

The Wirral Horn

NEWSLETTER OF THE WIRRAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

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Early Warming - LEAGUE PRESENTATION DANCE

This will be held once again at the E.C.R.C. Club, Capenhurst on Friday MAY 20th. 7.30 - Mid-night,
Dancing to the Sky - High Disco - Refreshments available.

Tickets available from committee members £2.

CHESHIRE JUNIOR ONE STAR TOURNAMENT is being held at the Grange Rd sports centre on Saturday March 19th, come along and see some of the young talent from all over the country competing in this Wirral league organised event :- spectators welcome 25p Juniors 10p.

R.A.F.A. Cup Final will be :- ALDRELEY 2 v PINEWOOD 2.

LONSDALE Cup Final between PINEWOOD v N.B.C.C or N.B.C.C. ?

BILL LOWE SHIELD
Pinewood 4 v N.A.L.G.O. 2
N.B.C.C. 4 or Thing or Thing 2 v N.B.C.C. 6
G.R.P.C. v Caldby 7
Neston 2 v ESWA or Neston 3.

From page 4. The match ended around 11.30 pm. after a prompt start with both sides disappointed they failed to win but truly amazed that such a 'Classic' Match' had ended in a 5 - 5 draw and over 1100 points in it and all 10 sets going to three.

(Sorry had to cut this short Ed !)

<u>DIVISION ONE</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PTS</u>
CIVIC	15	13	0	2	118
PINE WOOD	12	11	1	0	102
NBCC 2	14	7	2	5	73
CALDY	14	7	3	4	70
NBCC	9	7	0	2	66
ALDERLEY	13	5	2	6	65
NBCC 3	13	4	2	7	60
CIVIC 2	14	4	0	10	44
NESTON	14	2	0	12	31
CIVIC 3	12	0	0	12	21
<u>DIVISION TWO</u>					
NALGO	15	12	3	0	111
WRUFC	17	7	4	6	94
THINGWALL	16	11	2	3	93
PINEWOOD 2	17	7	4	6	87
ALDERLEY 2	15	8	3	5	79
MARCONI	15	4	6	5	72
B.B.B.	17	3	3	11	70
G.R.P.C.	15	5	3	7	69
CALDY 2	15	6	1	8	66
CALDY 3	16	4	3	9	65
NBCC 4	15	4	1	11	64
<u>DIVISION THREE</u>					
PINEWOOD 3	16	11	2	3	106
CALDY 4	16	11	1	4	103
NALGO 2	16	10	2	4	103
Wall Manor	15	10	3	2	96
UPTON CC	14	10	3	1	95
PINEWOOD 4	16	6	5	5	90
WRUFC 2	16	7	4	5	85
ENG MART	16	0	5	11	47
N.C.L.T.C.	15	0	5	10	47
NBCC 5	16	2	3	11	46
G.R.P.C. 2	16	2	1	13	42

<u>DIVISION FOUR</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PTS</u>
THINGWALL 2	15	14	0	1	122
NESTON 2	15	13	1	1	105
OXTON	16	9	2	5	93
CALDY 5	14	11	1	2	87
CIVIC 4	16	7	3	6	86
MARCONI 2	15	5	1	9	72
ESWA	17	4	3	10	64
NESTON 3	14	6	1	7	62
NALGO 3	16	2	2	12	52
ENG MART 2	14	3	3	8	51
NBCC 6	16	1	1	14	46

DIVISION FIVE

B.B.B. 2	16	14	2	0	134
CALDY 6	15	13	0	2	123
NALGO 4	16	9	5	2	99
CALDY 7	15	9	0	6	88
ENG MART 3	14	8	2	4	82
B.B.B. 3	16	6	1	9	65
CIVIC 5	15	6	0	9	58
LIVINGSTONE ST	15	3	2	10	46
G.R.P.C. 3	15	2	2	11	46
UPTON CC 2	13	1	5	7	44
NALGO 5	14	1	1	12	35

From the Fixture Sec :- FINES - A sudden relapse has left me a lot of results short although some of the ones below have now turned up - or I have had the result (but not individual entries) by other means and have been able to incorporate them in the tables.

NBCC 2	v	Civic 3	Caldy 3	v	B.B.B
NBCC	v	Alder	GRPC 3	v	Eng Mart 3
Civic3	v	Neston	NBCC	v	NBCC 2
NBCC 2	v	NBCC 3	Civic	v	Pine
Pine	v	Civic 3	Thing 2	v	Caldy 5

R.A.F.A. CUP Semi - Final

Pinewood 2 6 Thingwall 4

Pinewood 2 reached the Final of the R.A.F.A. Cup for the second successive year with a great win over their local rivals Thingwall.

It was a very tense struggle with many long games with both teams being afraid to make mistakes and playing very cautiously. The heroes for Pinewood were Julian Wetherall and Roy Williams who both won all their games.

Probably the biggest upset of the night was when Alan Harding and Julian beat Pete Hurworth and Don Chalkley in the doubles, Roy and John Fowler won the other doubles, but everything was decided by the last game of the evening when Julian took on Paul Mutch, who had beaten him in their last two encounters. However, despite playing with a broken thumb Julian kept cool and won superbly in two straight.

BIRKENHEAD BOYS BRIGADE - PINWOOD 2

The two opposing Captains opened the proceedings with Ian Street taking the first game 18 against John Fowler, who took the second by the same score. Ian gave the home side a 1 - 0 lead by winning game 14 in the third.

Micky Dejonio and Julian Wetherall clashed next with Micky keen for revenge after losing an earlier confrontation at Arrowe Park. Julian won the first 19, but saw Micky save two set points by taking the next two sets 24 - 22 & 21 - 14.

George McGettrick won the first against Steve Wright game 14 but Steve back from two years in retirement then won 19 & 15 to open the visitors account.

Alan Harding beat Robbie McDonald 19 in the first with Robbie reversing the scoreline in the next. Alan then gained revenge for an early season defeat by winning game 14 in the third. John Fowler took the first game 18 against Micky but the Divisional runner - up restored the home teams lead by winning 10 & 17 in the second and third and this gave John his first double loss of the season. Steve beat Ian 21 - 12 but Tweet fought back to save 3 set points and win 25 - 23 in the second. Steve won game 15 in the third to level the match score 3 - 3.

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Not really a newsletter more a list of facts and figures, typical end of season round-up, the main news is of course the PRESENTATION DANCE to be held as usual at the E.C.R.C. Club at Capenhurst. on MAY 20TH friday from 8.00 pm till mid - night tickets are available from committee members, Alan Timewell is the Mastermind behind the evening also I have tickets so there is no excuse my phone is 327 4221.

The next important event is the A.G.M. to be held at Arrowe Park H.Q. on the Monday following at 7.30 pm 23rd. May. It is mandatory for each Club to be represented £5 fine for failing to do so, but it is in your own interest to attend to have a say in what goes on next season.

From the fixture secretary :-

Cup Competitions thanks to Phil Dean for looking after the Finals for the Committee.

LONSDALE CUP	Semi Final	NBCC 1 6	NBCC 2 2
		Pinewood 1 10	Caldy 1 0
	Final	Pinewood 8	NBCC 2

R.A.F.A. CUP	Semi Final	Alderley 2 6	Caldy 2 4
		Pinewood 2 6	Thingwall 1 4
	Final	Pinewood 8	Alderley 1

BILL LOWE SHIELD	Semi Final	Thingwall 1 (40) beat Pinewood 4 (150) by 17
		Caldy 7 (300) beat Neston 2 (140) by 8 Pts
	Final	Caldy (300) Beat Thingwall (40) by 70Pts.

Thingwall had to play their best to beat the handicap and unfortunately made the worst possible start against Caldys Eddie Jones and then Alan Southall. This made the final an anti-climax because although Thingwall won a number of games to 3 or 4 these two games at the beginning reduced the asking rate from just better than 21 - 7 to 21 - 5 with no margin for error.

League Round up - The majority Of games have been played as reflected in the final league tables although a number of missing cards have left gaps in the final personal averages. Unusually the worst offenders for non play and non return of cards has been the 5th division. I hope some of these sides will review their playing strength and organisation before next season.

Last batch of fines for late cards - £1 to treasurer please.

Caldy 3 v Alderley 2
 Neston 2 v Civic 4
 GRPC 3 v Livingstone St
 NBCC 3 v Civic 3
 Civic 2 v NBCC 2
 Civic 4 v NALGO 3
 NBCC 2 v Alderley

GRPC 2 v NALGO 2
 Civic 1 v Caldly 1
 Marconi 2 v ESWA
 Eng Mart 2 v NBCC 6
 GRPC 3 v Civic 5
 Liv St v NALGO 5

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

<u>DIVISION ONE</u>	P	W	D	L	PTS
Pinewood	18	17	1	0	158
Civic	18	15	0	3	136
NBCC	18	13	0	5	129
NBCC 2	18	10	2	6	99
Caldy	18	9	3	6	90
Alderley	18	8	2	8	86
NBCC 3	18	5	2	11	70
Civic 2	18	6	0	12	62
Neston	18	2	0	16	44
Civic 3	18	0	0	18	26

DIVISION TWO

NALGO	20	16	4	0	148
Thingwall	20	15	2	3	126
Alderley 2	20	10	4	6	106
WRUFC	20	8	5	7	106
GRPC	20	8	4	8	100
Marconi	20	6	7	7	96
Pinewood 2	20	7	4	9	93
Caldy 2	20	8	2	10	92
B.B.B.	20	3	4	13	82
Caldy 3	20	4	4	12	77
NBCC 4	20	4	2	14	74

DIVISION THREE

NALGO 2	20	14	2	4	139
Pinewood 3	20	15	2	3	136
Upton CC	20	10	5	2	128
Wall Man	20	13	3	4	124
Caldy 4	20	12	1	7	116
Pinewood 4	20	8	6	6	115
WRUFC 2	20	9	4	7	108
Eng Mart	20	1	7	12	66
NCLTC	20	1	6	13	61
NBCC 5	20	2	3	15	59
GRPC 2	20	2	1	17	48

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	PTS
Thingwall 2	20	18	1	1	162
Neston 2	20	18	1	1	150
Oxton	20	12	2	6	117
Caldy 5	20	13	2	5	110
Civic 4	20	9	3	8	107
Marconi 2	20	9	2	9	104
Neston	20	8	1	11	78
ESWA	20	5	4	11	78
Eng Mart 2	20	3	4	13	71
NALGO 3	20	2	2	16	61
NBCC 6	20	1	2	17	56

DIVISION FIVE

B.B.B. 2	20	17	3	0	161
Caldy 6	20	18	0	2	164
Eng Mart 3	20	12	3	5	125
NALGO 4	20	12	5	3	119
Caldy 7	20	10	0	10	104
B.B.B. 3	20	8	1	11	83
Upton CC	20	3	5	12	77
Civic 5	19	8	0	11	76
GRPC 3	19	4	2	13	70
Liv St	19	3	2	14	48
NALGO 5	19	2	1	16	45

GRPC 3 v Civic 5 and
 Liv St v NALGO 5 results not declared.

Many thanks to Val Franco for his help in typing most of the issues of the Wirral Horn this season, I am sure you can tell which ones he has done, certainly not this one ! only my owwmuddled lifestyle has prevented him helping me more. Not being in the middle of this these days I am more than ever reliant on been told what is going on in the League, so remember another season that whoever is editing the news - sheet needs news !

LEADING AVERAGES

Qualification 50% games possible 60% wins.

DIVISION ONE

		P	W	%
N Rafferty	Pinewood	29	29	100
R Bevan	Pinewood	24	22	91.7
R Smith	Civic	34	30	88.3
I Campbell	Pinewood	34	29	85.3
J Hardy	NBCC	20	17	85.0
G Watson	Civic	36	30	83.3
D Roberts	NBCC	18	15	83.3
M Tierney	Civic	28	23	82.1
A Timewell	Pinewood	25	20	80.0
M McEvoy	NBCC	32	24	75.0
A Barbat	NBCC	32	22	68.8
J James	Civic	32	22	68.8
J Cooper	Caldy	31	21	67.7
P Luxon	NBCC	30	20	66.7
A Taylor	NBCC	30	19	63.3

DIVISION TWO

R Jones	NALGO	37	32	86.5
P Hurworth	Thingwall	36	27	75.0
B Davies	Marconi	34	25	73.5
C Pratt	Marconi	22	16	72.7
R Hayes	NALGO	39	28	71.8
M Deponio	BBB	34	24	70.6
R Mason	NALGO	34	24	70.6
D Morris	NALGO	33	22	66.7
P Mutch	Thingwall	38	25	65.8
D Chalkley	Thingwall	32	21	65.6
P Reed-Clayton	Alderley	34	22	64.7
P Johnson	Caldy	35	22	62.9
A Weldon	Alderley	35	22	62.9
J Bassett	WRUFC	32	20	62.5

DIVISION THREE

M Snape	Upton CC	38	36	94.7
G Hockaday	NALGO	38	32	84.2
L O'Boon	Wall Man	36	30	83.3
F Hepple	Pinewd 3	38	31	81.6
S Crowley	Wall Man	26	20	76.9
R Williams	Pinewd 4	40	30	75.0
A Willett	NALGO	20	15	75.0
A Lampkin	NALGO	30	22	73.3
M Ashton	Caldy	36	26	72.2
P Wright	Pinewd 3	36	26	72.2
J Watts	Wall Man	36	25	69.4
D Cardwell	Upton CC	36	24	66.7
D Green	NALGO	36	24	66.7
J Sherratt	Caldy	40	26	65.0
B Halliday	WRUFC	38	24	63.2
B Fuller	WRUFC	40	25	62.5
D Benson	Pinewd 3	36	22	61.1
B Lynch	Wall Man	28	17	60.7
H Owen	Pinewd 4	38	23	60.5
R West	Pinewd 3	38	22	57.9
I Hale	WRUFC	40	24	60.0

DIVISION FOUR

		P	W	%
D Jones	Thingwall	34	32	94.1
M Bloor	Neston	38	33	86.8
W Griffiths	Thing	34	28	82.4
R King	Thing	28	33	82.1
E Whitby	NBCC	36	28	77.8
D South	Oxton	40	31	77.5
C McCombe	Caldy	22	17	77.3
T Reubens	Neston	36	27	75.0
M News	Oxton	38	28	73.7
R Spence	Neston	34	25	73.5
T Connor	Civic	40	29	72.5
K Naylor	Neston	34	24	70.6
J Powell	Caldy	36	25	69.4
K Grain	ESWA	36	24	66.7
R Davidson	Civic	36	23	63.9
S Dowling	Thing	22	14	63.6

Division five

R McGettrick	BBB	28	28	100
D Parr	BBB	26	26	100
W Fletcher	NALGO 5	20	18	90.0
R Patel	Caldy 6	38	33	86.8
K Williams	Caldy 6	38	33	86.8
G McGettrick	BBB	32	27	84.4
E Moss	Caldy 6	38	31	81.6
A Cartwright	BBB	18	14	77.8
M Vincent	Civic	23	17	73.9
A Southall	Caldy 7	30	22	73.3
S Parker	Upton CC	28	20	71.4
D McWilliams	Eng Mart	38	25	65.8
R Williams	Caldy 7	38	25	65.8
S Gibbins	Eng Mart	20	13	65.0
D Bradburn	NALGO 4	37	24	64.9
M Johnstone	Caldy 6	34	22	64.7
D Dyble	NALGO 4	31	20	64.5
J Pond	Upton CC	32	20	62.5

This was the final league match of the season for both teams with quite a bit at stake. Caldys were in 3rd spot and Nalgo's second half of the season surge had produced some good results with 27 points from the last 3 games, putting us we thought "also somewhere at the top". Exactly where, we had not been able to work out accurately, as we had some conflicting information on other teams totals.

The first half had some notable moments in producing a 4 - 1 lead for Nalgo, in particular Alan Willetts' win over John Sherratt, achieved only after a tough battle back from 10 - 2 down in the 3rd set to a 21 - 14 win.

Dave Green had not been looking forward to his game against Caldys' Mike Ashton - "Rather have played Bob Boyle" he said. Despite this he went a game up in a tense struggle of spin but determined play by the home side's man finally brought him victory after a nail biting final game ending at 23 - 21.

Young Bill Blundell, one of only 2 players braving the cold night in shorts, did his utmost to clout Geoff Hockaday off the table with his all action game but good defensive work by Geoff gave Nalgo a 2 straight in. At the end of this Bill remained hardly out of breath (nor a hair out of place!) In an effort to discover the secret of eternal youth we asked how he managed to keep up this amazing pace. "If you think I'm fast now" he retorted "you should have seen me when I was 70".

In completing both his games before the interval Dave was matched against John Sherratt and this time clinched a Nalgo victory but only after a see - saw game once again going to 3 before running out in the 3rd at 21 - 17.

The second half saw Alan taking on Bob Boyle with strict instructions to "keep it off Bob's forehand". This tactic had already worked for us in the first half with yours truly beating both Bob and the fireplace surround in 2 straight sets. Failure to adhere to these instructions usually means Bob is let loose to deliver his renowned forehand bombshells in which sight of the ball is frequently a figment of an opponent's imagination. The tactic also works well for Alan and we are now 5 - 1 up.

Remaining games in the match all go to Nalgo but only after some pretty hard fought sets, in all, 5 sets during the evening went to 3 with Nalgo winning 4 of them, perhaps the scoreline may have flattered slightly at the end of the night (it was well after 11.30 when we finished) but most of the 3 setters had a reasonably healthy points margin in the final game.

All in all an excellent match played in a good spirit and adding 9 valuable points towards Nalgo's championship bid.

A.W.L.