

The Wirral Horn

NEWSLETTER OF THE WIRRAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

Editor :- Stan Wilkinson.

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Since the A.G.M. no one has come forward to take over the position of Fixture Secretary following Norman Berry's resignation.

Peter Greenshields has now taken over this position in addition to his duties as General Secretary to ensure that there is no lack of effort on the part of the Committee to ensure the smooth functioning of the League during the season.

However this does increase the duties of Peter to a considerable degree and every club is asked to make every effort to minimise the problems that do occur every season. These basically revolve around postponement of matches (rule 13 m) registration and re-ranking of players (Rules 9b,9e,13i,and13n) late submission or failure to forward scorecards (Rule 14b) and unregistered or in-eligible players (Rule 14d)

Each Club Secretary and Team Captain is asked to acquaint his or herself with these rules in particular.

Finally, telephone calls to Peter are to be kept to a minimum, certainly during working hours and restricted to before 8-30 pm at home.

For those people who like to spot deliberate mistakes, please read W/C on the diary of events page in the Handbook and not W/E...

We welcome five new Clubs to the League this season namely :-
SHAFTSBURY BOYS CLUB
OXTON CRICKET CLUB
BEAUFORTS

GAUTBY ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE - not to be confused with Gautby Road
Play Centre, it's two teams playing at the same venue., and
NORTH CHESHIRE LAWN TENNIS CLUB - now formed by ex- Thorndale L.T.C.
as their premises are no longer available, (hope the heating system
is better).

We wish them all a happy and succesful . time with us.

1st Handbook change

English Martyrs have now formed a 4th. Tean.
As a result Eng. Mart 3 are fulfilling (f) fixtures in the 5th. Div.
Team Captain remains as in the Handbook as P Barrow, However,
although their home night is Monday, their sequence of home fixtures
clashes with two of their other teams. Some of their home fixtures
will have to be re-arranged and clubs are asked to co-operate.
P Barrow will advise those clubs affected.

English Martyrs 4 will now fulfill the fixtures of Eng. Mart 3
in the 7th. Div. Home night is Monday and Team Captain J Barrow
home telephone no. 638 8437.

Please note that the RULE BOOKS issued this season contain
additions and alterations to rules voted on at the A.G.M.
They also now contain the various cup rules.
These new books have the Ref. JG / PG / 81.

LONSDALE CUP Preliminary round to be played w/c 14th. September.

(a)	Wirral Gas 2	V	Civic 4.
(b)	Caldy 2	V	Pinewood 3.
(c)	Civic 3	V	B'Head Postal.
(d)	Pinewood 5	V	Alderley 5.
(e)	Alderley 3	V	D.K.S.
(f)	Wirral Gas	V	N.A.L.G.O. 3
(g)	UPTON V.H.	V	Wall R.U.F.C.

LONSDALE CUP 1st. round to be played w/c 28th. September.

Winner of fixture (a)	V	Wall. R.U.F.C.4
N.A.L.G.O. 2	V	Wall. Y.M.C.A. 2
Pinewood 7	V	B'Head Police.
Busways	V	Caldy 5.
Wall Y.M.C.A.	V	Mountwood 2.
Mountwood	V	Eng.Mart 2.
Winner of fixture (b)	V	Mosslands.
Eng. Mart.	V	N.C.L.T.C. 2.
Caldy 7	V	Neston 4.
Neston 3	V	Pinewood 4.
N.A.L.G.O.	V	Neston 2.
Winner of fixture (c)	V	St Peters.
Alderley 2	V	B'head. B.B.
Caldy 4	V	Egerton
Upton C.C.	V	Wall. Ferries.
B'Head L.R.	V	Wall. Manor 4.
Beaufort	V	Civic.
G.R.C.C.	V	Wall R.U.F.C. 3.
Winner of fixture (d)	V	Eng. Mart 3.
N.C.L.T.C.	V	Shaftsbury.
Wall. Man 5	V	Alderley.
Caldy 3	V	Pinewood 2.
Winner of fixture (e)	V	Wall. Manor.
Upton C.C. 2	V	Wall. Manor 3.
Alderley 4	V	Wall. Manor 2.
Civic 2	V	Neston.
Winner of fixture (f)	V	Pinewood 6.
Mersey Fire Brig.	V	Lever.
Oxton C.C.	V	Caldy.
Winner of fixture (g)	V	B'Head B.B. 2.
Caldy 6	V	Pinewood.
N.B.C.C.	V	Wall R.U.F.C. 2.

R.A.F.A. CUP 1st. round to be played w/c 12th. Oct.

Wirral Gas 2	V	N.C.L.T.C.
Beaufort	V	Upton C.C.
Upton C.C.2	V	Pinewood 7.
B'Head. L.R.	V	Alderley 4.
N.A.L.G.O. 2	V	Wall. Man. 2.
Postal	V	Caldy 7.
Pinewood 6	V	Wall. Man 5.
Civic 2	V	UPTON V.H.
Caldy 6	V	Wall.R.U.F.C.2.
Eng. Mart2	V	Wall Y.M.C.A.
Pinewood 3	V	B'Head B.B.2.
Marine	V	Busways.
B'Head B.B.	V	Mrrsey Fire Brig.
Wall. Ferries	V	Caldy 4.
Civic 4	V	N.B.C.C.
N.A.L.G.O. 3	V	WallR.U.F.C.3.
St Peters	V	Neston 4.
Police	V	Shaftsbury.
Pinewood 5.	V	Caldy 5.
Wall R.U.F.C. 4	V	Civic.
Wall Y.M.C.A. 2	V	Neston 3.
Civic 3	V	Caldy 2.
Oxton C.C.	V	Eng. Mart.
Wall R.U.F.C.	V	Mosslands.
Alderley 5	V	N.A.L.G.O.
Lever	V	Mountwood 2.
Eng Mart 3	V	G.R.C.C.
Alderley 6	V	Wall. Man 3.
N.C.L.T.C. 2	V	Neston 2.
Pinewood 4	V	Caldy 3.
Egerton	V	Wall Man 4.
D.K.S.	V	Wirral Gas 3.

Thanks to those Clubs who have offered their premises for use of the League for representative matches, we could use more venues if offered, we now have 7 teams entered at this level, I hope to keep you posted on the venues for these matches in advance iff possible.

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Secretarys note.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all those Club Secretaries who produced their affiliation fees at the Handbook Meeting.

Some clubs were unable to comply for various reasons but I am able to report that all affiliation fees were paid prior to the commencement of League Matches.

This money has now been deposited in the Bank and it is earning interest for your benefit.

Keep up the good work and let me have your scorecards as soon as possible after matches have been played.

P G.

Other item for our spot the deliberate mistake competition -

The Reference in the new Rule Books is JG/PG/81 and not PG/JG/81, sorry.

A note from CALDY in some handbooks the match night of their 7th. Team has not printed plainly, so please note that Caldys 7th. team match night is MONDAY.

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HANDBOOK CHANGES

MOUNTWOOD - both teams home night now MONDAY - 1st & 5th Div.

PINEWOOD - have withdrawn 7th team in 7th Division - these fixtures now taken over by new club :-

BEBINGTON Y.C. Cornwall Close, New Ferry.

Sec. I Oliphant, 5 Harewood Ave, Little Sutton

Tel. Home 339 3607. Club 645 2630. M/N Wed.

We wish them every success during the coming season.

G.R.C.C. & G.R.P.C. - Secretaries have now interchanged -

G Wong now G.R.P.C.

Miss K ORMOND now G.R.C.C. both 7th. Div. (this smacks of gamesmanship trying to confuse everybody ?)

NESTON C.C.

4th. team's home night is now Wednesday, - 4th Div.

MOSSLANDS - 1st. teams home night now Friday - 2nd. div. Also an early start is required at 7pm as school premises close early.

WIRRAL GAS - 4th. team's home night is now Friday - 7th. Div.

CUP COMPETITIONS

It is necessary to remind teams that it is the responsibility of the Home Team to notify the Away team of the date of the Cup match. See Lonsdale Cup Rule 3.

The current practice of the Home team assuming that the Away team will arrive on their prescribed Home night shown in the Handbook is not good enough for various reasons. Two Club teams same Home night, both drawn at Home, is one example.

In the event of disputes concerning non-arrival of teams the fact that the Home team has failed to act in accordance with Lonsdale Cup Rule 3, will considerably influence the Committee's decision.

WIRRAL RANKINGS

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MEN

1. T.Manning.
2. D.Roberts.
3. A.Timewell.
4. G.Exell.
5. M.McEvoy.
6. W.Wardle.
7. R.Bevan.
8. P.Luxon.
9. D.Carlisle.
10. S.Green.
11. S.Roberts.
12. N.Fagan.

LADIES

1. Miss A.Hepple.
2. Miss D.Maguire.
3. Miss S.Rimmer.
4. Miss L.Godsell.
5. Mrs. M.Robinson.
6. Mrs. J.Hepple.
7. Mrs R.Jones.

JUNIORS

1. R.Butler.
2. A.McCready.
3. J.Hardy.
4. I.Owen.
5. B.Wentworth.
6. A.Bryan.
7. I.Thomas.
8. L.Owen.
9. D.Sherlock.
10. G.Williams.
11. I.Garrett.
12. P.Wright.

It is the intention of the Ranking Committee A.J.Timewell, P.Greenshields, & N Berry to keep these rankings under constant review and to alter during the season if found necessary.

Rep. Match 2nd. Team. 2nd. Division L & C League.

BURNLEY v WIRRAL 'A'

The two promoted teams met in the first match of the season. Gordon Exell, Malcolm McEvoy and Billy Wardle failed to achieve the win gained in last years meeting by drawing 5 all.

Gordon, working hard all the time gained a maximum of 3 wins. Malcolm was very unlucky not to do the same by losing 26 - 24 in the third game to the Burnley No 1 Jack Keogh, after having easily disposed of the No's 2 & 3.

Billy playing in his first match for Wirral was extremely nervous and failed to produce his normal form losing all three matches.

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Rep. Match 3rd. Team. 5th. Division L & C League.

LIVERPOOL BUSINESS HOUSES 'B' v WIRRAL 'B'.

This match was due to be played on Saturday afternoon which did seem to be a very awkward time for all our third team players, so it

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it was a made up team from the 4th. squad and some other worthies who won this first match 6 - 4 for the Wirral, after 3 sets L.B.H. had a 2 - 1 lead but our 'B' boys made a great come back by winning the next 5 sets.

The match of the day (afternoon) was Peter Greenshields playing at No. 3 beating a very useful No 1 G Edmunds 21/10 in the third.

Noel Fagan & Dave Carlisle recorded a fine win in the doubles, Dave played well winning two of his three games.

Stop press Friday night..... Saturday morning
WIRRAL first team come home from Blackburn with a point from their first match in the First Division, maybe it should have been two. Our number 1 Trevor was unable to play so it was Dave Roberts, Alan (funny bat) Timewell & Gord Exell who fought with various success Dave & Alan having 2 good singles wins each & a very convincing win in their doubles, poor Gordon had a bad night & lost all 3 but not without a struggle,

I also hear that the Ladies team won their first match, well done.

I also hear that our 4th team were awarded a walk over when their opponents failed to raise a team, so all in all a good first round for our Wirral teams.

Just another reminder about our younger teams i.e. G.R.P.C., Wirral Gas 4., Mosslands 2. Shaftsbury B.C. Please try to co-operate with them to get the matches started before 7/30 and let the lads get home in reasonable time. All Mosslands matches have to be finished by 10 pm as the school closes, and please respect the No Smoking rule within the school, Thank you.

Please try to make this newsletter more 'newsy' by sending me : a note of your matches or any ideas, complaints even, it all helps to make the game more enjoyable, remember the Neston 2 players last season, the exploits of Keith, Essjay, Cyril & Co you can go down in history as well, if you'r not careful.....