



# The Wirral Horn

## NEWSLETTER OF THE WIRRAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

Editor: Stan Wilkinson

September 1980.

In the absence of our Chairman who is abroad at the time of writing, welcome you all to another season of Table Tennis. I have no need to offer welcome to new clubs because there aren't any, there are a few new names of clubs but underneath there lies old faces, well let's say familiar faces, take Beauforts for instance in the First Division, I believe their line-up will be Exell, Atwell, Timewell, & Currie faces don't come any more familiar than these do they? Then we have Wallasey Ferries who have been masquerading under those familiar but often mis-quoted letters N.D.L.B. for years. Wallasey L.T.C. have reappeared as Wallasey Manor, has a more classy ring to it don't you think?

Three names have disappeared altogether Hoylake Y.M.C.A. Birkenhead Y.M.C.A. & Wallasey Ambulance. Upton V.H. are reduced to one team & likewise Fort Sunlight. Other clubs have been strengthened because of this, but it still leaves gaps in most of the divisions.

The main problem is, and I'm sure it will get worse as time goes on, the availability and the expense of club rooms, so it is of prime importance that we respect the facilities WE have & even more important respect the clubrooms and the regulations concerning them of the clubs we visit, especially time limits, and so help us all to keep the goodwill we have.

The committee have been busy during the close-season, a new edition of

these have been printed in book form and one copy is being given out to each team in the league, spare copies are available within reason & may be obtained from the Secretary.

The most important change you will notice is in Lonsdale Cup rule 5. which applies to all cup competitions & reads ' There shall be no replays in any round of the Lonsdale Cup' Captains ! please read up the rules, then make sure you have your copy in your 'match - bag'.

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#### HANDBOOK AMMENDMENTS :-

CALDY 5 in division 4 Team captain should now read :-

M.Stone, 18 Abbots Way, West Kirby.

625 5983 (home).

Bill Baldwin has been 'Translated' to another team...

F.I.L. Will all teams visiting F.I.L. please note that all matches must finish by 10 pm, for security reasons.

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Mountwood J.Davies phone Nos :- 334 5509 (home)  
6085503 (Bus,evenings) 647 6571 (club m/n only)

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#### HESWALL 4th. Division.

Heswall L.T.C. have been forced to withdraw their team from the 4th div. will all club secretaries please note this. £ Teams drawn against them in the first round of cup competitions will recieve byes.



R.A.F.A. Cup 1st, Round to be played W/K comm. 29th Sept.  
First namen teams at home.

Neston C.C. 2	v	Fire Brig. 2
Police	v	G.R.P.C.
Upton C.C.	v	Pinewd 7
Fire Brig	v	N.A.E.G.O.
Caldy 4	v	Mosslands
Heswall	v	Caldy 3
N.A.L.G.O 3	v	Civic 2
St Saviours	v	Wirral Gas 3
Mountwd	v	B'Head L.R. 2
Wall Y.M.C.A.	v	Civic 3
N.B.C.C.	v	Egerton
Wall Manor 3	v	B'Head B.B.
Pinewd 6	v	Caldy 7
Pinewd 3	v	Pt Sun.
Wall Manor	v	N.A.L.G.O. 2
Civic	v	Thorn 2
Alderley 4	v	Wall. Manor 2
Eng. Mart	v	Wall R.U.F.C. 3
Police 2	v	Wall Ferries.
Pine 5/ Wall r.u.4	v	Eng. Mart 4
Upton C.C. 2	v	Brom Pool
THORNDALE	v	Pinewood 4
Neston C.C. 3	v	Marine
Caldy 5	v	Civic 4
F.I.L.	v	N.A.L.G.O. 4
Busways 3	v	Upton V.H.
Wirr. Gas 2	v	Eng. Mart. 2
Mossland 2	v	Alderley 3
Caldy 2	v	Eng. Mart 3
B'Head L.R.	v	Caldy 6
Busways	v	Neston C.C. 4
Wall R.U.F.C. 2	v	Busways 2

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LONSDALE CUP 1st. Round to be played W/K Comm Oct. 13th.  
First named teams at home.

Neston 3	v	Pinewd 6 / Cald 6
Fire Brig	v	Nalco 4 / Pinewd 7
Busways 2	v	Alderley 2
Wall Man 2	v	Wall R.U.F.C.
Mossland 2	v	Pinewd 3
Mountwd / Uptoncc 2	v	Brom Pool
Pinewd 5	v	Mossland
Wall Man 3/ WaDl Ferr.	v	Civic
Civic 3 / G.R.P.C.	V	Upton C.C.
Pinewd 2	v	Civic 2
St Peters	v	Caldy 5
Nalco	v	Marine
Busways	v	St Savicurs
Pinewd 4	v	F.I.L / Fire Brig 2
Caldy 4	v	N.B.C.C. / Eng, Mart 2
B'Head L.R.	v	Caldy 7/ Neston 4
Eng Mart 4/Wall Y.M.	v	Neston
Busways 3/ Egerton	v	Wirral Gas
Beafort	v	Wall Man
Nestn 2	v	Caldy 3
Alderley 4	v	Wirr Gas 3
Nalco 3	v	Police 2
Eng.Mart 3/ Civic 4	v	Pinewood
Caldy 2	v	Thorndale
Nalco 2	v	Wall R.U.F.C.4
Eng. Mart	v	Lever
Caldy	v	Police
Thorn 2	v	B'Head L.R. 2
Alderley	v	Upton V.H.
Heswall	v	Pt Sunlight
Wall R.U.F.C 2	v	Wirr Gas 2
Wall R.U.F.C 3/ B.B.B.	v	Alderley 3





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Another season has started with the usual crop of alterations in handbook details, I realise that the work involved in producing the fixture book has to be done when the majority of players have not a thought for the coming season, seemingly it is only at the time of the distribution of the already printed books that everybody wakes up and the result of this will be found in the list of amendments to be found in this letter, please for your own sakes take note of them, not just in your own division, but ALL of them, don't forget you might be involved in cup matches. I always think a phone call to the opposing captain a few days before the match can save a wasted journey or worse.

The most dissapointing happening is the withdrawal of the Beafort club from the first division, this leaves a gap which is impossible to fill at this stage. It is a great pity that we should lose the use of ideal premises such as were offered by the firm, when other facilities have become so difficult to retain.

We welcome back the Post Office to the league, they have entered a team in the 6th. division.

Congratulations to W.R.U.F.C. first team winning their first match in the top division against the old firm of St. Peters, they were ably led by John Bassnett to chalk up a 6 - 4 victory.

A good start for the new-look Alderley first team, winning against the formidable line up of Binewoods first team.

# HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

## 1st DIVISION

Beafort club withdrawn.

Alderley first team match night FRIDAY.

## 2nd DIVISION

Neston 2. Match night THURSDAY.

Wallasey Manor Match night WEDNESDAY.

## 3rd DIVISION

Wirral Gas 2. Match night THURSDAY.

## 4th DIVISION

Neston 4. Take Heswalls fixtures M/N TUES.

Wallasey Manor 3. Match night MONDAY.

Alderley 5. New Team. Take fixture (d)

Cap: A Currie 639 6267 (H).

Match night MONDAY.

Wirral Gas 3. Match night MONDAY.

## 5th DIVISION

U.V.H. 2. New team. Take fixtures (e)

Mrs R Jones 677 8109 M/N Mon.

## 6th. DIVISION

Post Office. New team. Take fixtures.(f)

Basement lounge, G.P.O. Argyle St, B'Head.

Sec: D Weir, 43 Harrowby Rd, B'Head.

644 9094(Messages only) 647 8318 (bus)

Match night WEDNESDAY.

## 7th DIVISION

Neston 5. Take Neston 4s fixtures

Match night WEDNESDAY.

A note from UPTON VICTORY HALL :- They are now playing their matches in the upper hall, to the right as you turn in the gate.



In Division 5 South of the Lancashire & Cheshire League the newly formed Wirral 'B' team had a good start to the season when they beat Urmston by 7 sets to 3 at Alderley on Friday the 26th. September. The win was particularly convincing in that all the seven sets won were won in two straight games.

Rob Bevan played well in his first senior representative game beating the Urmston Numbers 1 and 3 but looked rather nervous in his first set of the night which he lost to the Urmston Number 2. As he gained in confidence so did the quality of his play improve and he won his final match 21/12 21/

Trevor Barraclough, as always, looked very solid in beating the opposing Numbers 2 and 3 fairly comfortably. Rather surprisingly however he lost the last set of the night to the Urmston Number 1 whose style was rather an unusual awkward one.

Noel Fagan won his sets against all 3 of the opposition fairly comfortably but in the doubles Noel & Trevor found it difficult to combine well and they lost in two straight games. Overall it looked a good start for the Wirral side although they are likely to meet much stiffer opposition in the coming months.

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The First Wirral team played their first match of the season away at Ashton Under Lyne on Thursday 2nd. October. Rather a shaky start to a season, but they were lucky to come away with a draw, mainly due to the efforts of new boy Trevor Manning who by winning his 3 games did the lions share, Dave Roberts & Gordon Exell both winning one of their games,

The playing conditions we thought were not as good as they ought to be for this standard of match, the floor being extremely slippery as only a dance floor can be, but we must remember lads it was slippery at both ends.



Ranking list of players who have opted to play for Wirral this season :-

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Trevor Manning | 7. Trevor Barraclough |
| 2. Dave Roberts   | 8. Phil Luxon         |
| 3. Gordon Exell   | 9. Noel Fagan         |
| 4. Neil Roberts   | 10. Rob Bevan         |
| 5. Alan Timewell  | 11. Alan Pickering    |
| 6. Malcolm McEvoy | 12. Steve Roberts     |

I have heard that the 2nd. Wirral team and the Junior team also won their opening matches of the season - well done..

Items from E.T.T.A. Bulletin 1/80/81 :-

6. APPROVED BALLS The following brands and grades of ball are the only ones which are licensed for the 1980/81 season  
Dunlop Barna Super 3-crown & 2-crown.  
Hallex 3 star & 2 star.  
Y.S.P. 4 star & 2 star.  
T.S.P. 3 star & 2 star.  
Nittaku 3 star & 2 star.  
Members are reminded that only a brand and grade of ball licenced by the E.T.T.A. may be used in play, within, between or organised by any organisations which are affiliated or in good standing.

11. TABLE TENNIS NEWS  
Be up to date with the goings on within the game, read Table Tennis News every month from October to May, Subscription rate of £4.00 for the eight issues, direct from E.T.T.A. or ring your league sec. for subscription form.

TABLE HIRE SCHEME

Our table hire scheme continues to operate whereby clubs can obtain a first class table by paying four annual instalments of £45.00 (plus V.A.T.) and a peppercorn rent of 5p. per annum thereafter, write to E.T.T.A. for further details.

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