Birken (3) (3) and Neil Kirsopp (2). Wirral 10 Wirral 'A' 0 First team far too good for second team in which Paul Wright made his debut.

Wallasey Manor 2 from Div 3 beat Pinewood first team in the Lonsdale Cup.

In a first Div. match Wirral Gas beat Wallasey Manor 9 - 1. Nothing surprising in that exept that Steve Green of the Gas was beaten by 15 year old Andy Taylor.

3rd. Round :-LONSDALE CUP Eng. Mart v Pine 2. v M.Fire B. Civic NBCC v Caldy St Peters v W.Gas NBCC Wall Man 2 v Alderley 1 cr 2. Caldy 2 v Wall Man 4. B'Head L.R. v Wall. Man. Epic/NALGO v NCLTC. 1st round to be completed by 19th Nov. J & F HEPPLE CUP Vets. Wall RUFC 'B' v Oxton X Bats v Neston C.C 'B' Beauforts 2nd round to be played w/c Nev 21st. v Civic 'A' Wall Man v Beaufort or Neston 'B' NALGO v St Peters v Wirr Gas 'B' NCLTC Alderley Eng. Mart v W.R.U.F.C. 'B' or Oxton X Bats Neston 'A' v Caldy W.R.U.F.C. 'A'v Wirr gas 'A' v Civic 'B' Pinewood

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Wirral first team lost their third successive game this season when going down 9 - 1 to Manchester. Robbie Bevan was Wirral's only scorer, both Malc. McEvoy & Steve Green having a joyless evening. The high spot of the evening was a great match between Robbie and Mark Hankey which the Manchester No 1 won narrowly in the 3rd.

The 'A' team kept up their 100% record with a 7 - 3 win over St Helens, Malcolm won 3 here, Billy Wardle two and Bernie Wentworth ( a late substitutr for the injured Phil Luxon) won one.

The 'B' team broke their 'duck' with a fine win 8 - 2 in their fayour against Preston, 3 wins here for Alan (the Chair) Timewell, 2 for Gord. Exell and 2 for Mike Thorne.

The 'C' team continue in the doldrums. Although they scraped home a 5 - 5 draw with Burnley(Bernie winning all three, Andy Taylor one and the Juniors combining well to take the doubles) they were beaten 8 - 2 by Warrington in this match, Robin Barker and Tony Barbat deputised at short notice and they won the doubles and Tony scored Wirrals only singles win.

There were no Junior games in November.

Wirral Ladies scored a good win 6 - 4 over Rochdale Ladies.

Newcomer to the team Marina Partridge won one set, Joan Hepple one, and the ever faithful Ann Dakin won her three on this occasion. Their next match will be held at the Civic club on Fri 9th. Dec against Oldham Ladies.

#### LAW CHANGES

In May 1983, the International Table Tennis Federation changed certain of the rules and these have now been brought into effect by the E.T.T.A.. The E.T.T.A. have issued a news - sheet which gives the actual wording of the rule changes and also gives the principle of each change. The following is a summary of the principles but should anyone wish to see the actual wording of the changes, they should contact the League Secretary,

- 1) During service, both the racket and the free hand must be above the level of the top of the table. This is to prevent twiddling of the bat under the table immediately prior to serving.
- 2) When the ball is hit in the service, it must be in front of beside the server's body, other than his arm, head or leg. This is to prevent the contertionists amongst us from serving with their back to their opponent. It should be noted that the actual wording of the Law Change carries a Covernment Health Warning and any person trying to decipher it is likely to find himself in hospital for some weeks with an addled brain.
- 3) If you (or your partner in a dcubles game) stamp your foot when serving, you <u>lose the point</u>. Until now, stamping only brought a warning.
- 4) You must allow your opponent and the umpire to inspace your bat before the start of a match and each time you change it, even if you are reverting to a bat which you have previously used in the ratch. Note that this Law Change only affects those affluent so - and so's who can afford more than one bat.

Flease note that these changes are in force <u>now</u> ! They are desighted to reduce the amount of deception produced by many modern bat rubbers , particularly during service.

Certain other Law Changes have been agreed but each Local League can decide whether or not to implement these. Your committee are at present considering these changes and a decision will be made later in the season, perhaps at the A.G.M.

These proposed changes are as follows :-

- 1) It will be illegal to hit the ball with an uncovered side of the racket (This means you Roy Williams).
- 2) The surfaces of two sides of the racket, whether used for hitting the ball or not, must be of clearly different colours.

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This applies even if the rubber used on both sides is the same or if you are a "penholder" player who only uses one side of the bat. ( This means most players in the league).

The latter rule may be perticularly contentious and if it is brought into effect, adequate warning will be given.

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I have heard a whisper that we will not be able to hold the Wirral Closed Tournament on the traditional date in late february this year, because of repairs to the Sports Centre, we will advise you later on the details.

May I on behalf of the committee wish you all a Very Happy Christmas And a succeessful and healthy New Year.

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And a belated happy new season to all my reader (Thanks, Mum). Your worthless scribe has been dragged out of retirement for two in reasons. Firstly, overwhelming public apathy to my lack of match reports has goaded me to inflict more suffering on you and secondly our esteemed Editor told me he could do with some padding for the Horn.

New, an introduction. Roy Williams, of sponge/wood combination bat and after-shave bat cleaner fame has done a moonlight flit. We understand he is now playing for Pinewood in Div 1 so serves him right. To replace him (and enter stage left into the spotlight), we have Julian (I hope I'm not being any trouble to yeu) Wetheral Neston have a cruelty policy with young players- if they can survive a season playing with the noble Essjay, Supermouth and the crange - juice drinking lesser spotted Lenihan, they can survive anything.

Pinewood were determined to win and pulled every psychological (Cor, what a long word) trick in the book. Even before we started, they had tried two tricks. Firstly, the bar wasn&t open, and secondly, they had turned the Wendy House round so that Kath couldn't play his defensive shots from inside it.

The match? What match? Oh! That match! Superstar Julian against the enigmatic John Fewler set the match in metion. Julian couldn't cope with John's push in the first game and lest it comfortably. However, by taking his time, working for his openings and killing the ball when the chance arose, our young here eased his way through the next two. A veil will be drawn over the next two in which Frank Irwin swatted the noble Essjay into oblivion by the skillfull use of a well trained net and Ann Hepple-as-was-Da.kin pushed Supermouth off in two.

Things looked ominous for Neston when Robbie lost the first to Steve Wright. However, Pinewood then made their fatal errorthey went to the bar for drinks, thus letting Neston know that the life - givind liquid was now available. In the next two-games, hobbie covered every square inch of the floor(and the walls, ceiling and adjacent tennis courts) to retrieve Steve's wellies (shots not boots) and paused only to splat several of his own past an astonished Steve. So. 2 - all. Keith then played John in a tactical game. Keith hit everything in the first game which John won comfortably. John reciprocated in the second with the obvious result. Both players would not be tempted in the third with the result that it became a game of higher - and higher. Keith should have had it won at 20 - 18 (and at 21 - 20 and 22 - 21) but at 23 - 22, John swatted one leaving Keith in a despondant heap on the floor .

Fortified (poiscned?) by Steve's tea, we pressed on, Robbie, inspired by Frank having terrible problems in serving onto the table, played like a dream instead of the usual nightmare, It's not often you see Frank hit off the table by anyone, let alone a normally defensive player like Robbie. However, tonight, Robbie couldn't miss if he tried ( which he didn't).

Stan then beat Ann in three (21 - 4 in the third). No report on this because I was in the bar at the time. We then shared the dcubles which were remarkable only by their mediocrity. All I will say is that each winning pair played well and won comfortably. This left Neston dormie one with Julian, to play Steve. Whatever else would happen, we knew there wouldn't be many long rallies.

Julian won the first, not so much by virtue of his cwn big hitting be more because he got back more of Steve's big boomers than vice versa. Steve cruised to an early lead in the second which I'm sorry to say, led toone or two unnecessary needling remarks from the Finewood bench. Steve took the second so it was muck or nettles in the third, Julian always had a slight edge in the third but Steve gritted his teeth and stayed in touch. One amusing sideline was Steve missing a big hit and in exasperation trying to loop the fire extinguisher. That didn't go on the table either. Another was Julian serving a clean ace with his finger (no bat invelved). At about 16 - 14 to Julian, even Frank was moved to whisper that.Julian had remarkable nerve and self control for such a young player. However, Julian wasn't going to let us off that easily. leading20 - 17. he played his three worst and most lackadaisical shots of the whole evening to let Steve draw level. Julian then dug deep into his reserves of nerve and forced two errors out of Steve to clinch a victor victory for us, the good guys. Considering this is only Julians second season of competitive table tennis (having lurked in Division V last year). it was his best win yet and he is, in my opinion, a name to learn to serve before watch in the future. However, he'll have to t can live with the best (he knows what I mean).

Late News in :- Alderley beat Wirral Gas 6 - 4 inone of the top of the first division clashes, the only cryptic information I have is that Keith Williams lost his 3, obviously the Wirral air does not suit him !.

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#### BILL LOWE SHIELD

After 5 or 6 years of mixed reactions from participating teams, depending wholly on whether your team survived the first round or not, Alan the (handicap) Timewell has retired from organising this event, into the hot seat appears a new face ( well nearly new) Thanks Phil for stepping in thanks Alan for a lot of effort over the years.

1st Round to be played w/c 9th. Jan. 84. Handicaps to be advised. Result cards to :- Phil Deeks 10 Sandringham Ave. Hoylake. 632 4931

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### J.S. BANKS CUP

1st. Round to be completed by 4th. Jan. 1984. Scorecards to be sent to organiser :- Chris Wentworth, 1 The Ridgeway, Bebington, Wirral 608 1100

Wirral Gas	v	Mountwood
Livingstone S	t v	Alderley
Civic	v	Oxton X Bats
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Pine. 'B'	v	Pinewood
Wirr. Gas 'B'	v	Caldy
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