

The Wirral Horn

NEWSLETTER OF THE WIRRAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

Editor :- Stan Wilkinson

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Big news this month is the Annual Presentation Dance, this year again to be held at the E.C.R.C. Club at Capenhurst. 17th. May 1985.

This event will run from 7.30 - 12.30. Dancing to the Sky High Disco. A choice of sandwiches will be available at reasonable cost.

Tickets £1.50. Will be available from committee members or Gordon Exell.

BILL LOWE SHIELD Round 4.

Caldy 4 v. Eng Mart 4.
Living. St v Alderley 5.

Oxton v Caldy 5.
Thing. 2 v Civic 4 or Upton C.C.

Notice of a Table Tennis event at Pontins Heemsley on Sea, Gt Yarmouth, from 9th. to 13th. April, £1000 in prize money and holiday vouchers, more details from Peter Mitchell.

LANC & CHESH. News :-

The Mens first team match against Bolton was cancelled but the men joined forces with Debbie McGuire to win their Norman Cooke Cup game against First Division Fleetwood. Our players received a handicap of 3 points per game and did well to outplay Fleetwood who have won this cup for the previous 4 seasons.

Debbie narrowly lost her singles but won the mixed doubles with Steve Green, Steve & Malcolm McEvoy both beat nationall ranked men

Arrived at the North Pole to find that Mary had forgotten her bat, luckily WELLS said it was not FAR(to)GO. The WETHER was ALL right, it was not as far as D(A)ONCASTER, and there was (P)LENIH(OF)AN time. Luckily Keith had his twin engined Cessna ticking away outside, and they were back before you could say Jack (Mary) Robinson.

In the meantime Julian had some adventures, losing to Steve who must be in line for the most improved player of the season award. It must be all the "Winalot" biscuits he eats at Spillers. Julian then had a suprisingly close win over Ian, who tries to slow him down by hiding the ball in his cardigan between points. He is joined by the "Grinder", John Dancaster, for 1st doubles, but youth and experiance does not pay off agaist Steve and Mike, Julian then departs, apparently for a party, the pleasures of youth!

Mary exhausted by her whiflwind flight is no match for Robbie who produces at least 4 backhand kills, usually his full seasons total. Mike cannot penetrate the "Grinders" defences, and Keith, playing one of his restrained games by his standards, crushes Ian.

Robbie, who I am told bears a resemblance to someone called Elvis Costello continues on great form to defeat Mike. An interesting point occurred when Mike returned a net cord from Robbie by throwing his bat at the ball, Robbie did not play the return, but the arbiter declared that the point was Mike's. 5 - 2 now to them but Steve, springing round full of "Bounce" and head to tail health has a marvellous win over Dancaster, one of the hardest players in the division to beat. Hopes of a draw as Mary takes the first game off Keith, a close 2nd. game, has he cracked. He throws his bat in the air uttering strange cries, turns 3 somersaults and bites a chunk out of the table. Mary, alarmed, loses the match. 2nd doubles was noteable for Ian returning 2 of Robbies kills for winners. The crowd gasped, and Mike glanced up from his Techno handbook. We lost though.

Man of the match Steve Baker (look out McEvoy, Green, Hardman, roberts etc.)

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and Malc & Rob Bevan won the Mens doubles to give Wirral a 5-3 win.

The mens second team were beaten 7-3 by Bury. Eric Hardman, Neil Royden and Peter Lee each won one, this was their second defeat of the season but they are still in with a shout.

The third team beat Lytham easily 8-2. Andy Taylor scored a maximum and Alan Timewell & Bernie Wentworth each won 2. This was the teams third win and ensures them of a respectable mid table position.

The 4th, team lost their match 6-4 against Ellesmere P rt. Phil Luxon won 2 here and Roger Butler & Tony Barbat one each; This loss means the Wirral team cannot win the League but a good result in the last match could see them being runners-up.

The junior first team had an easy victory over Fleetwood 10 - 0 Ian Thomas, Andy Taylor and Bernie Wentworth were much too good for the Fleetwood side.

The second team maintained their challenge for the championship of division 2 by beating Bury 7 - 3.

THE 1985 WIRRAL CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

At last months well attended event both mens events saw first-time winners Neil Royden became Mens Champion, to cap his best season yet, when he beat Malc McEvoy the reigning champion. En route to this showdown Neil accounted for Alderley team mates Dave Tagg & Alan Timewell Tony Barbat and finally Steve Green in a semi fina which went to duce in the third, while Malc beat Peter Lee, Roger B tler and Gary Watson all two straight.

Gary and Neil teamed up to take the doubles crown with a final victory over Civic pair Roy Smith & Steve Green.

The Ladies crown was regained by Ann Dakin whoovercame her friend and Pinewood team mate Debbie McGuire and together they retained the ladies doubles.

Bernie Wentworth and Andy Taylor, as expected, contested the junior boys fianal with victory going to Bernie, while in the junior girls final Sharon Norman beat Belinda Lau.

England ranked Alan Timewell defeated a game Jim C₁ewett in the Veterans final.

2nd Div winner	Paul Birken	from A Biggs.
3rd " "	Jim Clewett	" A McCann
4th " "	Don Collister	" R Davies
5th " "	Phil Dean	" G Williams
6th " "	Reg Bissell	" M Ashton.

It was good to see so many people staying to watch the finals. Our thanks finally to Les Garrett and Les Jones for their usual efficient hard work in ensuring the smooth running of the event.

<u>FIRST DIVISION</u>	P	W	D	L	PTS
Civic	12	11	0	1	109
ALDER	10	9	0	1	87
NBCC	11	9	0	2	74
Alder 2	12	6	1	5	62
Alder 3	13	6	1	6	58
Wall Man	10	4	1	5	47
Caldy	13	3	1	9	44
Wirr Gas	10	2	3	5	37
Pine	12	3	0	9	31
Upton VH	11	0	1	10	21

SECOND DIVISION

Wall Man 2	16	13	3	0	109
NALGO	15	11	0	4	104
NBCC 2	15	13	1	1	103
Neston	15	10	1	4	88
Upton CC	15	7	1	7	81
Wall RU	16	4	1	11	65
Caldy 2	15	4	2	9	63
St Peters	14	3	0	11	55
Pine 3	14	4	2	8	55
NCLTC	14	3	1	10	51
Eng Mart	15	3	2	10	48

THIRD DIVISION

Civic 2	16	15	1	0	121
Alder 4	17	13	1	3	118
Busways	16	11	1	4	108
Civic 3	15	10	2	4	98
NBCC 3	15	9	1	5	95
Caldy 4	17	11	1	5	94
Eng Mart 2	17	5	3	9	71
Wirr Gas 2	17	5	4	8	71
Caldy 3	17	5	0	12	69
Nestn 2	16	2	4	10	56
Wall RU 2	16	1	3	13	52
NCLTC 2	17	1	1	15	37

FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	PTS
Thingwall	14	12	2	0	97
Pine 4	15	7	5	3	91
Wall Man 3	13	9	3	1	89
Caldy 5	14	5	6	3	76
Oxton	13	5	4	4	75
Wall Ferr	14	6	3	5	75
Wirr Gas 3	13	6	2	5	68
Nestn 3	12	1	3	8	49
Egerton	13	0	2	10	29
Marine	14	1	2	11	27

FIFTH DIVISION

Alder 5	15	14	1	0	123
Caldy 6	16	10	4	2	106
Upton CC 2	16	10	2	4	103
Wall Man 4	17	8	2	7	87
Eng Mart 3	16	6	5	5	82
Pine 5	16	7	2	7	80
Beaufort	16	6	3	7	79
Thomp ross	16	5	2	9	76
Civic 4	16	6	2	8	73
NALCO 2	17	6	3	8	69
Wall Ferr 2	17	3	2	12	55
B'head LR	16	1	2	13	37

SIXTH DIVISION

Liv St	15	14	1	0	118
Marconi	14	12	1	1	113
Oxton 2	15	12	0	3	106
Thing 2	14	9	2	3	100
Eng Mart 4	14	7	0	7	73
Pinew 6	12	6	1	5	69
B.B.B.	15	4	3	8	58
G.R.P.C.	15	2	2	11	54
N.B.C.C. 4	14	3	2	9	48
Caldy 7	15	2	1	12	27
Oxton 3	15	1	1	13	24

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This is just a limited edition of the 'Horn' for distribution at the A.G.M. I realise that most of the teams will have disbanded until next season but please see that as many copies as possible are circulated, most of the League news will be discussed at the meeting so there is no point in me going on about it now, so we are looking forward to a slightly altered League next season, in some ways I hope it is all for the best.

LONSDALE CUP FINAL

CIVIC 5 N.B.C.C. 5 (Civic win on count back of games)

R.A.F.A. CUP FINAL

WALLASEY MANOR II 7 N.C.L.T.C. 3

BILL LOWE HANDICAP CUP FINAL

THINGWALL II 556 pts OXTON C.C. 542pts.

Division 6 averages

R Bissell	Thing	38	36	94.7	D Henderson	Liv	39	31	79.5
D Coulson	Pine	34	31	91.2	G Callaghan	Marc	36	26	72.2
D Jones	Thing	40	33	82.5	H Thomas	Oxt	40	27	67.5
E McGivern	Marc	39	32	82.1	J Sullivan	Oxt	40	26	65.0
J Limb	Marc	39	32	82.1	R McDonald	BB	20	13	65.0
P Egerton	Liv St	38	31	81.6	P Mutch	Thing	40	25	62.5
M Smith	Oxtom	40	32	80.0	P Robinson	Pine	38	28	60.5
M Ashton	Liv St	39	31	79.3	R King	Thing	40	24	60.0
					P Lau	Eng Mart	20	12	60.0

R.A.F.A. Cup Final. N.C.L.T.C. 3 WALLASEY MANOR 7.

Here I am again, 21 years after our last RAFA final, 1964 v Pinewood lost 4 - 6. and before 1961 lost 4 - 6 to Co - op. Memories of these games are a classic match between Mary Robinson and Barbara Cain in 1961, and John Davies for Pinewood psyching me out of a vital game by bouncing the ball 8 or 9 times before serving. Also in that match George Ithell said "put me on against Bill Blundell, I have never lost to him". He lost, in straight games. Anyway enough of this, back to the present. Steve Baker "our discovery" has to play Paul Birken "discovery of the season". Paul growing in stature in physique & ability is too sound for Steve 21-11 21-10. Everyone tells me I must beat John Jones, so I borrow Mike's bat hoping the magic will rub off. It does, on him, as he plays above known form to win 23-21 in the 3rd, after I led 20-18.

I can tell Paul is not himself, his tongue is firmly in his cheek, and he makes no impression on Kirsopp senior a very sound performer. 3-0 down but Mike Thorne, under a lot of pressure devastates Kirsopp junior 21-16, 21-16. Hardly missing a ball, Neil plays well but cannot cope with Mike's variety & speed of shot. A glimmer of hope, but Mary Robinson & I lose an agonisingly close game to George Kirsopp & Jones by 23-25, 22-20, 16-21. well though they played, fortunes did favour them.

Mike & Steve stand at 18-18 in the 1st v Birken & Neil Kirsopp. A long rally and Mike's forehand kill just misses, one point but it decided the set for Manor and at 1-5 down a miracle is needed. Paul's game with John Jones is a classic for "Chandler" observers. He leads 14-6 in the 1st, goes 15-20 down, recovers to deuce but loses. He is again 15-20 down in the 2nd. recovers again to deuce and loses. Match to Manor & well deserved.

With the tension gone Steve recovers fast for a good win over George, but the match that followed was worth the entry fee alone. Paul Birken, Div 2 singles champion, and only 3 losses all season and Mike Thorne "errant genius". Mike takes the first, Paul the second and the standard of play could not be bettered in the 1st division. In the 3rd game Mike's reflexes and kills are too much for Paul. The point that gave him 16-9 was played so fast that the eye could hardly follow the ball. Paul killed the ball 3 times, but Mike's returned them all on the half-volley, and killed the next shot. Set to Mike, but Paul is going to be a great player, and for Mike anything is possible. In the end 7 - 3 to Manor. Steve says we will win next year.

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LEADING AVERAGES

Qualification :- played 50% of matches played by team. 60% or more wins.

Division 1.			P	W	%	Div 3 cont.		
N Royden	Alderley		32	29	90.6	F Sorrentino	Civic 2	32 27 84.4
D Roberts	Civic		20	18	90.0	J Horobin	Nbcc	44 30 68.2
G Watson	Civic		29	26	89.6	M Stone	Caldy 4	44 28 63.6
M McEvoy	Nbcc		28	25	89.3	A Hayes	Civic 3	42 26 61.9
R Bevan	Nbcc		18	16	88.9	Division 4		
S Green	Civic		32	28	87.5	D Collister	Thing	32 29 90.6
E Hardman	Alderley		31	27	87.1	P Hurworth	Oxton	30 27 90.0
R With	Civic		34	29	85.3	A Lampkin	Thing	28 23 82.1
A Timewell	Alderley		30	24	80.0	P Elkin	Wall Fer	36 28 77.8
N Roberts	Ald III		24	17	70.8	W Wonderley	Thing	36 28 77.8
P Luxon	Nbcc		34	23	67.6	G Charles	Wall M'n	36 26 72.2
Division 2						L O'Brien	"	36 26 72.2
T Barraclough	Nbcc		38	38	100.	B Cundall	Neston	20 14 70.0
P Birken	W Man		39	36	92.3	D Benson	Pine	26 18 69.2
A Willett	Nalco		30	25	83.3	R Davies	Wall Fer	34 23 67.6
R Partridge	Neston		22	17	77.3	N Eymond	Caldy	36 23 63.9
G Kirsopp	W Man		38	27	71.1	A Kelsey	Pine	34 21 61.8
J Weatherall	Neston		34	24	70.6	R West	Pine	34 21 61.8
D Morris	Nalco		26	18	69.2	n.b. 4th. div individual records		
A Lloyd	Upton CC		38	26	68.4	include games played v NCLTC		
S Clayton	Nalco		36	24	66.7	Division 5		
M Campbell	Caldy		34	22	64.7	P Stewart	Ald	42 41 97.6
R Lenihan	Neston		28	18	64.3	S Corcoran	Thomp Ross	24 23 95.8
B Murphy	Nbcc		36	23	63.9	B Reddington	Ald	42 38 90.5
S Baker	Ncltc		22	14	63.6	S Crawley	Wall Man	44 34 77.3
A Evans	Ncltc		32	20	62.2	E Moss	Caldy	44 34 77.3
N Kirsopp	W Man		37	23	62.2	A Urwin	Upton	38 28 73.7
J Lancaster	Neston		20	12	60.0	N Evans	Ald	22 16 72.7
DIVISION 3						R Taylor	Eng Mart	38 27 71.1
J Clewett	Civic 2		32	27	84.4	P Dean	Beauf	37 26 70.3
P Walsh	"		42	35	83.3	G Hockady	Nalco	40 28 70.0
M Lee	Busways		29	24	82.8	R Stephenson	Ald	36 25 69.4
D Watson	Nbcc		22	18	81.8	D Rennison	Upton	34 23 67.6
G Abbot	Civic 3		42	34	81.0	A Southall	Beauf	37 24 64.9
P Reed-Clayton	Ald		40	32	80.0	C McCombe	Caldy	32 20 62.5
T Johnson	Busways		39	30	76.9	I Owen	Caldy	42 26 61.9
H Sanderson	Ald		42	31	73.8			
P Johnson	Caldy 4		39	28	71.8			

Final League Tables 1984/5.

<u>DIVISION ONE</u>	P	W	D	L	PTS
CIVIC	18	16	0	2	161
ALDERLEY	18	16	0	2	152
N.B.C.C.	18	13	0	5	114
ALDERLEY 2	18	8	1	9	93
WALL. MAN.	18	8	2	8	87
ALDERLEY 3.	18	9	1	8	79
CALDY	18	5	2	11	65
WIRRAL GAS	18	2	7	9	62
PINEWOOD	18	4	1	13	51
UPTON V.H.	18	1	2	15	36

DIVISION TWO

N.B.C.C. 2.	20	18	1	1	142
NALGO	20	14	1	5	136
WALL. MAN 2.	20	15	4	1	133
NESTON	20	14	2	4	122
Upton C.C.	20	7	1	12	94
CALDY 2.	20	6	3	11	86
W.R.U.F.C.	20	6	1	10	86
PINEWOOD 3.	20	7	3	10	85
St PETERS	20	5	0	15	82
N.C.L.T.C.	20	4	3	13	74
ENG. MART.	20	3	3	14	60

DIVISION THREE

CIVIC 2	22	21	1	0	167
BUSWAYS	22	15	1	6	151
ALDERLEY 4.	22	16	1	5	145
CALDY 4.	22	16	1	5	132
N.B.C.C. 3.	22	13	1	8	130
CIVIC 3.	22	12	2	8	116
ENG. MART 2.	22	8	3	11	99
WIRRAL GAS 2.	22	6	5	11	93
CALDY 3.	22	6	2	14	92
NESTON 2.	22	3	5	14	82
W.R.U.F.C. 2.	22	2	3	17	69
N.C.L.T.C. 2.	22	1	1	20	44

<u>DIVISION FOUR</u>	P	W	D	L	PTS
THINGWALL	18	16	2	0	134
OXTON C.C.	18	10	4	4	114
WALL MAN 3.	18	11	4	3	112
PINEWOOD 4.	18	8	5	5	106
WALL. FERR.	18	9	3	6	100
WIRRAL GAS 3	18	8	3	7	97
CALDY 5.	18	6	7	5	91
NESTON 3.	18	1	3	14	62
MARINE	18	3	2	13	42
EGERTON	18	0	3	15	42

DIVISION FIVE

ALDERLEY 5.	22	19	2	1	166
CALDY 6.	22	12	8	2	143
UPTON 2.	22	12	3	7	125
BEAUFORT	22	9	3	10	119
THOM & ROSS	22	9	2	11	113
ENG MART 3.	22	9	6	7	112
WALL MAN 4.	22	10	3	9	112
PINEWOOD 5.	22	9	3	10	98
CIVIC 4.	22	7	3	12	97
NALGO 2.	22	8	4	10	93
WALL FERR 2.	22	5	2	15	81
B LAND REG	22	1	5	16	61

DIVISION SIX

MARCONI	20	17	2	1	157
LIV. ST.	20	17	2	1	150
THINGWALL 2.	20	14	3	3	146
OXTON 2.	20	15	0	5	137
PINEWOOD 6.	20	11	2	7	123
ENG. MART 4.	20	10	0	10	108
B.B.B.	20	6	3	11	83
N.B.C.C. 3.	20	5	2	13	69
G.R.P.C.	20	2	2	16	59
CALDY 7.	20	3	1	16	41
OXTON 3.	20	1	1	18	27