



The Wirral Horn

NEWSLETTER OF THE WIRRAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

SEPTEMBER 1978

From the Chairman

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome four new clubs to our league, namely, Bidston Observatory, G.R.C.P., Merseyside Fire Brigade and Upton Cricket Club. I hope they have many happy years of Table Tennis with us. Once again I shall visit as many clubs as I can during the season.

This year we have virtually seven full divisions so the league is gradually expanding, this is obviously a reflection of the popularity the sport is enjoying, so let's make this season even more successful than last.

We are hoping to run both the McNaught Bowl and the J.S.Banks cup competitions this year so there is ample opportunity for the ladies and junior clubs to get a fair share of competition within the league.

I wish you all a successful and enjoyable season.

Don Collister

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From the Secretary's 'desk'

Or more correctly from his kitchen table...Another season is upon us, by the time you read this you will have received your handbook for the coming year and you will no doubt notice a few changes in the divisional set-up. We have 'lost' only one club. M.P.T.E. who have not requested to enter teams this year.

There are a few changes within existing clubs. N.B.C.C. have

virtually withdrawn their first, second and third teams although most of the members will reappear in other clubs.

The greatly enlarged Neston C.C. have drawn members from Greasby and Caldy, this explains their positions in the divisions. One or two other teams have jumped divisions on merit. I don't suppose we have pleased everybody but we have done our best to be fair and to ensure that all get a reasonable standard of play in all the divisions.

May I draw your attention to Rule 14e which governs time and format of matches. One of our new clubs Bidston Observatory has a security situation so that visiting teams will be met and escorted to the clubroom from the gate. Obviously it is going to be more convenient for everybody concerned if teams arrive promptly and as far as possible together. May it also be pointed out, as we have more teams composed largely of youngsters, that it is only fair that matches are started promptly and kept going as quickly as possible; playing through tea breaks can save a considerable amount of time by the end of the evening. I'm sure that players having youngsters of their own will bear me out over this point.

There is no reason why matches cannot be played BEFORE the week stated as long as both teams agree, so try not to waste free nights available at the beginning of the season, this can save a clutter of fixtures later on, especially with the more successful teams in the cup competitions.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

NESTON 2

Match night Wednesday not Thursday

G.R.C.P.

Gorpy Road Play Centre. Corner of Gorpy Road and Valley Road, Wallasey. Opposite model yacht lake.
M/N Tuesday. Secretary E. L. Jones, 14 Clare Crescent, Wallasey. 638 8868 (H).

ST. PETERS

Home matches to be played at New Brighton Cricket pavilion, Rake Lane, Wallasey. M/N Monday.

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Please note Wirral Closed Tournament 24th February 1979

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We are having problems with finding a regular Manager for our Junior representative team, anyone who is willing to help out please contact league Secretary.

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There have been rumblings re the selection procedure for our Junior team. In the circumstances we are asking for nominations of players who are of this playing standard, if necessary we will run a tournament to provide the league with a ranking list to choose the team from, which of course can be up-dated as the season proceeds.

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The CHESHIRE CLOSED TOURNAMENT will be held this year on Sunday, September 24th at the Stretford Sports Centre, Manchester. Entry forms are now available from Stan Wilkinson. This tournament is of course open to all members of our league.

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From the Coaching Sec. Les Jones

An E.T.T.A. coaching scheme course will be run for Club, Diploma and Student coaches from 3rd September every Sunday until 8th October at the British Aerospace and Dynamics, Lostock, near Bolton, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. This is being run by Harold Myers who is the Northern Coaching representative of the E.T.T.A. The course fee will be £6 or £1 per session. More details available from Les - 638 8868.

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CUP DRAWS - The first named teams are at HOME

LONSDALE CUP - Prelim. Round. To be played w/k comm. Sept. 18th

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| 1. Wirral Gas 3 | v Neston 5 | 2. "C" | v Pinewood 3 |
| 3. Alderley 3 | v Neston 1 | 4. Pt.Sunlight 3 | v Wall.Amb.2 |
| 5. Heswall 1 | v Brom.Pool 1 | 6. Caldby 2 | v B'head B.B. |
| 7. Pt.Sunlight 1 | v Alderley 1 | 8. Marine 1 | v Eng.Martyrs2 |
| 9. Marine 2 | v Upton V.H. 1 | 10. Wall.RUFC 1 | v Hoylake Y.M. |
| 11. Thorndale 1 | v Postal 1 | 12. Civic 1 | v Nalگو 3 |
| 13. Civic 3 | v Upton C.C. 1 | 14. Pinewood 4 | v "E" |
| 15. Mosslands 3 | v Alderley 2 | 16. Wall.L.T.C. 2 | v St.Saviours2 |
| 17. Neston 2 | v Egerton House | 18. Mosslands 1 | v Civic 2 |
| 19. Busways 2 | v Upton V.H. 4 | 20. Nalگو 4 | v Wall.LTC 1 |

R.A.F.A. CUP - Prelim. Round. To be played w/k comm. Sept. 18th

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| 1. Eng.Martyrs v Thorndale 1 | 2. Nalگو 4 | v B'head B.B. |
| 3. Wirral Gas 3 v W.R.U.F.C. 1 | 4. Caldý 2 | v Marine 2 |
| 5. Civic 2 v Civic 4 | 6. Neston 2 | v Upton C.C. 2 |
| 7. Caldý 6 v Alderley 2 | 8. Civic 3 | v Caldý 3 |

R.A.F.A. CUP - 1st Round. To be played w/k comm. Oct. 9th

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| St.Saviours 2 v Thorndale 2 | Prelim 6 | v Neston 4 |
| Caldý 5 v Busways 2 | Police 1 | v Wall.L.T.C. 2 |
| Egerton Hse. v M.F.B. 1 | Mosslands 1 | v Busways 1 |
| Alderley 3 v N.D.L.B. | Upton C.C. 1 | v Wirral Gas 1 |
| Pt.Sunlight 1 v Mosslands 3 | Heswall 1 | v Brom.Pool 1 |
| Upton V.H. 4 v Wall.Amb. 2 | Upton V.H. 3 | v Wirral Gas 2 |
| Pinewood 3 v Civic 1 | Prelim 7 | v Mosslands 2 |
| Marine 1 v Police 2 | Prelim 5 | v Prelim 1 |
| Postal 3 v Prelim 3 | Wall.Amb. 1 | v St.Saviours 1 |
| Pinewood 4 v Pt.Sunlight 2 | Heswall 2 | v "D" |
| B'head Y.M. 1 v N.B.C.C. 1 | Wall.L.T.C. 1 | v G.R.C.P. |
| Pt.Sunlight 3 v Caldý 4 | Willmers | v Wall.R.U.F.C. 2 |
| Nalگو 3 v N.B.C.C. 2 | Prelim 4 | v Prelim 8 |
| Neston 5 v "C" | Neston 3 | v Wall.R.U.F.C. 3 |
| Nalگو 2 v Bidston 0 | Prelim 2 | v N.D.L.B. 2 |
| Eng.Martyrs 2 v "B" B.Y.M.2 | Postal 2 | v "E" |

The teams involved will be notified of the winners of prelim. rounds as soon as possible.

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$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ 16 \\ \hline 8 \\ \hline 3 \end{array}$$

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OCTOBER, 1978

The season is under way at last, as usual it has produced the annual rush of handbook amendments, I know it is difficult during the summer months to obtain the sort of information that is required to set up the handbook for the beginning of the playing season, but this year we seem to have more alterations than ever. It is, therefore, very important for the smooth running of the league that all members and especially team captains make the alterations in their handbooks as necessary.

The most upsetting news is that POSTAL are withdrawing all their teams from the league; this is due, I believe, to internal problems of security within the Post Office. We are very sorry to lose such a long standing club from membership, but you will find their players popping up in various other clubs. HESWALL have also found they cannot run their 2nd team so their fixtures will for the moment be suspended.

On the good side ENGLISH MARTYRS have entered a 3rd team so this leaves us with 5 vacancies to fill up, any offers

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS as at 26th September.

POSTAL withdrawing all 3 teams.

HESWALL L.T.C. withdrawing 2nd team.

THORNDALE 2 match night altered to TUESDAY.

UPTON CRICKET CLUB 1st team match night MONDAY.
2nd team match night THURSDAY.

BROM. POOL match night altered to WEDNESDAY.

ENGLISH MARTYRS 3 to take over Postal 3 fixtures in Division 7 as from week commencing October 2nd. Details to be circulated later.

GAUTBY ROAD PLAY CENTRE (Alias 'Gorpy Road Center Play').

This is, of course, how it is spelt and is situated in Birkenhead, not Wallasey.

Sec. Mrs.M.Haig c/o G.R.P.C. Telephone 678 6934 (Home)
652 5645 (Club)

To reiterate what was said in the last newsletter re starting times of matches involving younger players, Mosslands and the G.R.P.C. clubs are more than willing to start their matches at 7.p.m.

RESULTS

R.A.F.A. CUP-Prelim Round

Caldy 2	10	Marine 2	0
W.Gas 3	0	W.R.U.F.C.	10
Caldy 6	1	Ald.2.	9
Neston 2	10	U.C.C.2	0
N.A.L.G.O. 4	8	B.B.B.	2
Civic 2	7	Civic 4.	3

LONSDALE CUP-Prelim Round

Heswall	6	Brom. Pool	4
Marine	10	Eng. Martyrs 2	0
Caldy 2.	10	B.B.B.	0
W.L.T.C. 2	9	St.Saviours 2	1
P.Sunlight	3	Alderley	7
N.A.L.G.O. 4	1	W.L.T.C.	9
Civic	10	N.A.L.G.O.3	0
Alderley 3	1	Neston	9
Neston 2	9	Egerton	1
Mosslands 3	10	Alderley 2	0
Mosslands 1	7	Civic 2	3

11. TABLE TENNIS NEWS

The magazine is published monthly from October to May each season at a subscription rate of £2.75 for the eight issues. Subscription forms are available from Stan Wilkinson.

13. PERMIT MEMBERS

May we remind you that all Permit Members are required to renew their membership by September 1st at the fee of £4. and that any member earning money from his skill at table tennis, such as coaching or writing articles, should hold a permit so to do. Application forms are available on request from E.T.T.A.

15. INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Englands four home matches in the European League (Super Division) are as follows.

8th November	v	Federal Germany at Preston.
7th December	v	Czechoslovakia at Batley.
7th February	v	Hungary at Belper
8th March	v	U.S.S.R. at Southend.

McNAUGHT BOWL competition (Ladies)

The draw is as follows :-

1st round. Mosslands v Thorndale

2nd round. Mosslands or Thorndale v Civic
Pinewood v Caldly.

Results of all matches to be sent to Fixture Sec. before November 18th. Teams to comprise of 3 players all playing each other, giving a 9 set result.

J.S.BANKS Cup for teams of players under 21 years of age on the 1st September 1978.

Neston 'A'	v B.Y.M.C.A. 'A'	Caldy	v Neston 'A'
St.Saviours 'B'	v W.R.U.F.C.	B.Y.M.C.A. 'B'	v Birk. B.B.
Pinewood	v Mosslands 'B'		

Byes - Mosslands 'C', Mosslands 'A', St. Saviours 'A'.

Regulations as for McNaught bowl above.

Results to be sent to Fixture Sec. before November 18th.



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From the Editor

This month's newsletter will consist mostly of facts and figures, the season is progressing remarkably smoothly, just the odd hiccup here and there, these are mostly due to the club members either not receiving their copy of the previous letters or not taking note of what they contain. Club Secretaries please see that the Wirral Horn is both circulated as quickly as possible and that the contents are digested.

It must be, and it is a good way of circulating our league information if every member receives his copy on time.

Both main cup competitions are up to date, the draw for the second round of the Lonsdale Cup will be found in this issue.

One thing this newsletter is short of and that is news, there must be something happening at some of the matches played on the Wirral each week, that is worthy of a line or two, even if it is only scratched on the back of the scorecard, see what you can do...

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LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE LEAGUE

Our first representative team in the lofty heights of Division 2 this year have made a marvellous start to the season by winning their first two matches, first against Ashton then a very convincing 10-0 win over the Crewe team. The next match for the team will be at 'home' at Capenhurst on November 17th, when we play the Oldham league.

The Wirral team travel to Preston on Friday, 3rd November, to play in the second round of the Norman Cooke Trophy having had a bye in the first round.

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J. S. BANKS CUP

Just one result in so far... St. Saviour's 'B' 8. W.R.U.F.C. 1.

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HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

ENGLISH MARTYRS 3 Church Hall, St. George's Road, Wallasey.
Sec. for 3rd team only - Kevin Hardy, 44 Ellera
Park Road, Wallasey.
Tel: 638 0841 (H) M/N Mon.
As stated last month Eng. Mart. 3 take over
Postal 3 fixtures in Div. 7.

PINEWOOD 5 Take over 'C' fixtures in Div. 6. Details as
handbook M/N. Friday

ALDERLEY 3 Match night Monday not Tuesday.

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DRAW for LONSDALE CUP round 2 to be played week comm. 13th November,
first named teams at home.

CALDY 2 v MOSSLANDS 2
HOYLAK 2 v B.Y.M.C.A.
PINEWOOD 3 v P. SUNLIGHT 3
W.L.T.C. v NESTON
CALDY 3 v N.A.L.G.O. 2
PINEWOOD v THORNDAL
FIRE BRIG. v P. SUNLIGHT 2
U.V.H. 3 v WIR. GAS

U.V.H. 2 v U.V.H.
NESTON 4 v ALDERLEY
ENG. MART. v PINEWOOD 2
PINEWOOD 4 v MOSSLANDS
W.GAS 2 v MARINE
CALDY v BUSWAYS
N.A.L.G.O. v CIVIC 4
BIDSTON v NESTON 3

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Brief round-up of Division leaders...

- Div. 1 Caldy, Hoylake, U.V.H. U.V.H.2. all with 4 pts.
Div. 2 Wirral Gas 5 pts. from 3 matches Birk Y.M.C.A. Thorndale
both with 4 pts. from 2 matches.
Div. 3 Busways, Marine and W.R.U.F.C. all going well 6 pts. from
3 matches.
Div. 4 Alderley and Heswall both with 6 pts.
Div. 5 Birkenhead Y.M.C.A. 2 out on their own with 6 pts.
Div. 6 Newcomers Fire Brigade with 6 pts. followed by Birkenhead
B.B. with 5.
Div. 7 Wall. L.T.C. 2 6 pts. Bidston coming up behind with 3 pts.

OUR FAVOURITE GAME

A round white ball just out of reach,
The penetrating drive,
Scores that seem to level out and
Keep the game alive.

To push, to drop, to loop and chop
The challenges of style,
Shots that fractionally miss,
"Might well have been a mile"

Smooth side out and pimples in
Indeed a complex decision
To find a bat that suits one's style
With rubberised precision

Those winning games
Like Angler's tales,
Include the frequent whopper
The desperate search for urgent youth
When up against a 'Chopper'

No one doubts that one day soon
The breaks will go our way
And then watch out for endless wins
.....but that's another day
So we all return when Autumn comes
For no apparent reason
Than to play 'Our Favourite Game'
In this... another Season.

Anon.

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DIVISION 7 - G.R.P.C. v St. Saviours 2

This was G.R.P.C.'s first game in the Wirral League, and at the half way stage two - three down.

C. Stewart winning the first game for St. Saviours. D. Kieran making it all square. Both games won in two straight.

P. Groom put St. Saviours in front and B. Kenna made it three.

R. Granville put G.R.P.C. back in the game.

The best game of the night was between M. Platt from G.R.P.C. and B. Kenna. The game went to three with B. Kenna of St. Saviours winning the third 28-26.

The two young girls of G.R.P.C. put up a fight in their doubles match, H. Stenhouse and J. Thomas, but finally lost two straight.

Final score G.R.P.C. 3 St. Saviours 7.

D. Kieran and M. Platt of G.R.P.C. winning the third game and

E. Williams of the Saints winning the last.

The lads of St. Saviours would like it to go on record. Thanking all at G.R.P.C. for very enjoyable evening.

DIVISION 5 - Alderley 3 v St. Saviours 1

The game started with a fine three set game between R. Jones (Alderley) against G. Jones. R. Jones winning after being down 16-9 in the third.

Alderley raced to five-nil at the half way stage with good wins from H. Sanderson and A. Edwards.

M. McMahon had a fine chance to take the first game off H. Sanderson but lost 22-20. H. Sanderson easily winning the second 21-5.

M. Hitchell and P. McMahon of Saviours lost 2 straight to M. Bowen and A. Edwards.

M. Bowen completed a fine victory for Alderley winning two straight in the last game.

Although St. Saviours never gave up Alderley were too strong and look a very good team and must finish very high in Division 5.

Result: Alderley 3 - St. Saviours 10-0.

DIVISION 7 - St. Saviours '2' v Wallasey L.T.C. '2'

These two teams last week played each other in the prelim of the Lonsdale Cup with Wallasey easy winners by 9 games to 1. P. Groom winning the only game for St. Saviours. Wallasey started where they left off winning the first five games. With good wins from

I. Bowden and J. Pemberton. J. Lewis reversed his defeat against P. Groom of St. Saviours winning the third game 21-19.

Wallasey won both doubles with I. Bowden and G. Little winning 21-16 and 21-17 against C. Stewart and P. Groom and J. Pemberton and

J. Lewis winning the second game 21-3, 6-21 and 18-21 against

B. Kenna and E. Williams. A very strange game as you can see from the score.

Wallasey ran out winners 10 games to nil a very good side and should finish high in the table.

For St. Saviours unfortunately, match nights are practise nights and it shows more practise is required.

Result: St. Saviours '2' v Wallasey L.T.C. '2' 0-10

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