



# The Wirral Horn

## NEWSLETTER OF THE WIRRAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

Editor :- Stan Wilkinson

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HANDICAP TOURNAMENT To be held at Arrowe Park H/Q on Mon, Tues, Wed, & Thursday evenings 4th - 7th. Jan. 1993 Finals to be played on Friday 8th. Jan starting at 7pm. each evening. Entries to A Timewell 10 Wheldrake Close Great Sutton L66 4NS 339 3646. S.A.P. Please state preferred night and 2nd. preference ie Mon or Wed.

2 A - SIDE INVITATION TOURNAMENT To be played at H/Q on Sunday January 3rd. 1993 10am - 7.30 pm visitors welcome to this high standard tournament.

### MEN'S 2ND. TEAM LANCS & CHESH. LEAGUE

We seem to be short of available players for this team if there is anyone out there who would like to act as reserve players for this team please contact Bernie Wentworth on 608 1100 or myself.

Next Committee meeting is on December 7th. at Gautby Rd.

Found at H/Q a TT Bat 'Shildkrot' ring 327 4221.

LONSDALE CUP Round 2 play before 25th. Jan 1993

NBCC 2	v	GRPCC 2
Caldy 3	v	Civic 3
PINEWOOD 2	v	Caldy / Civic
Eng Mart	v	NBCC
W Spartans	v	Upton
Alderley	v	Alderley 2
NBCC 4	v	Caldy 2
Pheonix 2	v	NALGO

R.A.F.A. Cup Round 2 w/c 16th. Nov.

Pheonix 2	v	Pheonix
W Spartans	v	Alderley 2
Neston 2	v	Eng Mart
NALGO	v	Neston
Caldy 3	v	NBCC 4
Caldy 4	v	GRPCC 3
Upton	v	Pinewood
GRPCC 2	v	NCLTC

1st named team at home, home team  
to contact away team regarding M/N.

HEPPLE Cup Vets Round 1 w/c 9th. Nov.

Pheonix A	v	NCLTC
Eng Mart	v	Caldy B
NALGO	v	Civic B
Caldy C	v	Caldy A
Pinewood B	v	Neston B
Pinewood A	v	Neston A
NBCC	v	Civic A
Aldrley	Bye	

Home team named first arrange match date  
with away team. 3 a-side no doubles.

### A GOOD SERVICE.

Due to a number of complaints re juniors plus a incident in a recent town match with regard to E.T.T.A. law 6, I was requested to ensure we print the law in the Horn for all to read

Due to the length of the law (13 parts) and the fact that all players/officials can readily and easily obtain the laws of T/T I have decided against this at present in order to point out some of the areas of illegal serving causing the most concern

Ball not thrown up min of 16cm (6ins) from flat of hand

Ball hit straight out of hand

Ball allowed to drop downwards no throw up at all  
Free hand and ball held over table to commence service

Some players have developed habits over years in order to improve and do not realize they are breaking the law but others know full well what they are doing

At all tournaments/rep matches umpires are urged to tighten up on service law as juniors should well know already, I try to teach juniors that what they try in the local league, they may well not get away with at a higher level and more importantly could not

It is up to all players and umpires to require a good service, remember it is the players responsibility to serve so that the umpire can see that he complies with the requirements for a good service  
No coach that I have ever worked with teaches any one to foul serve, but I would point out that juniors learn quickly and very much copy senior players.



### DRESS.

While on my soap box the wearing of white or white based shirts plus shirts with large fronted logos is also illegal as all juniors are told only for them to point out the seniors that break the law

### TOURNAMENTS.

Entry forms for the tournament 30th Jan 93 are enclosed and tickets for Hot-Pot supper-Disco evening to follow tournament will be on sale soon

News of other tournaments to be held at H/Q over Xmas period to be printed Dec Horn

### BRIDLINGTON SELECT.

Congratulations to Clare Newns on her very good performance at the above tournament reaching the semi/final beating the England N01 cadet and the No4 junior losing out in the semi to Englands top ranked junior

### County Junior Weekend.

The new concept of playing junior county matches on one day saw the second Cheshire team travel to Grantham on the Friday evening ready to play four matches on the Saturday, due to the non availability of some players we fielded a very young side with five of the squad from Wirral, the matches where played in the new purpose built centre providing a very entertaining day, congratulations to all the Wirral players who where making their debut Terri-Anne Nolan, Rebecca Nolan, Chris Dunne, Jeff Harris and Peter Walsh who all played well in particular Peter winning 5 out of 8 games.

Also many thanks to Maureen Nolan for her help in transporting of the squad and umpiring in every

match,Cheshire the only county without an official umpire

#### SOUTHPORT 4 WIRRAL 6

A very young Wirral team travelled to Southport and found the sunny S/port monsoon weather too much for them at first, promptly going 4 nil down, but a very splendid recovery saw them win the match 6-4 well played Rebecca Nolan, Jeff Harris and Chris Dunne

#### UMPIRES.

Not only are Cheshire short of umpires we in Wirral are very short in particular for rep matches and tournaments, and there is a good side to umpiring travelling to weekend tournaments, front row seat and expenses paid, if you feel you would like to try for your blue blazer or are intrested in any way and would like more information contact Les Jones 638 8868.

#### NEW TEAMS.

It is very pleasing to see the introduction of two new young teams from Caldys and N.B.C.C. taking part in the beginners Div. I would like to extend a warm welcome to them and a number of new players with other clubs and hope you all enjoy yourselves

#### TUESDAY A/M CLUB.

Now that repairs have been carried out at H/Q with the help of Roy Tierney we Hope to complete the suspended ceiling and wood floor very soon, we also hope to improve the kitchen area and maintain the building in this respect and in order to keep on top would any body who is able, like to meet at H/Q on Tue mornings to do odd jobs clean up have a natter and cupper even a game ring 638 8868 if interested.



### HEAD/QUARTERS SUBS.

We can see and are told that a number of people are using H/Q who have not as yet paid subs if name is not on the list on the notice board then you should contact F Hepple to pay your subs or have your name put on list  
Key holders should ensure that persons using H/Q are paid up members or pay you for use that day

### COACHING COURSE.

A proposed course for sports leaders teachers and assistant coaches/coaches is to be held at New-Ferry Village Hall Bebington in Feb 1993, it will be a weekend course Sat 3pm-9pm and Sunday 9am-5pm, sports leaders and teachers will be passed on this weekend, assistant coaches/coaches will have to attend extra sessions Fee £12-00 for more details and information contact Les Jones 638 8868

### PRESS OFFICER.

The league are to try to regain lost ground next season and encourage new teams to join the league ie tennis clubs, and other organisations to this end it is proposed to offer a reduction in fees active and practical help use of H/Q for one season only to this end a press officer could be very helpful, do you feel you could be that person if so please contact Stan 327 4221

# WIRRAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE TABLES

25/10/92

DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	POINTS
Alderley 1	3	3	0	0	20
GRPCC 1	3	2	1	0	20
Civic 1	2	2	0	0	16
NECC 3	3	1	0	2	16
Caldy 2	3	1	1	1	14
Caldy 1	3	1	0	2	12
NECC 1	1	1	0	0	10
Civic 2	3	0	0	3	9
NECC 2	2	0	1	1	7
Civic 3	3	0	1	2	6

DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	POINTS
NALGO 1	4	3	0	1	25
Alderley 2	3	3	0	0	24
GRPCC 2	3	3	0	0	22
Pinewood 2	4	2	0	2	21
Pinewood 1	3	3	0	0	20
Phoenix 1	4	1	0	3	17
Upton CC	3	2	0	1	16
Neston 1	4	0	0	4	14
NECC 4	3	1	1	1	13
Phoenix 2	4	0	1	3	12
Eng Mart 1	2	1	0	1	8
Caldy 3	3	0	0	3	8

DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	POINTS
GRPCC 3	4	3	1	0	26
W Spartans	4	3	0	1	25
WRUFC	4	2	0	2	21
Caldy 4	3	2	0	1	19
NALGO 2	4	1	0	3	16
Eng Mart 3	3	1	1	1	15
ESWA	3	1	0	2	14
NCLTC	3	1	0	2	12
E Mart 2	2	1	0	1	9
Civic 4	2	1	0	1	9
Neston 2	2	0	0	2	4

DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	POINTS
GRPCC 4	2	2	0	0	18
GRPCC 5	2	2	0	0	17
NECC 5	3	2	0	1	17
Caldy 5	2	1	0	1	8
GRPCC 7	2	0	0	2	5
GRPCC 6	3	0	0	3	5

LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE LEAGUE

Mens 1st Team	Nov 13th (H)	Ellesmere Port
	Dec 8th (A)	Lancs/Morecambe
Mens 2nd "	Nov 20th (H)	Salford & Farnworth (A)
	Dec 11th (A)	Southport (A)
Ladies	Dec 6th (A)	Preston (A)
Junior 1st "	Nov 13th (A)	Halton
	Dec 3rd (H)	St Helens
Junior 2nd "	Dec 10th (H)	St Helens 'A'
Vets 1st "	Nov 13th (H)	Oldham 'A'
	Dec 11th (A)	Halton 'A'
Vets 2nd "	Dec 11th (H)	Wigan 'A'
Vets 3rd "	Dec 11th (H)	Mid Cheshire





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FINAL REGIONAL TRIALS - The trials saw Garry T/Allen; Dean Appleton and Clare Newns play very well and at the end of a very hard, long day Garry just pipped Dean into second place. It is nice to see Garry playing well again. Clare played well all day to remain unbeaten. Well done! All the other girls had mixed trials. Alice Howard now known as "how'ard to hit a ball" was unbeaten as a cadet but then lost matches next day she should not have done. Chris Dunne had a very good day and came 2nd overall. Rebecca Nolan and Terrie Anne played well but they know they could have played better.

FINAL ENGLAND TRIALS - Congratulations to Garry T/Allen, Dean Appleton Chris Dunne, C Clare Newns and Alice Howard on winning their place at the England trials to be held Sat / Sun 3rd - 4th. Jan 1993 at Hereford.

TWO a SIDE INVITATION TOURNAMENT - Allan Timewell's invitation to 16 of the top players in the Lancashire & Cheshire League and locally have all accepted so ensuring a very good days Table Tennis at the H/Q on the 3rd Jan. 10 - 7-30pm. Allan is looking for some help in the running the event on the day. Spectators will be very welcome as will any donations to H/Q fund light refreshments will be available.

HEADQUARTERS - By the time you read this the work at the headquarters hopefully will be complete - that is we will have a suspended cieling and a wooden floor, I have played with the cieling in place and it does make a big difference to the heat retention and to the overall look of the place. We still have the work in the kitchen area to do after Christmas, offers to help will be welcomed.

#### WIRRAL HORN CIRCULATION

Did you receive Novembers Wirral Horn? If not, see your team captain or club secretary. I pose this question because of the following 'response' to some items.

UMPIRES - response - NIL.

TUESDAY AM CLUB - NIL

TWO PERSON TEAM TOURNAMENT 30th Jan. - NIL

COACHING COURSE FEB. 1993 - Apart from the interested persons I already knew about I have had two other enquiries.

HEADQUARTERS SUBS - NIL

PRESS OFFICER - NIL

HANDICAP TOURNAMENT - Some interest has been shown in this event, but you do need to ring Allan Timewell ASAP with the selected night you wish to play ie - Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 4th - 7th Jan and of course you should be available to play in the Finals on Friday evening 8th Jan. All matches start at 7pm each evening.

We as members of your committee know that as elected officers of the league it is our duty to organise and conduct the league's business and other events.

As can be seen from the above, it would appear that other events are of no interest to you all despite the fact that some are to commemorate the 40th year of the formation of the league. We do understand that time is hard to find but not to support any of the proposed events leads one to ask if the committee is on the wrong tracks. Just as bad as not giving any support is the lack of communication. If you are unhappy with your league organisation you should make it known; constructive criticism is always welcome but lack of response and physical help could destroy the league. We have seen already the loss of three divisions and it is possible we may lose another club next season.

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FOOTWORK - When coaching youngsters the basics of Table Tennis one tries very hard to teach good footwork. Therefore it comes as quite a surprise when a team composed of G. t? Allen, C Nemns, C Tierney, and A Howard, all young, fit, agile good players can visit the old Boys of Upton and get tanned 7 - 3. Did Roy, John & Art do a Curly, Larry & Mo act leaving the young ones doubled up on the floor with laughter, or supply them with so much Coke that they had them falling over? I do not know, I cannot believe Dave was threatening to set all the team on them. They could not have caught them on their Zimmers! By the way, well done Upton!

#### TWO PERSON TEAM TOURNAMENT DISCO HOT POT SUPPER EVENING

Due to lack of support both for the tournament and evening this event may have to be cancelled. In an effort to keep the event ongoing we are changing the format of the tournament to a two person team from any Division. Please use the existing entry form Fees £3 per person. Event to be held 30th Jan. 93 at the New Ferry Village Hall Bebington, to be followed in the evening at the Grove School with a Disco and Hot Pot Supper - Details Les Jones 638 8868.



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29/11/92

DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	POINTS	DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	POINTS
Civic 1	6	5	1	0	47	Alderley 2	7	6	1	0	56
Alderley 1	6	6	0	0	41	Pinewood 1	7	7	0	0	51
GRPCC 1	5	3	1	1	34	GRPCC 2	7	5	1	1	45
NBCC 2	6	2	3	1	31	Upton CC	7	6	0	1	42
Caldy 1	6	2	1	3	31	Pinewood 2	7	4	0	3	40
NBCC 3	7	2	0	5	29	NALGO 1	7	3	0	4	35
NBCC 1	3	3	0	0	28	NBCC 4	7	3	1	3	34
Caldy 2	6	1	1	4	20	Neston 1	7	1	1	5	26
Civic 2	5	0	0	5	11	Phoenix 1	6	1	1	4	24
Civic 3	6	0	1	5	8	Eng Mart 1	6	1	0	5	19
						Phoenix 2	6	0	1	5	14
						Caldy 3	6	0	0	6	14

DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	POINTS	DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	POINTS
W Spartans	7	6	0	1	46	GRPCC 4	7	7	0	0	64
WRUFC	7	5	0	2	46	NBCC 5	6	4	0	2	31
GRPCC 3	6	5	1	0	45	GRPCC 5	4	3	0	1	28
Caldy 4	5	3	0	2	30	GRPCC 6	7	2	0	5	22
Eng Mart 3	6	2	2	2	30	Caldy 5	6	2	0	4	21
NALGO 2	7	1	1	5	28	GRPCC 7	6	0	0	6	14
E Mart 2	6	3	0	3	25						
NCLTC	5	2	1	2	23						
ESWA	5	1	1	3	21						
Civic 4	6	1	1	4	21						
Neston 2	6	0	1	5	15						

## LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE LEAGUE

Mens 1st Team	Jan 15th	(H)	Barrow
Mens 2nd "	" 14th	(A)	Mid Cheshire A
Ladies	" 17th	(A)	Ellesmere Port
Junior 1st "	" 19th	(A)	Blackpool
Junior 2nd "	" 22nd	(A)	Burnley
Vets 1st "	" 15th	(H)	Salford & Farnworth A
Vets 2nd "	" 22nd	(A)	Manchester A
Vets 3rd "	" 15th	(A)	Lancs & More B

R.A.F.A. Cup Quarter Finals to be played before 22/2/93.

PHOENIX 1 v ALDERLEY 2  
Eng Mart 1 v NALGO 1  
NBCC 4 v GRPCC 3  
Upton v GRPCC/NCLTC

LONSDALE Cup Round 2 before 25/1/93

NBCC 2 v GRPCC 2  
Caldy 3 v Civic 3  
Pine 2 v Civic 1  
Eng Mart 1 v NBCC1  
W Spartans v Upton  
Alderley 1 v Alderley 2  
NBCC 4 v Caldly 2  
Phoenix 2 v Eng Mart 2/ NALGO

HEPPLE Cup Round 2 w/c 11/1/83

Phoenix 'A' v Caldly 'B'  
Civic 'B' v Caldly 'C' or 'A'  
Pinewood 'A' or Neston 'A' v Neston 'B'  
NBCC / Civic 'A' v Phoenix 'B'

BILL LOWE Shield To be played w/c 18/1/93  
or sooner

Caldy 5 -receive 10 each game  
Eng Mart 3  
NBCC 5 - receive 8 " "  
GRPCC 3  
GRPCC 5 - receive 4 " "  
NCLTC  
GRPCC 6 - receive 8 " "  
Eswa  
Civic 4 - receive 4 " "  
WRUFC  
NALGO 2 - receive 4 " "  
Caldy 4  
Neston 2 - Start equal  
Eng Mart 2  
GRPCC 4 - receive 8 " "  
Wir Spartans

In all cases first named teams are at home  
and are to arrange match.