

# The Wirral Boats

## NEWSLETTER OF THE WIRRAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

Editor :- Stan Wilkinson.

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Welcome to another year of Table Tennis, as you will soon notice the Wirral League has now shrunk to only 4 Divisions, we now have just 43 teams playing on the Wirral this is part of the general trend country-wide, we as a committee have been discussing this problem, but apart from encouraging more younger players into the game there does not seem much we can do, one of the factors seems to be the lack of playing facilities suitable for matches, another factor that was discussed was the timing of matches and the lateness of finishing for younger players, if any of our members have any ideas or suggestions on the playing strength of the league please write or ring me or any committee member.

### QUALIFIED WIRRAL COACHES

On the same subject the E.T.T.A. are intending to formulate a coaching register on their computer, Any Wirral Coach wishing to be registered even if not active should forward the following information to E L Jones.

Name, Address, Phone No. Date of registration, Coaches No.  
Coaching award status, Date award gained.

Are you active in any of the following areas/ County/ League/ Club.

Also the E.T.T.A. wish to formulate a list of Clubs willing to accept and accomodate New Members. Any Club wishing to be registered should forward the information to E L Jones.

Name of Club, and address of playing premises.

Name of club contact, Phone No. Membership restrictions (if any).

WIRRAL JUNIOR / CADET RANKING POSITIONS

JUNIORS 1989/90.

- No 1. K Gillison
- No 2. M Newns
3. N Allen
4. C Tierney (Miss)
5. G Allen
6. E Fletcher (Miss)
7. P Evans
8. D Adams
9. J Goodall
10. P Batenan
11. K Hughes (Miss)
12. P Walsh
13. C Newns (Miss)
14. M Reilly
15. N Lonax (Miss)
16. N Hallett

CADETS 1989 /90

- No 1. G Allen
2. E Fletcher (Miss)
3. K Hughes (Miss)
4. P Walsh
5. J Goodall
6. P Batenan
7. C Newns (Miss)
8. P Evans
9. N Lonax (Miss)
10. N Hallett
11. C Ashton
12. C LUnt

From the above trials the Girls were ranked as follows

JUNIOR GIRLS 1989/90

- No 1. C Tierney
2. E Fletcher
3. K Hughes
4. C Newns
5. N Lonax

CADET GIRLS 1989/90

- No 1. E Fletcher
2. K Hughes
3. C Newns
4. N Lonax

Due to J Goodall being on holiday he has been ranked provisionally at no. 9.

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Cheshire Trials Positions of Cadets can be taken into consideration for J Goodhall, P Evans, & P Bateman with the Wirral Ranking altered if necessary.

Resulting from the above Trials the following players have been nominated for Cheshire Trials :-

Junior Boys.

K Gillison  
M Newns  
N Allen  
G Allen  
P Evans

Cadet Boys

G Allen  
P Walsh  
J Goodall  
P Bateman  
P Evans

Junior Girls

C Tierney  
E Fletcher  
K Hughes  
C Newns  
N Lonax

Cadet Girls

E Fletcher  
K Hughes  
C Newns  
N Lonax

Cheshire Trials will take place at the Holmes Chapel Youth Club  
Saturday 9th September & Sunday 10th. September.

The first 12 ranked players in the <sup>U-11</sup> Junior ranking list will be registered for the Wirral Junior Teams.

Selection will be taken strictly from the ranking order dependent on players being available.

First Team Managers.

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Second Team Manager

Mr F Sorrentino 21 Kingsley St Birkenhead 652 8766



R.A.F.A. Cup Preliminary round w/c 11/9/89

English Martyrs v Civic 4

J & F Hepple Cup Prelim round w/c 18/9/89

Civic A v NALGO

Caldy A v NCLTC

LONSDALE Cup Prelim round w/c 18/9/89

Caldy 2	v	NALGO 4
Civic 5	v	NBCC 2
Alderley 2	v	Civic 3
Eng Mart	v	WRUFC
Marconi	v	Caldy 5
GRFCC	v	Civic 4
BBB	v	Eng Mart 3

Ho me Teams ~~to~~ contact away team to confirm Match Night.

Please read and act on the note in the Handbook re sending  
in of score cards, it makes sense to post them off !

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### Handbook amendments

- NBCC 1 Now playing as team 1 in 1st Division.  
Team 6 in 1st Div. Now blank.
- NESTON 2 withdrawn from Division 4 - results void.  
Team 7 in Div. 4 now blank.
- CALDY 6 now playing as team 11 in Div. 4.  
Captain :- Ron Williams 334 7448 Match night Tues.
- NBCC 4 Captain Alan Costain Tel No - 638 9251 published number  
is incorrect.
- PINEWOOD 1 have withdrawn team from Div. 1 leaving team 10 blank.
- PINEWOOD have intimated that they could put another team in Div. 2  
a final decision will be made at committee Oct. 9th.  
details will be circulated.

Both CHESHIRE JUNIOR teams won their opening matches against  
Preston & Clwyd respectively these teams are made up largely  
of Wirral players.

### LONSDALE CUP ROUND 1

NALGO v NBCC 2	CIVIC v NALGO 2
NBCC 4 v ENG MART 2	Aldly v THING 2
PINE 3 v THINGWALL	CIVIC 3 v MARGONI
PINE WD v ESWA	MARCONI2v CALDY
NBCC 5 v NESTON	CALDY 2 v ENG MART
CALDY 4 v NBCC	NBCC 3 Bye
NCLT v NALGO 3	CALDY 3 v PINE 2
CIVIC 2 v BBB	UPTON v GRPCC

To be played w/c 23rd October or before.  
Home captain to notify away captain match night.

### RAFA CUP Round 1

BBB v GRPCC 3	ENG MART 2 v NALGO 3
NBCC 4 v ENG MART	CIVIC 5 v GRPCC 4
NESTON v THING 2	CALDY 2 v WRMFC
MARCONI v PINEWD 3	CALDY 4b v MARCONI 2
NCLT v GRPCC 2	CALDY 3 v CALDY 5
NALGO 4 v ALDERLY 2	PINEWD 2 v CIVIC 3
UPTON v ENG MART 3	GR CC 5 v NBCC 5
NBCC 3 v ESWA	NALGO 2 Bye

To be played on or before w/c 30th Oct.  
Home captains to contact away captains to confirm  
match nights.

### HEPPLE CUP Round 1

CIVIC A v CALDY B	CALDY A v WRUFC
GRPCC B v NESTON B	THING v CALDY D
NESTON A v MARCONI A	ALDERLY v ENG MART
GRPCC A v CIVIC B	CALDY C v PINE A

To be played in or before w/c 30th Oct.



Results Cards :-

Many thanks to captains all results cards or notifications of postponements arrived on time. It makes the fixture secretaries job much easier and saves work on notifying and collecting fines.

WIRRAL JUNIORS v BARROW JUNIORS 22nd Sept.

In the first match of the season KEITH GILLISON took the opening game against GARETH BRUNTON 21 - 19 but Gareth clinched the opening set by winning the next two games 16 & 13. Barrow went 2 up when KEVIN HODGSON beat NEIL ALLEN.

MARK NEWNES beat JUSTIN BRUNTON in 3 close games to finally open Wirral's account. Gareth beat Neil and when Justin won his first game by beating Keith we were in dire straits at 4 - 1 down.

Mark and Keith then showed the tide must be turned by winning a topsy-turvy doubles against Kevin & Gareth, Mark followed this up by defeating nationally ranked Cadet Kevin by displaying some devastating smashes and holding his nerve against a fierce fightback.

The home team were now sensing victory and Neil proved the point by taking the first against Justin, Justin won the second with ease and just held off a marvellous comeback by Neil in the third. Mark then played Gareth in the 'Match of the day' as both played breathtaking shots from all areas, the two unbeaten players of the night shared the first 2 games before Mark came home strongly to win 14 in the third.

Wirral had now pulled back to 4 - 5 with Mark showing in all the home wins. The final match started with England ranked Cadet Kevin Hodgson against the home No. 1 Keith Gillison. Keith thought it was unfair to have relied so much on Mark to keep Wirral in the game, so he went out and gave Wirral a respectable and hard earned draw by defeating Kevin 16 & 18.

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BIRKENHEAD BOYS BRIGADE v ENGLISH MARTYRS 3

21st Sept.

John Goodall played visiting captain Jim Rathbone to open the proceedings and despite trailing at the end of both games came back strongly to win 16 & 19. Mike Reilly then went on against Paul Narrowway and produced some ferocious forehand and blistering backhands like never before, but due to many unforced errors only scraped home 26 - 24 & 24 - 22.

The visitors got off the mark when R Humphrys destroyed Vinny Earl, in the next set Brian Hadfield took the opening game against Don Parr but despite a seasons absence came back to win 16 & 9. Vinny then beat Paul in the third to give the home team a 4 - 1 lead.

The doubles both went to the visitors as they clawed back into the game at 4 - 3. Mike Reilly then went on to play Brian Hadfield and a closely fought encounter ended with Mike winning game 16 in the third.

Don clinched a place in the first round proper by defeating Jim Rathbone 15 & 14, R Humphrys then beat John Goodall two straight despite a valient comeback from 19 - 15 down to 20 - 19 in the second.

This was a Lonsdale Cup prelin round match !

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# The Wirral Horn

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An extra copy of the Wirral Horn this month because it seemed a long time between committee meetings, and a few amendments have cropped up.

Firstly 2 dates - The CHESHIRE JUNIOR TOURNAMENT will be held on Saturday 17th. March 1990. at Grange Rd.

also The WIRRAL CLOSED TOURNAMENT will be held at Grange Rd on Sunday March 25th.

Please enter the following in your handbooks :-

PINEWOOD have entered a second team in Div. 2 . This will be called Pinewood 1. please enter it as team 12 Home match night will be Wed. Team Captain - Roy Williams 632 2451 (H)  
678 9787 (B)

Pinewood 3 (Stan Wilkinson & Co.) Have altered match night to MON.

Fred Hepple has now moved and we wish him well in his new home, his new phone No. is 632 6610.

ENGLISH MARTYRS 3 Have a new captain who is Jim Rathbone  
phone - 639 4683

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	PTS
Caldy	3	3	0	0	22
Civic	2	2	0	0	18
Thingwall	3	1	0	2	13
GRPCC	2	1	0	1	11
Civic 2	2	0	1	1	7
NBCC 2	1	1	0	0	6
NBCC	1	0	1	0	5
NALGO	2	0	0	2	5
Alderley	2	0	0	2	3

DIVISION TWO

Marcioni	4	3	0	1	26
NBCC 3	3	3	0	0	22
Caldy 3	3	3	0	0	21
Caldy 2	4	1	1	2	18
Pinewood 2	4	1	0	3	15
Thingwall 2	3	1	1	1	14
NALGO 2	3	1	0	2	14
Civic 3	3	1	0	2	13
Alderley 2	2	1	0	1	12
GRPCC 2	3	0	0	3	5

REGIONAL TRIALS

The above Cadet trials took place on Sat. 14th. Oct, followed by the juniors on Sunday 15th.

On Sat. some very close games among the girls resulted in the following E Fletcher 1st. J Hadfield 2nd. K Hughes 3rd. C Newns 4th.

All the above girls represented Cheshire with J Hadfield stopping a 1,2,3, for Wirral.

G Allen our only Cadet had the tough draw of having to play three matches on the run, and despite playing very well all day his final position of seventh place was not reflected in the way he played.



DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	PTS
Eng. Martyrs	4	4	0	0	34
WRUFC	3	3	0	0	23
Upton CC	3	2	1	0	18
Caldy 5	4	2	0	2	18
Marconi 2	4	2	0	2	17
Neston	3	2	0	1	16
Pinewood 3	3	2	0	1	15
NBCC 4	3	0	0	3	12
Civic 4	2	0	1	1	9
NALGC 3	3	0	0	3	9
Caldy 4	2	0	0	2	8
GRFCC 3	2	0	0	2	1

DIVISION FOUR

NBCC 5	3	3	0	0	22
NCLTC	3	2	1	0	20
B.B.B.	4	2	0	2	19
Eng. Martyrs 2	3	1	2	0	16
ESWA	2	1	1	0	15
Eng. Martyrs 3	2	1	0	1	12
Civic 5	2	1	0	1	12
NALGO 4	2	1	0	1	10
GRFCC 4	2	0	0	2	8
Caldy 6	2	0	0	2	5
GRFCC 5	3	0	0	3	2

JUNIORS

Next day saw C Tierney once again just pipped into third place by Z Buchanan with E Fletcher taking fourth place and K Hughes eighth place.

N Allen with M Newns represented the Wirral challenge, with Neil coming out on top finishing fifth overall just missing out on a place at the final England Trials. M Newns in the main out of form which was reflected in his seventh place.

Wirral can be proud of it's Cadets/Juniors, well played all of you and congratulations to C Tierney and E Fletcher on gaining final England Trials.

All the best for January.



G.R.P.C.C.

Though the season is still young, on behalf of the above club can I thank the Teams who, when playing teams with younger players have made the effort to arrive early and start the match, keeping same going to achieve as early a finish as possible.

I do appreciate that late starts and even later finishes are not the only reasons for the decline of the divisions in the league, but I can assure you that a lot of young players cannot partake because of this aspect, and I wonder if this is offputting to some adults.

Could I remind teams that the match time start is 7 - 30pm.

HEADQUARTERS

When playing at the headquarters WHO ?

Never puts empty drink cans in the bin

Never puts empty wrappers in the bin

Never puts empty milk cartons in the bin

Never tidies up after themselves

never brush the floor up

To the very very few who do - thank you.

To the rest, why are you so lazy.

Bins and plastic bags are provided Use Them

Clean up after yourselves.