

The Wirral Horn

NEWSLETTER OF THE WIRRAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

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Handbook amendments :-

WALLASEY MANOR

Mr Sid Bawden has moved to Southampton, please substitute his name with Mr Simon Crowley, 44 Liscard Grove, Wallasey 630 2224 (H). as club Sec. and Captain.

Please disregard the rumour that the Wallasey Manor club has ceased to exist, having been swept away to make room for a housing development I have it from the best authority that it is still functioning as usual !

W.R.U.F.C. Amendment to last months amendment, Neil Hylands Tel. Mo is 639 6145 (H) 227 2311 (B) Sorry Neil !

R.A.F.A. Cup 4th. round w/c 12th. Jan.

Alderley 3
Caldy 3

v Civic 3
v N.B.C.C. 4

Neston 2 v B.Head L.Reg.
Pinewood 2 v Upton C.C.

LONSDALE Cup 4th. Round w/c 19th. Jan

NALGO 2 v N.B.C.C. 2
N.B.C.C. v Alderley 3

Caldy
Civic

v Alderley
v Pinewood.

ect

R.A.F.A. CUP Round 3.

Pinewood 2 v Birkenhead Boys Brigade.

Pinewood surrendered their home advantage by offering to play the match away, but once the match started nothing was surrendered by either side. Julian Wetherall and Ian Street shared the first two games before Julian came from behind to win 19 and put pinewood ahead. Micky Deponio beat Julie Hope game 12 and came from 17 - 12 down in the next to lead 21 - 20 before Julie took it 23 - 21. Micky trailed 9 - 10 when they switched ends, but then played like a man possessed as he cruised home game 12; this made the match 1 all but pinewood regained the lead when Anne Dakin comfortably beat George McGettrick, and their skipper John Fowler increased it to 3 - 1 by beating Robbie McDonald, Micky and Ian scraped home 19 & 20 in their doubles against Julia and Julian to pull a set back.

John & Anne then took the other doubles 18 & 14 against Robbie and George, Pinewood then went 5 - 2 up when Julian beat Micky 15 & 19 so the third division leaders surrendered a major blow in their bid to oust the 2nd Divisions pacemakers.

Ian then beat Anne 11 in the third after pulsating, power and precision playing by both players, John put pinewood on the brink of victory by beating George 10 in the first, then George took the next 15 after an attacking spurt, but succumbed to experience in the gruelling third to clinch the match.

Julie then demolished Robbie game 6, but Robbie scraped home 17 in the next, the third game started with both players still searching for their first win of the night and Julie soon took the initiative as she preened up a 10 - 5 lead and at 19 - 16 looked set to secure her win but Robbie decided to put the cat among the pigeons by showing his best form of what had so far been a dissapointing season for him by turning the set around and even saving a match point before winning 22 - 20 against a bewildered Julie, who was wondering how Robbie came from the dead.

The very long and hard fought match had ended with the quater final place going to pinewood 6 - 4.

J.E.T.

CONGRATULATIONS :-

To SUSI SCORRENTINO who played her first match for the Cheshire Junior first team in their 7 - 3 win against Staffordshire on 13th. Dec. and DEBBIE BEVAN playing for Cheshire first team winning her singles and doubles with Janet Deakin in their 8 - 2 win against Worcestershire.

memorable tussle. (continued from following page)

Frank Sorrentino next faced Gary and a second successive see - saw encounter saw Gary open up the Cricket Clubs scoring when he triumphed 26 - 24 in the third, Frank having foul served at 24 all.

The match ended a creditable 8 - 2 to Civic with New Brighton's second point being earned by Belinda who just pipped Frank 22 - 20 21 - 19, with the final point being decided by an edge ball after Frank had manfully returned three or four smashes from the back of the court.

R.J.

SATURDAY JUNIOR CLUB - ARROWE PARK H.Q.

2pm - 5pm.

Individual positions as at 27/12/86.

	Points		
1. Neil Allen	25	13. Don Parr	5
2. Danny McKeown	21	13. Ritchie King	5
3. Keith Gillison	19	16. Susie Sorrentino	4
4. Mark Newnes	18	16. Mike Reilly	4
5. Peter Walsh	15	16. George Jones	4
5. Jonathan Coburn	15	19. Darren Armitage	3
7. Paul Mutch	13	20. Steven Barker	2
8. John Trenbirth	12	20. Micheal Coburn	2
9. Gary Allen	11	20. Peter Lambkin	2
Mark Carey	10	David Lambkin	2
10. Rob Davidson	10	25. Micheal Barker	1
12. Alex Lawson	6	25. David Adams	1
13. Chris Melling	5	25. Steven Down	1

you can see from the figures, there is plenty of room for improvement from some of the more noted players, and regular reports will be published along with league tables in the Wirral Horn, So come on down!

Certificates will be given to all competitors at the end of the season with trophies for top players.

Peter Walsh E.T.T.A. Club coach.

Wirral youth Rep 1986/87.

<u>DIVISION ONE</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Pinewood	8	7	1	0	68
Civic	8	6	1	1	64
N.B.C.C.	6	6	0	0	49
Caldy	9	4	1	4	47
N.B.C.C. 2	8	5	0	3	43
Civic 2	7	2	2	3	28
N.B.C.C. 3	8	2	0	6	25
Alderley	9	1	0	8	23
Alderley 2	7	2	1	4	22
NALGO	8	1	0	7	21

DIVISION TWO

Civic 3	10	9	1	0	76
Pinewood 2	10	6	29	2	63
Neston	9	5	3	1	62
Alderley 3	10	4	3	3	55
Caldy 2	10	5	3	2	52
W.R.U.F.C.	10	4	3	3	51
N.B.C.C. 4	9	3	1	5	40
Caldy 3	9	2	3	4	35
Thingwall	8	2	1	5	34
St Peters	9	0	1	8	27
Upton	10	1	1	8	25

DIVISION THREE

B.B.B.	10	8	0	2	60
NALGO 2	10	7	2	1	60
Mareoni	10	5	3	2	59
G.R.P.C.	10	5	0	5	54
Caldy 4	10	4	3	3	52
Wall Man.	10	4	2	4	52
Eng. Mart.	8	2	4	2	43
Oxton	9	4	0	5	40
Neston 2	9	1	1	7	35
NCLTC	9	1	3	5	34
WRUFC 2	9	1	2	6	31

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	PTS
Neston 3	9	7	2	0	61
N.B.C.C. 5	9	6	2	1	59
Caldy 5	9	5	2	2	54
Eng. Mart. 2	10	4	3	3	51
Pinewood 3	7	6	0	1	51
Thingwall 2	9	5	0	4	50
Upton 2	10	2	4	4	45
Oxton 2	10	1	3	6	41
Civic 4	9	2	1	6	36
B,land Reg.	10	3	0	7	34
NALGO 3	10	0	3	7	28

DIVISION FIVE

WALL LAB.	10	7	2	1	64
Liv. Street	10	6	2	2	63
B.B.B. 2	10	7	0	3	61
Marconi 2	8	8	0	0	59
N.B.C.C. 6	11	7	0	4	59
Caldy 7	9	6	1	2	59
G.R.P.C. 2	10	4	2	4	54
NALGO 4	11	4	0	7	47
Eng. Mart. 3	10	2	1	7	40
Upton 3	9	2	0	7	4
Civic 5	9	1	0	8	22
Caldy 8	9	0	0	9	20

CONGRATULATIONS and thanks to Val Franco and Alan Timewell for the splendid job they did on the Christmas Handicap Tourney, I'M sure I speak for all 64 who participated and enjoyed this event, keep on the lookout for news of the next one

COGRATS to JOHN POWELL from the Caldys club who won the event, after some very close hard fought games, I bet he slept well on Friday night.

I believe close on £40. was raised for H.Q. funds..... well done.

PINEWOOD 2 Mid - season report.

Pinewood 2 are enjoying a good season and are at present locked in a tussle with Neston for second spot in the 2nd. division. In a recent game a 5 - 5 draw was a true reflection of their abilities, but Keith Wells (I will name names) proceeded to vandalise H.Q. with a vicious fore - hand smash through the window (pay up Keith).

Julie (Sarumptious) Hope is top of the League averages with 71% and is fast earning herself a good reputation (playing) in the league. That more experienced campaigner Annie (mother) Dakin is having an excellent Season with a 70% average, and has performed really well for Wirral Ladies, so she tells me. Alan 'feet' Harding, veteran John Fowler, and the ever improving Julian Wetherall are all displaying good form.

In the doubles Anne & John still have a 100% record, after 13 games. John thinks they are the best pair in the league (and you can read into that what you want).

The other doubles pairing is letting the side down as there has been a number of permutations, but John has not yet played with Julie, and Anne has not yet played with (Toy Boy) Julian. Alan has not played with John, because he likes to play with Julian, having once played with Anne and once with Debbie (Bevan). Julie has played with Anne, but they prefer men and Anne is quite satisfied with John. Julie cannot find a good partner but she once played with Rob (Bevan) when Debbie was too tired. John has played once with Julian, but Alan got jealous, but the way Julian plays, he would be better playing with himself.

J.D.F.

CIVIC 2 v N.B.C.C. 4 Division 2.

This match saw the welcome return of Belinda Lau to this side of the Pennines, having completed her first term at Bradford University. First to the table were Mrs Mabel Neary (recently chosen for Lancashire) and John Conway, a wirral league player for many years, Mabel winning in 2 games. An inspired performance from Civic's unbeaten no 1 Val Franco overcame some fine retrieving by Gary Abbot to make it 2 - 0 to Civic.

There then followed two titanic struggles, Mrs Joan Connor opposed Belinda and what ensued was a fascinating and entertaining battle between an established and knowledgeable player and a young lady who is without doubt as good a prospect as we've ever had in wirral with a wide range of shots and excellent temperament and footwork, Joan was however just too experienced and won through in the third after a

SATURDAY JUNIOR CLUB

Since we started the Saturday Junior Club (under 21) on the 18th. October 1986 we have learnt a lot of valuable lessons, and we have seen youngsters that could hardly hold a bat developing at an unbelievable pace in a competition - oriented environment.

The main reason for establishing the Junior Club is simple. Last season we at the Civic Club entered a team in the 5th. Division, and though they all gave their utmost at every match they finished 2nd to bottom in what is essentially an adult league, when three members of that team were put forward to the Cheshire County Trials and got ranked 7th, 11th, & 13th. in the County, it showed that there was a need for competitive play with a greater proportion of personal success. than any youngster could hope to achieve in an adult league. As success is built on success a junior league will help to launch more youngsters into a successful involvement with the sport. One of the major problems in the past has been to get enough teams down on a regular basis to complete fixtures, this is not a problem; In this event we have established an alternative league that works on an individual basis, and every week we have a grand final and play stops on all tables, to watch the 2 best players of the day in battle.

Coaching is available when required, and youngsters can ask coaches for advice on any shots, styles or problems and will always be given help if needed. I am grateful for the help given so far by :-

Ron Jones (ETTA Club Coach & Wirral Rep)
Rob Barker (ETTA One Star Coach)
Debbie Bevan (ETTA Club Coach, Wirral Rep & County player)
Rob Bevan (Wirral Rep, County Player and one of the most exciting players produced on Merseyside since the days of John McNee Who was Scotland No. 2 and at one time Spanish Open Champion, and his good friend John Marshall).

Thanks also to Rod Allen who opened the H.Q. up for us one week even though neither of his lads were playing...

So then youngsters of the Wirral---- it's up to you !

You can't lose the more youngsters turn up, the more benefit can be gained from learning how to cope with different styles of play
For 25p for 3 hours it must be the best value in town.

Peter Walsh (ETTA Club Coach)
Wirral Youth Rep.

BILL LOWE SHIELD 2nd. Round W/C 2nd. Feb.

P'Head L.Reg.	v	N.B.C.C. 3
Caldy 2	v	G.R.P.C. 2 or Pine 3
Neston 2	v	B.B.B. 2
W.R.U.F.C. 2	v	NALGO
N.C.L.T.C.	v	Thingwall 2
Civic 5	B.B.B. or Caldys 8	
Marconi	v	Caldy 3
Caldy 4	v	Alderley 3
GRPC or Civic 3	v	Caldy 7
Eng. Mart 2	v	Neston 3
NALGO 2	v	Ald 2 or N.B.C.C. 5
Wall Lab	v	Caldy 5
W.R.U.F.C. 7	v	Marconi 2
Upton 3	v	NALGO 4 or N.B.C.C. 4
Upton 2	v	N.B.C.C.
St Peters	v	Upton or Oxtan.

RESULTS NOT YET RECEIVED

Div 1. NBCC 2 v Civic 2
 NBCC 3 v Ald 2
 Civic 2 v Civic
 NBCC v NALGO
 NBCC v Ald 2
 NBCC v Pine.

Div 2. St Petrs v Neston
 Thingwall v NBCC 4
 Caldys 3 v Thingwall

Note ; 11 draws out of 52 played.

Only Alderley & Caldys complete,

Div 3. Oxtan v Eng Mart.
 NCLTC v E Mart.
 Neston 2 v WRUFC 2.

Div 4. Thingwall 2 v Caldys
 Pinewd 3 v Civic 4
 NBCC 5 v Pine 3
 Pine 3 v Neston 3

Div 5. Caldys 8 v Liv St
 GRPC 2 v Marconi 2
 Civic 5 v Caldys 8
 Caldys 7 v Wall Lab
 Civic 5 v Eng. Mart 3
 Upton 3 v Caldys 7
 Marconi 2 v Upton 1
 Marconi 2 v B.B.B.

N.B. Only NBCC 6 & NALGO 4 complete in Div 5, first season I can recoll any other Division being as bad as top Div. for results returned / matches played.