

THE WIRRAL HORN

NEWSLETTER OF THE WIRRAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

Editor :- Stan Wilkinson.

October 1982.

I have heard rumours that the Wirral Horn had gone into liquidation, just to prove them wrong here I am again. I must belatedly welcome the new Clubs to the League although on looking closer at them they seem to be made up of 'old' faces under new names. Most of you will have noticed new names on the Management Committee, we bid them welcome especially to Peter Mitchell who has taken over the League Secretaries job from Peter Greenshields to whom we wish well in his new job 'down south' with our thanks for his efforts on behalf of the League over the last few years.

Obviously it is early yet to publish League tables, and for some Clubs like mine for instance this would be embarrassing, having lost the first 2 matches, we always were slow starters !

As Fixture Secretary we welcome back once again the evergreen Norman who has handed me this note, among others... Table Tennis results & League tables are being given to the Birkenhead News Group of papers. They have promised to publish results each week and League tables if space is available.

Wirral 'A' team lost 7 - 3 to St. Helens the other night. I was asked to play this down, is this far enough down, or should I cut it off the bottom when I put the copies through the duplicator ?

Now for something completely different. Wirrals first team Drew thair (I'm at it again) first match of the season against last years runners-up in the 1st Div. Stockport, a very good result for us a special mention for Malcolm McEvoy our 'new boy' for his singles win also his help to Dave Roberts for thier valuable doubles win, Dave won a singles & Trevor won two for our valuable point.

Thanks to the Civic Club for helping me out of a very nasty spot.

AMENDMENTS TO HANDBOOK To be read, noted, and inwardly digested.
Most of these have already been circulated but beware NOT ALL OF THEM
Club Details & Match Nights

ALDERLEY Amend 5th Teams Captains Tel. No. to 625 1657
ALDERLEY 2 Team Captain now - Anthony Hughes 632 4694 (H)
227 2000 ext 532 (B)
CALDY Amend 6th Team Captain to - D. Johns 1 Sherwood Ave.
Irby, Wirral 648 1917.
CIVIC Amend match nights of 1st & 2nd Teams to Monday, &
3rd & 4th Teams to Tuesday.
PINEWOOD Delete 3rd Team complete.
Amend 4th Team Captain to F. Hepple 648 4025
Amend 5th Team Captain to E. Kelsey 625 6365
Amend 6th Team Captain to P. Wright 648 3766
Amend Match night of 4th. Team to Friday.
Amend Match night of 5th. Team to Monday.
Add Match night for 6th. Team as Friday.
WIRRAL GAS Add further team Wirral Gas 2A. Match night Tuesday.

FIXTURES

Division Two - Replace Pinewood 3 with Wirral Gas 2a.
Division Six - Replace FORD with Pinewood 6.

R.A.F.A. CUP AMENIMENT

Pinewood 6 to play at home to Caldys 4.
Wirral Gas 2a to play away at Neston 2.

LONSDALE CUP 2nd. round to be played w/c 25th. Oct 1982.

Upton C.C.	v	Rosebank Sports.
Pinewood 2	v	Civic 2.
Neston 2	v	D.K.S.
Caldy	v	Wall. Manor 2.
Eng. Mart 2	v	Wall. Manor 3 or Neston 3.
Caldy 3	v	Neston.
Neston 4	v	Lever or Beaufort.
Shaftsbury B.C.	v	Nalco 2.
Alderley	v	Wall. Y.M.C.A.
St Peters	v	Pinewood.
Wirral Gas	v	St. Marks.
N.B.C.C.	v	Alderley 3.
Eng. Mart	v	Civic.
Wirral Gas 2	v	Caldy 4 or Wall. Manor.
Police	v	Egerton.
N.C.L.T.C.	v	Nalco.

A good win for our Junior 'A' team in their first match of the season against Prestn juniors :- Andrew Taylor winning his 3 sets,
Roger Butler 2 & Tony Bryan his 2 in a
very satisfactory 7 - 3 win.

The newly constituted N.B.C.C. start the season off by beating a slightly weakened Alderley side 6 - 4 New Brightons team consisted of Messrs- Luxon, Barracrough, McEvoy & Molyneux.
Alderley :- Messrs- Hardman, Timewell, Carlisle & Paul Wilson.

With the help gained from the Ranking Tournament held recently the following Ranking lists have been drawn up.

JUNIORS.

1. B Wentworth.
2. I Thomas.
3. N Montague.
4. A Taylor.
5. R Butler.
6. G Daw.
7. P Birken.
8. N Garrett.
9. N Kirsopp.

Absent from Tournament :-

T Bryan.
D Sherlock.

SENIORS -

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|-----|------|--------------|
| 1. | (1) | T Manning. |
| 2. | (2) | D Roberts. |
| 3. | (4) | M McEvoy. |
| 4. | (3) | A Timewell. |
| 5. | (5) | G Exell. |
| 6. | (11) | S Green. |
| 7. | (6=) | R Bevan. |
| 8. | (7) | P Luxon. |
| 9. | (8) | W Wardle. |
| 10. | (9) | D Carlisle. |
| 11. | (-) | M Kong. |
| 12. | (-) | C Ford. |
| 13. | (-) | G Oldfield. |
| 14. | (-) | B Wentworth. |

Last years rankings in brackets.

LADIES

1. Debbie Maquire.
2. Ann Dakin.
3. Sue Rimmer.
4. Heather Stenhouse.
5. Haley Brownbill.
6. Linda Walsh.
7. Denise Kong.
8. Karen Ormond.

Unranked :-

Joan Hepple.
Mary Robinson.
Reggie Jones.
Nora Murphy.

While on the subject of Ladies - I hear they had a good win last week against Blackpool (7 - 3) Ann winning her 3 sets Debbie 2 & sue coming up with a useful set, well done.

The bad news is (at least for the league) that Debbie is off to College at Derby this week, we wish her well & hope to see her when and if they ever let her out.

Note : This strange name that appears in the Ladies ranking Ann Dakin is of course Ann Hepple that was. We wish Ann & Peter All the best , for a long & happy life together.

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More Handbook amendments :-

SHATSBURY B.C. Match night has been changed from Mon to TUESDAY.

ALDERLEY 2. Team Captain is now Anthony Hughes 632 4694 (H)
227 2000 ext 532 (B).

ENGLISH MARTYRS 3. Team Captain is now P.Doyle, 63 Queensway, Wallasey.
638 5424.

EUROPEAN SUPERLEAGUE TABLE TENNIS

ENGLAND V POLAND

This match is to be held at the SPECTRUM ARENA WARRINGTON on Wednesday
10th. November 1982 at 7.00 p.m. Tickets are available at £2.50.
£3.50, £4.00. If you require more details please ring me at 327 4221.

There is a move afoot to compile a League Photograph album, we have
a selection of photos which were taken at last years Presentations,
we would like to add to these, if anybody has any prints recent or
otherwise of interest we would like to borrow them to copy for
inclusion.

Please contact Frank Irwin 608 6429 if you can help.

NESTON '2' 4 LEVER CLUB 6.

We wuz robbed ! Lever Club are unfit to be in the league ! put another way, Lever Club could fall into a you-know-what and come up smelling of violets.

The first shock of the night for Neston was before the match started, Roy Tierney has been terribly unlucky with injuries over the last few years but somehow always seems to be fit to play against us. "I haven't touched a bat since I don't know when" said Roy. "None of us has beaten you yet" we replied. Alan Saxton also honoured us with one of his rare appearances so far this season - the swine.

Well, we expected Roy Williams to beat Norman Roberts and he did but only after a bit of a struggle. We also had Robbie Lenihan down as a home bankernagaint Kevin Wild. Robbie romped the first game but completely lost his way in the second. at 10 - 5 and then 13 - 7 in the third Robbie looked home and dry. Unfortunately, Kevin took the next 9 points and Robbie was in trouble, only to fight back to 19 all. About an hour later, Kevin sneaked home 30 - 28. Alan who was umpiring, got so involved that, halfway through the deuce sequence, he decided to award a bonus point to each player.

Alan then called on the first doubles - Keith & Stan against Roy & Alan. This was an uptight game with quite a lot of naughty words involved. However, not one of these came ffrom Keith- surprise, surprise(a lot of noise I agree but not cne naughty word). Predictably, Keith's vocal control did not help his table tennis and, with Stan finding difficulty in deciding where the table was, we managed to lose 21-19 after leading 15-12 in the third. Robbie & our Roy then rectified matters by comfortably winning the second doudles.

The match then entered a boring phase with Alan beating Keith (predictably and relatively easily), Roy T outhitting, outnetting and outedging Stan in two. Robbie dealing with Norman the way he should have treated Kevin and Keith, after a sloppy second game, beating Kevin. Roy (liar) Tierney then showed just how out of form and touch he was by beating Roy Williams 13 & 14. Roy T. must be division 7 standard at least when in practice & form.

I'd rather not report the last game. Lever were leading 5-4 and our resident bookie made Alan a slight favorite to beat Stan. The noble Essjay, with cotrolled aggression, powered his way to the first game but then hit a sticky patch early in the second to go 5-10 down. Alan just managed to keep his nose in front to sneak home 18. The third game was very nip-and-tuck (and a few other similar sounding words) to 15 all. Stan won the next three points only for Alan to win the next four.

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Stan levelled, however at 19 all. The noble Essjay then went for a or bust winner and got the latter. Alan, to rub things in, settled the set (and the match) with an unreturnable net cord. What's more, he took it! We were not amused. Still no hard feelings Alan, it's nothing that four pints (each) in the return fixture won't cure. Alan said a draw would have been a fair result but didn't offer it to us. When three of our defeats were 30-28, 21-19, and 21-19 all in the third, we tend to agree with him.

Wirral Junior 2nd, Team kept up their 100% record when they beat Runcorn 9 - 1 at the Lever Club on October 22nd. Although Runcorn were without their two best players, this was a very encouraging performance by the Wirral youngsters.

Eleven year old Paul Birken deputised for Roger Butler and he scored two fine wins showing good skills and determination.

Thirteen year old Andy Taylor won 3 and together with the 'old man' Tony Bryan, won the doubles, Tony won his 3 singles games with impressive ease.

POLICE NOTICE

In the event of any matches having to be re-arranged between above team and yourselves, please contact team captain :- Phil Townsend on 638 3300 and not the club secretary. Thank you.

Have we a joiner in the house.
One of the Leagues Tables which are kept at the Sports Centre, Grange Rd is in need of slight repairs i.e. it has developed a few slight blisters, Have we a Doctor in the house.
Seriously if we have anybody who has the skill and the time to spare we all as a League would be very grateful, as a league we are very fortunate to have at our disposal 14 Jaques Tables, and obviously if they are kept in good repair it is to our own advantage.

<u>DIVISION ONE</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>WW</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>PTS</u>
N.B.C.C.	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
ROSEBANK	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
WIRRAL GAS	4	3	1	0	27	13	6
N.C.L.T.C.	4	1	2	1	18	22	3
ALDERLEY	2	1	1	0	12	8	2
CIVIC	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
PINEWOOD	2	1	1	0	11	9	2
WIRRAL GAS 2	2	1	1	0	9	11	2
NESTON	2	1	1	0	7	13	2
ALDERLEY 2	4	1	3	0	10	30	2
CALDY	4	0	3	1	12	28	1
ALDERLEY 3	4	0	4	0	10	30	0

DIVISION TWO

ALDERLEY 4	4	3	0	1	25	15	7
PINEWOOD 2	4	3	1	0	24	16	6
WIRRAL GAS 2A	3	2	0	1	21	9	5
NALGO	4	2	1	1	24	16	5
WALL MANOR	4	2	1	1	24	16	5
W.R.U.F.C.	3	2	1	0	18	12	4
BUSWAYS	4	2	2	0	18	22	4
CALDY 2	4	1	3	0	15	25	2
NESTON 2	4	0	2	2	15	25	2
LEVER	3	1	2	0	11	19	2
ST PETERS	4	1	3	0	14	26	2
UPTON C.C.	3	0	3	0	11	19	0

DIVISION THREE

ALDERLEY 5	3	3	0	0	20	10	6
CALDY 3	4	3	1	0	25	15	6
ENG. MART	3	2	0	1	21	9	5
CIVIC 2	4	2	1	1	22	18	5
WALL MANOR 2	4	1	0	3	22	18	5
UPTON V.H.	3	2	1	0	18	12	4
N.C.L.T.C. 2	4	2	2	0	19	21	4
W.R.U.F.C. 3	4	1	1	2	18	22	4
PINEWOOD 4	3	1	2	0	17	13	2
WALL Y.M.C.A.	4	0	3	1	13	27	1
WIRRAL GAS 3	4	0	4	0	12	28	0
CALDY 4	2	0	2	0	3	17	0

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	L	D	F	A	PTS
NESTON 3	4	3	1	0	25	15	6
ENG MART 2	4	3	1	0	23	17	6
CALDY 5	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
W.R.U.F.C. 3	4	2	1	1	21	19	5
MARINE	4	2	1	1	21	19	5
NALGO 2	4	2	2	0	19	21	4
MERSEY FIRE B.	2	1	0	1	11	9	3
WALL FERRIES	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
POLICE	4	1	2	1	18	22	3
CIVIC 3	3	1	2	0	12	18	2
OXTON C.C.	3	0	3	0	10	20	0
B'HEAD L.R.	3	0	3	0	7	23	0

DIVISION FIVE

N.B.C.C. 2	4	4	0	0	37	3	8
NESTON 4	4	4	0	0	32	8	8
PINEWOOD 5	3	2	0	1	23	7	5
W.R.U.F.C. 4	4	2	1	1	25	15	5
WALL MANOR 3	3	2	1	0	17	13	4
G.R.C.C.	4	2	2	0	17	23	4
WIRRAL GAS 4	4	2	2	0	17	23	4
ENG MART 3	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
BEAUFORTS	3	1	2	0	8	22	2
EGERTON	4	0	3	1	14	26	1
ST MARKS	4	0	4	0	10	30	0
D.K.S.	4	0	4	0	6	34	0

DIVISION SIX

WALL MANOR 4	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
SHAFTSBURY	4	3	1	0	26	14	6
CALDY 6	3	2	0	1	21	9	5
ENG MART 4	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
PINEWOOD 6	3	2	1	0	18	12	4
UPTON C.C.2	4	2	2	0	23	17	4
CIVIC 4	3	2	1	0	17	13	4
BEAUFORTS 2	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
G.R.P.C.	4	1	3	0	13	27	2
B'HEAD B.B.	4	0	3	1	13	27	1
OXTON C.C. 2	3	0	2	1	7	23	1
ST MARKS 2	4	0	3	1	8	32	1

R.A.F.A. CUP 2nd. Round to be played w/c 8th. Nov. 1982

G.R.C.C.	V	ALDERLEY 4
ALDERLEY 5	V	PINEWOOD 6
ENG. MARTYRS	V	PINEWOOD 5 or CALDY 2
PINEWOOD 4	V	WALL MANOR or SHAFTSBURY
UPTON V.H.	V	LEVER
NESTON 2	V	MARINE
MERSEY FIRE B.	V	WIRRAL GAS 4
CIVIC 2	V	POLICE
UPTON C.C.	V	NESTON 4
W.R.U.F.C. 3	V	WALL MANOR 2
NESTON 3	V	ST MARKS
W.R.U.F.C.	V	BUSWAYS
PINEWOOD 2	V	N.B.C.C. 2
W.Y.M.C.A.	V	ST PETERS
NALGO	V	N.C.L.T.C. 2
CIVIC 3	V	B'HEAD L.R.

It is good to see some of our match results appearing in the local papers, whoever is responsible keep up the good work.

WIRRAL 'A' V ASHTON 'A'

This match was played at Ashton last Thursday,
Wirral team was :- Gordon Exell, Steve Green, Rob Bevan.

Result. A win for the Wirral 9 - 1.

A very pleasing result, the 2 lads did very well, winning all their sets and the doubles in fine style, Gordon got better as the night wore on, I really enjoyed my night out with them.

ITEMS TAKEN FROM E.T.T.A. BULLETIN :-

APPROVED BALLS

The following brands and grades of ball are the only ones which are licensed for the 1982/83 season ;

DUNLOP SUPER 3 - Crown and 2 - Crown.

HALEX ULTRA 3 - Star and 2 - Star.

SCHILDKROT 3 - Star and 2 - Star.

T.S.P. 3 - Star and 2 - Star.

NITTAKU 3 - Star and 2 - Star.

Anybody requiring further information on inter - league matches such as venues, please contact Team Managers as printed in the Handbook.

BILL LOWE SHEILD Prelim round, To be played week commencing
29th November 1982. 3 matches only.

BIRKENHEAD L.R. V ENG. MARTYRS 4.

CALDY 4 V WALL. MANOR 4.

CIVIC 4. V PINEWOOD 4.

67 teams entered this competition, those who have not entered are :-
G.R.P.C.

NESTON

ROSEBANK

WIRRAL GAS 1st & 2nd Teams.

All other teams are through to the 1st. Round to be played
week commencing 16th. January 1983.

RULE 13j

I don't think it will do any harm to state again that there is
a printing error in the present rule books.

The error is on the first line, the word "one" should be deleted.

This line should read "in any competition".

This item was first published in December 1981, Wirral Horn.

NOVEMBER MATCHES IN THE LANCs & CHESHIRE LEAGUE

WIRRAL 1st. Home to MANCHESTER on 19th. Nov.

WIRRAL 2nd. Home to St HELENS 'A' 19th. Nov.

WIRRAL 3rd. Home to LANCASTER & MORECAMBE 5th. Nov.

WIRRAL 4th. Home to LIVERPOOL BUSINESS HOUSES 'A'.

WIRRAL JUNIOR 1st. Home to LIVERPOOL 19th. Nov.

WIRRAL JUNIOR 2nd. Away to ROCHDALE 'A' 20th. Nov.

WIRRAL LADIES Away to CREWE 24th. Nov. 8