

# The Wirral Horn

NEWSLETTER OF THE WIRRAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

Editor :- Stan Wilkinson

Nov. 1984

Sorry about the lateness of this edition, but you can blame it on a certain Guy Fawkes, our monthly committee meeting happened to fall on the night when we celebrate his memory (why we should in the light of recent events eludes me) but our meeting was put off for a fortnight for some reason, I must have been asleep at the time because I know not why, anyway let it not be said that I missed an edition.

A meeting of the Club secretaries will be held tomorrow Sunday 18th. Nov. to try and decide on the feasibility of taking out a lease on the Bowls Pavillion in Arrowe Park as a league H.Q. that is all I can say at this moment, most of the discussion will be about finance of course so will report in Dec. issue.

Thanks to our Fixture Sec. you may have noticed the league tables appearing regularly in the local weekly rag

Late news :-

Wirral third team narrowly lost 6 - 4 to Barrow last night, Alan Timewell winning one set, Bernie Wentworth two and Alan & Bernie getting the doubles, Andy Taylor out of luck for once.

Wirral Second team also last night beat Stockport second team 6 - 4 Peter Lee getting two, Neil Royden two & Eric Hardman one, winning the doubles made a win for Wirral.

Handbook amendments

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Ex. 213 (B)

THOMPSON & ROSS Div. 5 now play ay Upton C.C.  
" "2 2 Div 6 expelled from league. All results and  
claimed games nul and void.

At the last committee meeting two aspects of the league rules were discussed.

a) Rule 13m - Postponements.

Postponements are only allowed when teams are depleted by players playing representative matches for Wirral. The committee considered that whilst strict application of the letter of rule would be counter to our aim of encouraging the playing of table tennis matches too many games were being postponed without any consideration of the rules.

It was therefore decided that postponements would only be allowed by prior arrangement and agreement with the fixture secretar Both teams should agree to the postponement and to a date for the match to be played which except in exceptional circumstances should be within 14 days of the original date.

Unless a agreement as above is made in advance fixtures should be played on the due date even if a reserves have to be used and the result should be in the fixture secretaries hands within 14 days

Failure to comply will be considered by the committee and may result in the loss of points by the home or both sides.

b) Rule 14 c - Thompson & Ross second team were expelled from the league for failing to fulfill fixtures on three occasions.

BILL LOWE SHIELD

There will be no preliminary round, round one will be played week commencing 7th. Jan 1985 and home clubs will be notified of the handicaps with Decembers Wirral horn.

LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE LEAGUE

Wirral mens first team have made a fine start in their bid to regain Division one status by beating Blackburn and Rochdale. These two teams finished second and third last season, so our lads must now be favourites. Steve Green has won all his matches so far, Malcolm McEvoy has won 4 from 6. Rob Bevan 2 from 3 and Eric Hardman 1 from 3.

A weakened second team went down 9 - 1 to Ashton. Bernie Wentworth was the only winner, both Andy Taylor and Peter Lee returning home empty handed.

The third team beat Farnworth 7 - 3. Alan Timewell scored a fine maximum here and juniors Andy & Bernie notched up 2 & 1 respectively.

The fourth team have made a good start to their season in the fifth division by beating Nelson 10 - 0 and Lythan by 9 - 1. Both Tony Hughes and Roger Butler scored 6 out of 6 and Ian Thomas has won 2 from 3. This team must also be thinking of promotion chances this year.

In the junior 1st. division our first team beat Liverpool 9 - 1 and Crewe 8 - 2 to maintain their 100% record. The junior second team beat Runcorn 10 - 0 and they also have a 100% record.

R.A.F.A. CUP Round 3 To be played w/c Dec. 3rd.

NESTON	V	CALDY 2.
WALL. MANOR 4	V	UPTON C.C.
ENG. MART	V	N.C.L.T.C.
THINGWALL	V	ST. PETERS
CALDY 4	V	N.B.C.C. 2 or PINE. 4
ALDERLEY 5	v	N.B.C.C. 3
WALL. MANOR 2	V	CALDY 6
N.A.L.G.O.	V	ALDERLEY 4.

<u>DIVISION ONE</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PTS</u>
ALDERLEY	4	4	0	0	36
N.B.C.C.	4	3	0	1	26
ALDERLEY 2	4	2	1	1	22
ALDERLEY 3	3	1	0	2	14
WALL. MANOR	3	1	1	1	13
WIRRAL GAS	3	1	1	1	13
CALDY	3	0	1	2	10
PINEWOOD	3	1	0	2	10
CIVIC	1	0	0	2	4
UPTON V.H.	2	0	0	2	2

DIVISION TWO

N.A.L.G.O.	4	4	0	0	31
WALL MANOR 2	3	3	0	0	23
N.B.C.C. 2	3	2	0	1	19
NESTON	4	2	0	2	19
ENG. MART	4	2	0	2	18
ST PETERS	4	1	0	3	14
PINEWOOD 3	2	2	0	0	13
UPTON C.C.	2	1	0	1	10
CALDY 2	3	0	0	2	9
W.R.U.F.C.	2	0	0	2	7
N.C.L.T.C.	3	0	0	3	7

DIVISION THREE

CIVIC 2	4	4	0	0	30
N.B.C.C. 3	4	3	1	0	29
ALDERLEY 4	4	3	0	1	28
BUSWAYS	4	3	0	1	28
CALDY 4	4	2	0	2	21
CIVIC 3	3	2	1	0	20
WIRRAL GAS 2	3	2	0	1	18
ENG. MART 2	4	1	1	2	18
NESTON 2	4	1	0	3	15
CALDY 3	4	0	0	4	11
W.R.U.F.C. 2	4	0	1	3	11
N.C.L.T.C. 2	4	0	0	4	4

<u>DIVISION FOUR</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PTS</u>
WALL. MANOR 3	3	2	1	0	23
N.O.L.T.C. 3	3	3	0	0	22
WIRRAL GAS 3	4	2	0	2	22
WALL. FERRIES	4	2	1	1	22
PINEWOOD 4	3	2	1	0	19
THINGWALL	3	2	1	0	18
CALDY 5	3	1	1	1	15
HESTON 3	3	1	0	2	14
OXTON C.G.	3	0	0	3	9
MARINE	4	0	1	3	8
EGERTON	2	0	0	2	6

DIVISION FIVE

CALDY 6	3	3	0	0	26
ALDERLEY 5	3	3	0	0	24
ENG. MART 3	4	2	1	1	22
CIVIC 4	4	3	0	1	21
WALL MANOR 4	3	2	1	0	17
BEAUFORT	2	2	0	0	16
UPTON C.C. 2	3	2	1	0	16
THOMPSON & ROSS	4	0	1	3	15
B'HEAD L.R.	4	1	1	2	14
N.A.L.G.O. 2	4	1	0	3	14
PINEWOOD 5	3	0	0	3	12
WALL. FERRIES 2	4	0	0	4	11

DIVISION SIX

LIVINGSTONE ST.	4	4	0	0	32
OXTON C.G. 2	3	3	0	0	24
MARCONI	3	2	0	1	23
THINGWALL 2	4	2	1	1	23
B.B.B.	3	1	1	1	15
ENG. MART. 4	3	1	0	2	14
G.R.P.C.	4	0	2	2	14
N.B.C.G. 4	4	0	2	2	12
OXTON C.C. 3	4	1	0	3	11
CALDY 7	3	0	1	2	7
PINEWOOD 6	1	0	1	0	5

CIVIC 3 v N.B.C.C. 3

A totally new line up played for Civic in this 3rd Div. clash. Mick Muskett, who formally played for M.F.B. got the home side off to a good start when he beat Dave Evans. Alf Hayes next opposed Ian McKil and came back twice from behind to win 18 & 22.

Linda Walsh, who plays for the Wirral Rep. team, was called on play Derek Watson to whom she lost 2 straight with Derek playing steadily while Linda never played to her true ability. Civic's new r 1 Garry Abbott also an ex M.F.B. player took on Dave, this was a particularly fascinating tussle with Garry being very effective with his half-volly pushes and forehand kills and producing a varied repertoire of good strokes. He won both games in single figures, although it wasn't a stroll with Dave battling to the end and many points having more than 20 strokes to decide them.

My 'old' sparring partner John Horobin next called himself on v Alf, how hw gets any spin from his prehistoric bat i'll never know but he claims times are hard in the recession and he doesn't fancy taking out a second mortgage to purchase a replacement. Nonetheless he is still a force to be reckoned with as he proved here in going to a decider, and a good one, before losing to Alf who has truly found his old form. The final result was 5 - all suprisingly,

At this stage I had to leave to cover a minor match in Durham between Messrs Douglas, Sandley, Preat and Gordon and the MAGYARS which the latter won 4 - 3.

R.J.

WIRRAL GAS v ALDERLEY 2.

'In the bleak mid - winter

Wirral Gas at home

Alderley 2 like iron

As point for point was won'

Ron waxing poetic .....

Seriously though what an interesting match to watch; the home team lost behind a spare table in the corner with the visiting team and supporters religiously (? Ed) watching every game, But what is that ! I do declare, a head without a torso - 'tis Tweet watching from afar with clenched fist shaking in the air- black power - no 'Gas have won the point!!

Alderley went off in fine style with Dave Graham beating Keith Marrett comfortably 14 & 16. His top spin was blocked in all directions but somehow missed the table on most occasions. The doubles made it 2 nil to Alderley with Ron Jones & Dave winning

in the 3rd over Ian 'Tweet' Street and Ian Thomas, the 2 left handers took the first game easily, struggled towards the end of the 2nd and Ron finished the 3rd. with 2 well taken loop drives service returns.

The third call saw Gas off the mark when Bernie 'it helps me to win if I scowl' Wentworth played Roger 'our' Butler, and good attacking Table Tennis it was too, one of Bernies kills brought tears to Rogers eyes - a perfect shot in a delicate position, Roger never recovered and lost the first 18. The second saw butler more determined and a controlled cat and mouse game gave him a comfortable 15. win. The final game was even 'til the change - over when Bernie went through a purple patch and finally deserved the win, but what hard work it was.

The 4th. set saw Alderley increase their lead when Ron beat Ian Thomas, the youngster tried some good attacking shots but experience showed and the 'old - timer' took the set 19 & 19. After this the Gas beams heads seemed to drop. Tony Barbat beat Tweet 2 13s- unlucky for some, and then combined with Roger put up a dazzling display of doubles to beat Bernie & Keith 5 & 17 - and how the net suffered from Bernie's kills.

Alderley continued on their winning way with the closest contest of the night when Dave beat Tweet -23. 10 & 21 Having been 16 - 20 down in the 3rd., the world loves a trier.

Ron never lost command in his win of 12 & 14 over Keith, Roger sporting his odd socks, won his 2nd. singles 14 -17 & 15 much to the disappointment of Ian Thomas & Bernie was left with the task of salvaging a second point for Gas. Both he and Tony gave their all with Bernie winning the first 13. Tony fought back and took the 2nd 17 and the third started off point for point with both players on form, the change over was on 10 - 9 to Tony, points were again shared until 16 all when Bernie ran out on top game 16. All in all a fine result for Alderley and what can I a biased supporters say but 'what a gas'

(Sylvia Graham)

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#### NORTH WEST REGION JUNIOR TRIALS

Bernie Wentworth came second at under 17 level and so qualified for the National trials to be held later in the season, Andy Taylor by finishing fifth narrowly missed qualifying.

At under 14 level, Paul Birken finished 4th. and also qualifies for the National trial.

LONSDALE CUP DRAW Round 3 onwards

Rd 3 byw/c Nov 26th.	Rd 4 w/c 21st. Jan	Semi Feb. 11th
1) Alderley v Upto V.H. )	1 v 2 (A) )	<u>A v B</u>
2) Pinewood Pinewd 4 )		
3) Alderley 2 v Pinewd 3 )	3 v 4 (B) )	Final
4) N.C.L.T.C. v N.B.C.C. )		
5) Wall Man v Nalgo )	5 v 6 (C) )	<u>C v D</u>
6) Caldly v Wall Man 2 or ) Wall Ferries		
7) Civie v Caldly 5 )	7 v 8 (D) )	
8) Wirral Gas v Eng Mart )		

It is suggested that the winners of games 1, 3, 5 & 7 contact their potential opponents as soon as possible with a view to arranging a mutually agreeable date. The sooner games are played and the results notified the easier will be the committees job of organising date and venue for the semi finals and Final.

MENS RANKING LIST

Men's rankings were agreed as follows at the committee meeting of October 1st.

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| 1. M. McEvoy.  | 8. D. Roberts.   |
| 2. R. Bevan.   | 9. B. Wentworth. |
| 3. S. Green.   | 10. A. Timewell. |
| 4. E. Hardman. | 11. A. Taylor.   |
| 5. N. Royden.  | 12. G. Exell.    |
| 6. P. Lee.     | 13. R. Butler.   |
| 7. D. Roberts. | 14. A. Barbay.   |



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At last firm news on the Table Tennis Headquarters as those of you who were at the meeting of Club Representatives called a fortnight ago will know. We have had the offer of the Bowls pavillion in Arrowe Park for use as a playing venue for the league, there will be room for two 'county' sized playing areas or space for 5 or six tables for coaching.

To add rules to the present League set up to allow the negotiations with the council to carry on we have called a E.G.M. Extraordinary General Meeting for the 17th. Dec. Monday at 7.30 p.m.

the Wallasey Ferries Club Seacombe, our usual A.G.M. venue we must stress that a representative of each club in the league must be present or fines will be levied. In this case we hope that any member of the league who is intersted in this major step forward for the league will turn up and find out what is going on.

Each club secretary will be notified officially by post according to to rule.

BILL LOWE HANDICAP COMPETITION round one.

To be played week commencing 7th. Jan. 1985.

OXTON C.C. 3.	v	WALL. MANOR 2.
MARINE	v	CIVIC.
NESTON 3.	v	CALDY 4.
PINEWOOD 3.	v	WIRRAL GAS 2.
CALDY 3.	v	NALGO.
N.C.L.T.C. 2,	v	PINEWOOD.
W.R.U.F.C.	v	ENG. MART. 4.
CALDY 7.	v	CIVIC 4.
CIVIC 2.	v	ALDERLEY.
UPTON C.C.	v	N.B.C.C. 3.
N.C.L.T.C. 3.	v	WALL FERRIES.
NESTON	v	N.B.C.C. 2.
UPTON V.H.	v	WALL FERRIES 2.
THINGWALL 2.	v	MARCONI.
W.R.U.F.C. 2.	v	ENG. MART.
ENG. MART 2.	v	NALGO 2.
N.C.L.T.C.	v	THOMPSON &.ROSS.
N.B.C.C.	v	N.B.C.C. 4.
ALDERLEY 5.	v	OXTON C.C. 2.
BIRK. L.R.	v	CIVIC 3.
NESTON 2.	v	THINGWAL.
PINEWOOD 5	v	ALDERLEY 2.
PINEWOOD 6.	v	LIVINGSTONE ST.
ST PETERS	v	EGERTON.
BEAUFORT.	v	PINEWOOD 4.
CALDY 2.	v	ALDERLEY 4.
OXTON C.C.	v	WIRRAL GAS 3.
CALDY 3.	v	CALDY 6.
WALL. MANOR 4.	v	BIRK. B.B.

Byes :- Upton C.C. 2. Eng. Mart. 3. and Alderley 3.

The scoresheets for the Bill Lowe Shield Competition will be inserted in the envelope containing this edition of the Wirral Horn. This means that each HOME team will receive the sheet, and it is the responsibility of the HOME team to notify the AWAY team of the intended match night. Handicaps are written on the sheets.

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J & F HEPPELE CUP Veterans. 2nd. Round to be completed by 31st. Dec.

THINGWALL	v	CALDY B
CALDY A	v	WALL. FERR.
ALDERLEY	v	ENG. MART A.
NALGO	v	NESTON A.
CIVIC A	v	PINEWOOD.
NESTON	v	CIVIC or CALDY.
WIRRAL GAS	v	ST PETERS.
ENG. MART	v	WALL. MANOR.

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All proceeds will go to the Headquarters project.

<u>DIVISION ONE</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PTS</u>
N.B.C.C.	6	5	0	1	43
ALDERLEY	4	4	0	0	36
ALDERLEY 2	6	3	1	2	32
CALDY	6	2	1	3	26
WALL. MANOR	6	2	1	3	25
ALDERLEY 3	5	2	0	3	24
CIVIC	3	2	0	1	23
WIRRAL GAS	6	1	2	3	22
PINEWOOD	4	1	0	3	10
UPTON V.H.	4	0	1	3	9
<u>DIVISION TWO</u>					
NALGO	7	6	0	1	54
WALL. MANOR	6	5	1	0	42
NESTON C.C.	6	4	0	2	34
N.B.C.C. 2	5	4	0	1	32
UPTON C.C.	5	3	0	2	27
ENG. MART	6	3	0	3	25
PINEWOOD 2	5	2	1	2	22
ST. PETERS	5	1	0	4	18
WALL. R.U.F.C.	5	0	0	5	17
CALDY 2	4	0	0	4	11
N.C.L.T.C.	4	0	0	4	8
<u>DIVISION THREE</u>					
BUSWAYS	7	6	0	1	49
ALDERLEY 4	7	5	0	2	48
N.B.C.C. 3	7	5	1	1	47
CIVIC 2	6	6	0	0	44
CALDY 4	7	5	0	2	42
WIRRAL GAS 2	6	3	2	1	32
CIVIC 3	5	3	2	0	32
NESTON 2	7	1	1	5	25
W.R.U.F.C. 2	7	0	2	5	21
CALDY 3	6	1	0	5	19
ENG. MART 2	6	1	1	4	17
N.C.L.T.C. 2	7	0	1	6	14

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	PTS
WALL. MANOR 3	6	4	2	0	41
WALL. FERRIES	7	3	2	2	38
PINEWOOD 4	6	3	2	1	37
N.S.L.T.J. 3	6	4	1	1	35
THINGWALL	5	4	1	0	30
WIRRAL GAS 3	6	2	1	3	30
OXTON 3	6	1	1	4	27
CALDY 5	5	1	3	1	25
OXTON C.C.	5	2	0	3	25
EGERTON	6	0	1	5	17
MARINE	6	0	2	4	15

DIVISION FIVE

CALDY 6	7	5	2	0	52
ALDERLEY 5	6	5	1	0	46
WALL. MANOR 4	7	4	1	2	38
UPTON C.C. 2	6	4	1	1	37
ENG. MART 3	7	2	3	2	36
CIVIC 4	6	4	0	2	31
REBAUFORT	5	3	0	2	26
WALL. FERRIES 2	7	1	1	5	24
THOMP. ROSS	7	0	1	6	23
NALGO 2	5	2	0	3	20
BIRK. L.R.	6	1	1	4	19
PINEWOOD 5	5	0	1	4	17

DIVISION SIX

MARCONI	7	6	0	1	56
THINGWALL 2	6	4	1	1	42
OXTON C.C. 2	5	5	0	0	39
LIVINGSTONE ST	5	5	0	0	38
ENG. MART 4	5	2	0	3	26
G.R.P.C.	6	1	2	3	25
BIRK. B.B.	6	1	1	4	21
PINEWOOD 6	4	1	1	2	17
N.B.C.C. 4	6	0	2	4	14
OXTON C.C. 3	6	1	0	5	14
CALDY 7	4	0	1	3	8

Based on cards received to 24/11/ 84.

12/11/84.

Mike Tierney making one of his rare appearances for Civic teamed up with Liverpool Rep. player Roy Smith against juniors Grahame Fletcher and Paul Birken in the first set of this match. The more experienced Civic pair were always in command and won 2 straight.

The 'first doubles' saw former Cheshire Champions Steve Green and Dave Roberts for Civic beating Cheshire ranked junior Andy Taylor and his coach and mentor Rob Barker, the first game was close until 15 all when with Dave serving well he and Steve pulled ahead and went on to win 17 - 21. The second game was also close and once again the Civic pair triumphed.

Paul lost to Roy and although it was in two games he played some excellent and powerful drives against Roys defence thus belying his diminutive stature. Grahame lost in 2 to Mike game 19 in the first.. The halfway stage was reached with Steve Green fresh with a coat of 'Victoria Vulcaflux rubber glue on his bat' (thats what he says.Ed.) playing some scintilating shots at Rob to win powerfully, although Rob was retrieving well in the second, this gave Civic a useful 5 nil lead.

Andy Taylor took the first game off a somewhat shell-shocked Dave Roberts (five times Wirral Champion and reigning Liverpool title holder) Dave won the second and third after Andy had recovered to deuce from 6 - 14 down, young Andrew is a player to watch in the future both at local level and indeed in the widest sphere, he should definately make the grade under the watchful eye of his coach.

The remaining sets also went to Civic giving them a rewarding 10 nil victory and boosting their chances of the first division championship for the first time in the clubs history. Wallasey Manor club however have a bright future with their talented juniors.

## LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE LEAGUE

The men's first team maintained their 100% record with a 6.- 4 over Burnley. Steve Green won three, Malcolm McEvoy two and Rob Bevan one. Steve is having his best season ever. He has won all his matches for the first team this season, is unbeaten in the Wirral League and in the Liverpool League has beaten most of the top players.

The junior first team were very disappointed following their defeat by Bury. Bernie Wentworth and Andy Taylor both won one singles and together won the doubles. Ian Thomas drew a blank for the first time this season. Bury have a 100% record and with a much easier fixture list remaining look virtually certain to win the league.

The junior second team also lost their first match of the season, making the long trip to Barrow only to lose 8 - 2. Paul Birken won two singles, Alan McCann made his debut for the Wirral Junior Team and although he didn't win a game, he was closely beaten in two and played very well.

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### DATES TO NOTE :-

WIRRAL CLOSED TOURNAMENT to be held at GRANGE ROAD SPORTS CENTRE on Sunday February 17th. 1985 9 o'clock until finished. entry forms will be inserted in January issue of Wirral Horn.

CHESHIRE JUNIOR ONE STAR TOURNAMENT :- will also be held at Grange Road but on Sunday March 24th, from 9 a.m. entry forms will soon be available.

Writing with my St Peters hat on we have had two very enjoyable matches this week, first against league newcomers Marconi, although the members are not new to Table Tennis in the area, we were playing in the Hepple Cup Competition at their new venue, the Boys Brigade H.Q. They are obviously playing out of position in the 6th. Div. I guess they won't be there for long. Although we won the match 8 - 1 they gave us a good run for it.

Our second match this week was against W.R.U.F.C. this fixture is usually a very dour affair with the Rugby lads coming out on top, but this was different, by the time we finished at approx 11.45 p.m. 8 of the sets had gone to 3 games and we had emerged with a 7 - 3 win for the first time in living memory, Ritchie Cross was the only one in their team with a smug smile having won his two singles, even after letting me beat him in the first game 18 after being 8 - 17 down, that sort of thing was happening all night, poor Neil Hyland didn't seem to have any luck, maybe he should keep off the prunes for his tea !

Anyway thanks to both teams for enjoyable nights.

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