

The Wirral Horn

NEWSLETTER OF THE WIRRAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

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This issue is mainly to remind you of the A.G.M. of the league which is to be held on MONDAY 21st May 1990 at 7.30 pm at the league H/Q Arrowe Park. Every member of the league is invited to come, failure to have your club represented results in a £5 fine.

Also of course there is the Presentation Dance which is to be held at the R.A.F.A. Club Shrewsbury Rd Birkenhead on Friday June 8th. This promises to be a enjoyable evening in very hospitable surroundings, there will be dancing until 12 mid night and there will be a buffet supper included in the price of the ticket which will be £3.00. The tickets will be available at the A.G.M.

Any more information about these events can be had from myself on 327 4221 or Les Jones on 638 8868

Division Four averages (cont)

G Challinor	19	7	73.08	NCLTC
B Jernan	19	7	73.08	NCLTC
K Grain	29	11	72.50	ESWA
G Pentland	26	10	72.22	GRPCC 4
T Dunn	27	13	67.50	Eng Mart 2
J Dunn 2	24	12	66.67	Eng Mart 2
C McCombe	17	9	65.38	Caldy 6
R Humphreys	26	14	65.00	Eng Mart 3
R Bradburn	19	11	63.33	NALGO 4
G Wilkes	16	10	61.54	NALGO 4
B Powell	22	14	61.11	GRPCC 4
J Gibbins	19	13	59.38	Eng Mart 2
K Jones	23 17	17	57.50	ESWA
R McSween	16	12	57.14	GRPCC 4

THE 1990 WIRRAL CLOSED

There were no surprises at all in the early stages of the Mens singles with the top 8 seeds all qualifying for the quarters. Top seed Rob Bevan then put out Peter Lau which set up a semi final clash with Roy Smith who had put out Phil Luxon in the toughest tie of the round.

Former champion Malc McEvoy put out Mick Tierney and Gary Watson fell to a former champion Dave Roberts. Rob took the first game against Roy and suprisingly desstroyed him game 4 to reach the final, Dave and Malc meanwhile produced a breathtaking match that swung to and fro, Dave took the first 15 but Mal came back to clinch the next two sets.

In the final Malcolm took the first game 17 against Rob and held the initiative early on in the second, Rob came back strongly to level matters at one game all. Malcolm opened up an early lead in the third and threatened to have the defending champions crown off him, but Rob went into top gear and came home game 17 in a hard fought game to take his fourth Mens title on the trot.

Cerie Tierney and Sharon Norman reached the Ladies singles final by defeating Ann Dakin and Emma Fletcher in the semis. The first 2 games were shared and impressive defensive play by Cerie saw her hold off Sharons challenge in the third.

Roy Smith and Dave Roberts made up for being beaten singles semi finalists by taking the mens double title after pipping Malcolm and Phil. The beaten semi finalists being Rob Bevan & Neil Allen, Gary Watson and Mick Tierney.

Cerie Tierney and Sharon Norman took the Ladies doubles from Ann Dakin and Suzi Sorrentino. Cerie completing her fourth title success of the day, she took the mixed doubles with brother Glynn by beating Mark Newns & Emma Fletcher.

The top seeded Cerie beat number 2 seed Emma in the junior Girls final.

Gary Allen defeated older brother Neil in a titanic encounter for the junior Boys title. The top seed Keith Gillison fell in the semi to Neil, while Gary put out Mark Newns. The cadet final was an earlier triumph for Gary when he defeated Emma in the final.

Div. 2 singles	Gary Abbott (NBCC) from Colin Pratt (Marc)
Div. 3	Ramesh Patel (Caldy) - Syd Rivers (Nalgo)
Div. 4	Paul Evans (NBCC) - Gary Pentland (GRPCC)
Over 40 Singles	Roy Smith (Civic) - Colin Pratt (Marconi)
Over 50 -	Alan Biggs - Jim Clewett (Civic)

Division two cont.

	W	L	%	Team
A Millet	9	5	64.29	NALGO 2
J Conway	24	14	63.16	NBCC 3
A Dakin	20	14	58.82	Pinewood 1
G Hockaday	22	16	57.89	NALGO 2
M Neary	15	11	57.69	Civic 3
P Johnson	17	14	54.84	Caldy 2
J Horrabin	17	14	54.84	Caldy 2
W Stanley	16	14	53.33	Civic 3
H Sanderson	17	15	53.13	Alderley 2
A McCready	10	9	52.63	Aldrley 2
F Happle	20	20	50.00	Pinewood 2
M Vincent	5	5	50.00	Civic 3

Division Three

R Patel	37	7	84.09	Caldy 5
M Vincent	37	7	84.09	Civic 4
N Burdett	34	7	82.93	Eng Mart
S Rivers	34	10	77.27	NALGO 3
A Costain	34	10	77.27	NBCC 4
P Loftus	27	9	75.00	Civic 4
D Steedman	6	2	75.00	NBCC 4
G Owen	23	9	71.88	Pinewood 3
B Hall	20	8	71.43	Neston
R McQuade	10	4	71.43	Upton CC
B Fuller	29	12	70.73	WRUFC
P Aspinall	18	8	69.23	NALGO 3
H Owen	30	14	68.18	Pinewood 3
J Murphy	29	14	67.44	Eng Mart
J Doyle	24	12	66.67	Civic 4
E Whitby	24	12	66.67	NBCC 4
R Cross	20	10	66.67	WRUFC
A Irwin	27	15	64.29	Upton CC
D Cardwell	28	16	63.64	Upton CC
B Halliday	12	8	60.00	WRUFC
C Jones	6	4	60.00	NBCC 4
W Gibbins	25	19	56.82	Eng Mart
I Owen	21	16	56.76	Caldy 4
D Rennison	17	13	56.67	Neston
M Travis	9	7	56.25	Caldy 5
M Muskett	21	17	55.26	NBCC 4

Division one averages

Players	W	L	%	Club
R Smith	28	0	100	Civic 1
R Bevan	19	1	95.00	Caldy 1
P Luxon	21	3	87.50	NBCC 1
M Tierney	10	2	83.33	Civic 1
D Roberts	23	5	82.14	Civic 1
V Franco	13	3	81.25	Civic 1
M McEvoy	13	3	81.25	NBCC 1
G Watson	19	7	73.28	Civic 1
M Roberts	16	6	72.73	Caldy 1
A Barbat	16	8	66.67	NBCC 1
P Gittins	8	4	66.67	Thingwall 1
S Gittins	4	2	66.67	Thingwall 1
T Barraclough	9	5	64.29	NBCC 1
J Hardy	5	3	62.50	NBCC 2
J Cooper	16	10	61.54	Caldy 1
N Fagan	11	7	61.11	Caldy 1
G Tierney	14	9	60.87	Civic 2
A Evans	13	9	59.09	NBCC 1
R Barker	17	13	56.67	NBCC 2
A Taylor	12	10	54.55	NBCC 2
S Norman	15	13	53.57	GRPCC 1
R Butler	14	14	50.00	Alderley 1
R Hayes	11	11	50.00	NALGO 1
P Mutch	4	4	50.00	Thingwall 1

Division two

C Pratt	26	2	92.86	Marconi 1
B Davis	31	4	88.57	Marconi 1
G Abbott	30	4	88.24	NBCC 3
P Jones	7	1	87.50	Alderley 2
A Biggs	14	2	82.35	NBCC 3
V Franco	13	3	81.25	Civic 3
G Allen	23	7	76.67	GRPCC 2
M Campbell	26	9	74.29	Caldy 3
B Murphy	22	9	73.33	NBCC 3
G Kirsopp	22	9	70.97	NBCC 3
J Reynolds	21	9	70.00	Pinewood 1
R Tierney	7	3	70.00	GRPCC 2
N Eymond	27	13	67.50	Caldy 3
D Rawlinson	4	2	66.67	Thingwall 2
P Deeks	9	5	64.29	Caldy 3

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The last game of the season saw them bidding for a third consecutive win but being thwarted by defending champions Oldham.

Neil Allen ended his junior days in style with 2 wins only falling against Chris Campbell who recorded a treble. Keith Gillison beat Matthew Coombe but lost to Karen Richardson as well as Campbell. Mark Newns beat Richardson and was extremely unlucky to lose to Campbell 18 in the third.

Mark and Keith took the doubles in 3 games against Chris & Matthew.

Played	6	Won	2	Drew	2	Lost	2.
		P		WON		LOST	
M Newns		18		12		6	
N Allen		15		9		6	
K Gillison		15		5		10	
G Allen		3		1		2	
E Fletcher		3		0		3	

The 4th. Birkenhead B.B. team narrowly failed to reach the National Finals in Kilmarnock when they lost 5 - 2 to last years runners up and seven times former champions 7th. Hartlepool.

Division Three averages (cont8)

S Wilkinson	11	9	55.00	Pinewood 3
D South	23	19	54.76	Eng Mart
D Adams	24	20	54.55	GRPCC 3
W Fletcher	18	16	52.94	NALGO 3
R Boyle	22	20	52.38	Caldy 4
I Hale	22	21	51.16	WRUFC
A Freeman	22	21	51.16	Upton CC
J Sherratt	15	15	50.00	Caldy 4
K Wells	13	13	50.00	Neston
D Appleton	7	7	50.00	NALGO 3
I McKillop	4	4	50.00	NBCC 4

LONSDALE CUP SEMI 2 FINAL

ALDERLEY v CALDY

Bottom of the first division Alderley, with only 2 league wins all season, faced a daunting task in this cup tie with 2nd. placed Caldý, who included Wirral Champion Rob Deven and Alderley old boy Neil Roberts in their strong line - up.

Roger Butler got the home side off to a good start against Neil winning in 2 close games. Neil blocking well against Rogers big forehand loop, but Roger finding the big shots to win 17 and 19.

Phil (recently neutered) Roberts v Harry Nelson turned into a real nerve jangler, Phil taking the first at deuce having been well down most of the game 2nd to Harry 21/17 with Phil just shading it to game 19 in the third.

Steve (Ballesteros) Roberts not unexpectedly lost to Rob in 2, bringing John Briggs and his Beta Noire John Cooper to the table, JB Winning in 2, with JC not hitting his best form.

The clash of the Roberts brothers resulted in 2 close games before Neil ran out 21/11 in the third. No prisoners taken in this game with some tremendous hitting from both players. Steve v John transpired to be the key game for both sides and Alderleys hopes sank to their lowest ebb as Steve a game and 8/17 down looked well beaten, suddenly Steve started to find his rhythm and clawed back, looping and killing in fine style to take the game 23/21 and his good form continued in the 3rd, 21/17 hitting some tremendous forehand winners. In recording his first ever win against John, Steve left the table to a great reception from his team mates, Roger was so excited he nearly passed his fags round !

When Rog took the first against Rob an upset looked possible until Robs big shots started to go on, Rob winning comfortably 21/6 4 - 3 to Alderley.

The arrival of the 2 fours John and Harry to the table led to a mass exodus to the bar, presumably everybody was thirsty !! Harrys big forehand was sadly out of touch and John took the set comfortably 12 & 11. At 5 - 3 up John and Steve needed only 1 game to secure a place in the final and took the first against Neil & John only to lose in 3. Roger & Phil with the pressure off won the final doubles in 3 and Alderley had won 6 - 4 against the odds in a hard but good natured scrap. Caldý were sporting in defeat and Alderley delighted to have all players finding form at the right time.