

NEWSLETTER

Dated 26/02/2011

Newsletter No 1

Hello to all and welcome to our first news letter. The latest news is of course the start of this new league. The first season will start on Thursday 12/05/11(this is at the end of the winter league) and run for about twenty weeks and hopefully will include a summer cup.

The sign up date for the first summer season is 17/03/11* at The Lee Community Centre between 18.30 and 20.30. The cost of joining the will be confirmed prior to this date, it will probably be about £30.

Any team wishing to sign up should complete a sign on sheet listing all players in their team which is downloadable from the site. Teams should be made up of at least six players as usual.

There will be a meeting at the Lee Community Centre on the 28/04/11 starting at 19.30 and if possible all captains or their vice captains should attend. For the first summer league all teams will be put in the hat and as they are drawn split into the divisions.

At this time we will vote in a committee consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Administrator and a Treasurer. Please advise me of any volunteers for these posts.

We have on this site a gallery and a News page this is not just for league photos and news. If you have any news or pictures you feel relevant like in house tournaments and special days at your pub or club please always try to get photos, especially funny ones.

Cheers Karl

NEWSLETTER

Dated 02/03/2011

Newsletter No 2

Well we are off the new league has started and the response so far has been great. I want to thank all the teams that have contacted me thank you for your support.

I can confirm the cost will be £30 for all teams joining the summer league, this will be payable when you sign up on 17th of March. On checking the winter league fixtures I have noticed on the 17th of March my team now has no game so I will be there until 23.00 so you have all night.

The meeting on the 28th of April we will be discussing The Rules including league rules and the rules of play. So please read what is on the website if you have any thoughts you need to bring them up at the meeting. Also on the agenda will be picking the committee so if any of you want to step up and help run the league 'please' do so. The last item will be picking the divisions. Now we have a program that will do this for us or we can do it 'out of the hat' on the night. Please let me know as soon as possible which way you want to do it. Again I must emphasize the need for each team to send a representative on the night.

I'm looking for feedback about the website what you think, anything we have missed or messed up please let me know.

Cheers Karl

NEWSLETTER

Dated 09/03/2011

Newsletter No 3

Hi everyone,

Not much to say this week but I thought I would just let you all know the first team signed up to the league. So we are really up and running and again more teams have contacted me showing their support. Thank you all.

While I am thanking people there are three guys who helped me put all this together my nephew Robert Hatfield who made us the website, Jeff Reed (captain of the Three Tuns) who did all the printing and Tony Mc McConville who has made the program for the running of the divisions. Without these guys I would not have been able to sort all this out so again a big thanks to them.

I will be honest I can't wait to get going it's only a couple of weeks until it all kicks off and with any luck we will have a couple of divisions to start this new league.

See you all on the 17th

Cheers Karl

NEWSLETTER

Dated 25/03/2011

Newsletter No 4

Hi everyone,

Just to let you all know so far we have 19 teams sign on for the new league. So we easily have enough for there to be two divisions but if anyone else would like to sign up no problem.

If you do want to join us please email me as soon as possible as we will be picking the divisions before the 21/04/2011 so they will be ready for the first meeting on the 28/04/2011. The sign on fee is still £30.00 please make any cheques payable to The Alternate Pool League. Of course we also accept cash!

I have had one volunteer to help run things Gary Stanley of The 147 Club has put his name forward and if no one has any objections he will be Vice Chairman once he along with myself have been voted in by the league. Anyone else wanting to help me just email and let me know.

Robert, who set up the web site, is going to set up two new email addresses, one for the scores which will be scores@thealternatethursdaypool.co.uk and one so you can contact me karl@thealternatethursdaypool.co.uk these should be up and running soon. I will let you know when as soon as they are set up.

So to round up I would just like to thank all the team that have join us in this new league and hope to see you all at the first meeting.

Thanks to all concerned.

Cheers Karl

NEWSLETTER

Dated 10/04/2011

Newsletter No 5

Hi guys and girls after checking the old league the last match for all of us is on the 14/03/2011 as none of us are in the current cup. So I would like to start the league earlier. The meeting will still be on the 28/04/2011 and we will start the following week 05/05/2011 with the preliminary round of the cup and the league starting on 12/05/2011. Along with the cup there will be a shield (plate) sorry no singles or doubles for the summer but they will be introduced in the winter.

We have edited the 'Rules of Play' (spelling and grammar only) which I would like you all to read and let me know what you think regarding anything we need to add or remove. Same for the 'League Rules', regarding the subject of rules and referees home, away or both.

We were ask if you could download scores straight on to the website sorry but until we can find a secure way of doing this (it would be open to abuse as anyone could put the scores on).We are looking into ways of doing this securely and may introduce it later in the season. So until then email scores@thealternatethursdaypool.co.uk or text 07771873348, holding on to your signed score sheets in case of dispute.

Update on the team numbers we are at 23, I thought we had 24 but the New Inn don't think they will have a team so I'm still looking for number a No 24. Even with 23 teams we will be having 3 divisions and with the cup/shield it will run for 22 weeks. The divisions will be based loosely on the current league divisions. But those who came top in their current division may find themselves in a higher division.

That's about it for now any thoughts or queries don't hesitate to contact me.

Cheers Karl

NEWSLETTER

Dated 24/04/2011

Newsletter No 6

Well we got there in the end, 24 teams on the books; Kevin and the boys from the Cuckoo Pint have come on board so were all set for the start of the season. I'm sorry to say we have now closed entry to the summer league any new teams wanting to join will have to wait until the winter season.

The fixtures will be on the web soon, hopefully in time for the meeting on the **28/04/2011**. We are trying different ways of setting up the website so it will be easier to use. Even if the site is ready I will be bringing hard copies of the fixtures to the meeting anyway.

The meeting will start at **19.30** the agenda is as follows

1. A quick welcome speech from myself
2. Introduction of the committee and to vote in the same
3. Clarification of the Rules – opportunity to vote for ant changes.
4. The Divisions, fixtures, dates, cup and plate
5. Cup/Plate Draw
6. financial statement
7. Any other business

All Captains/Vice-Captains should attend as this will be the last opportunity to make last minute changes before the league starts. This is your league and we will always vote on any changes made.

There is a lot to get through and time will be tight so **please check the website before the meeting** to familiarise yourself; if you have any ideas or would like any changes you will have the chance to bring it up at the meeting.

That's about it, so until I see you all at the meeting on the **28/04/2011 @ 19.30**

Cheers Karl

NEWSLETTER

Dated 30/04/2011

Newsletter No 7

Hi Guys and Girls,

Thanks to all who came to the meeting hopefully we sorted out all the issues, we did however forget to agree the committee which consists of myself as Chairman, Gary from the 147 as Vice Chairman and Roy loch Henry who will be the Treasurer. If anyone has any objections let me know and we will take a vote. If you have anything else to add just email me and I'll put it on the next news letter for feedback from the rest of the league.

Tony will have the fixtures for the cup on the web this weekend and we'll have the rules updated on the web as soon as possible. So we're all ready to go; the league is really up and running, welcome one and all to the party.

The Cup - Preliminary Round

<u>Home</u>		<u>Away</u>	<u>Bye</u>
Mayfair Snooker	v	Jolly Miller	Wicor Mill
White Horse A	v	Fareham Hill Park WMC	Middlecroft B
The Cuckoo Pint	v	Carisbrooke Arms B	Gypsy B
AL's Bar	v	The Three Tuns	Barley Mow A
WPMA A	v	Middlecroft A	Carisbrooke Arms A
The Portsdown	v	The LCC A	147 Snooker
Barley Mow B	v	The Forresters	White Horse B
Gypsy Queen A	v	The Queens Head	The Junction Tavern B

Rule changes agreed on the night:

- Home referees have the final decision
- No "D" - behind the line rule remains

Also we have managed to put an automated response in place, when you email your score's in it send you a conformation email by return

And lastly; as pointed out by the landlord of the Cuckoo Pint some Pubs don't let under18 in so if you have player/s that are under 18 please check with the home pub when you are playing away.

This is the start of a great new season for pool in Gosport and Fareham playing the game of pool the way we want so a big thanks to one and all who have helped to make this happen including all the teams who have joined us

Cheers Karl

NEWSLETTER

Dated 16/05/2011
 Newsletter No 8

Hello to One and All,

The 1st round of the cup (the winners of the preliminary round verses the teams that had a bye) will be played on the 2nd June. The teams that came second in the Preliminary round (we have no losers in our league) will be entered into the Plate competition together with the teams that come second in the 1st round. Now I hope that's clear because I got lost at the start!! I have an apology to make; we were going to do the draw last Thursday but due to the influence of alcohol we forgot to do it so it will be drawn this Thursday (19/05/11).

We have also played the first games in the league and the results are coming in, all Division 1 results are in and posted on the web, Tony will have the rest on the website as soon as all results are in. Please keep using the web address scores@thealternatethursdaypool.co.uk as this will speed the process up.

On a different note Robert our site administrator is looking for team photos and action shots to put on the gallery page so get them camera phones going and email them in. And don't forget to tell us who's in the photos.

One last thing I been asked about the polo shirts/t-shirts the Lee CC team use at our matches so I have made enquiries as to how much it would cost to have shirts made for the league. Here are the best prices I got so far:

POLO SHIRTS	MALE	FEMALE
Embroidered with League Logo	£11.00	£11.00
Team name below the League Logo (extra)	£2.00	£2.00
Player name/Nickname on the sleeve (extra)	£2.00	£2.00
TOTAL	£15.00	£15.00

T-SHIRTS	MALE	FEMALE
Embroidered with League Logo	£8.00	£8.00
Team name below the League Logo (extra)	£2.00	£2.00
Player name/Nickname on the sleeve (extra)	£2.00	£2.00
TOTAL	£12.00	£12.00

Colours for the **Polo Shirts** are: White, Black, Red, Yellow, Royal-blue and Sky-blue

Colours for the **T-Shirts** are: White, Black, Red and Royal-blue

If you want the pub/club emblem you would have to have a disc made at a cost of £50.00 and about £5.00 per emblem per shirt. Anyone interested please get in contact with me at karl@thealternatethursdaypool.co.uk with colours and sizes.

That's about it for now!

Cheers Karl

NEWSLETTER

Dated 22/05/2011

Newsletter No 9

Hi All

Not much to say this week Robert and Tony have done some updating to the website it now incorporates a couple of new items. There is an events section that you can use to advertise your pub/clubs events free of charge (please read and pass on the letter to the landlords which I have emailed to you). There is also an advertisement for the league team shirt with easy access to an order form.

On a different note Tony has updated the cup page and the fixtures lists on the website. The draw for the first round of the cup was done by the landlord of the Jolly Miller Mr John Machin on Thursday night. We would like to thank John for his help with the draw which was done prior to an over indulgent in liquid refreshment. You will notice on the fixtures the first round of the cup is on the 02/06/2011 and the plate 30/06/2011. On the cup page is the draw for the 1st round of the cup. There is also a list of teams not playing in the first round of the cup so if you want a game that night please feel free to sort out friendly's between yourselves. Tony has also nearly finished updating the tables as most of the scores are in.

We still have no pictures to put in the gallery come on now don't be shy all photos are welcome with one exception pornography no smutty stuff please. I know I have not put any photos of the Lee CC Team or players yet but it's in hand.

That's about it for now

Cheers Karl

NEWSLETTER

Dated 29/05/2011

Newsletter No 10

Hi Everybody

I have been hearing a few niggles and I feel that I need to clarify a few points. I'm not going to point fingers and I'm sorry if you feel I'm tarring everyone with the same brush. But it's a case of if the cap fits and the few spoiling it for the rest of us

We started this league so we could continue to play Thursday rules and these are the only rules we play; there are no home rules or variations of the rules unless voted on by the captains of the league. If you are unsure of the rules that we play there are in the packs I gave out and they're also on the website.

We expect all players to play fair and not do anything that would bring the league into conflict and I would hope that you will be able to sort out any disputes amongst yourselves on the night and continue the game until its conclusion. If there is a problem or a situation that you are unsure of please call me or Gary anytime and we will endeavour to sort it.

Leaving the venue before the match has concluded even if you're winning is not sporting and not in keeping with the spirit of the game. If you feel as a team you cannot continue the match for any reason. Please advise me or Gary prior to leaving the venue or asking the other team to leave your premises. We will try and counsel you in what the appropriate action should be.

I think that covers most of the niggles. Now Ladies and Gentlemen please go and have fun and enjoy the night out. Play fair, Play by the rules and be the sportsmen and women I know you all to be.

Cup 1st Round Draw – Update

Unfortunately when we did the draw both teams from Barley Mow were drawn at home, we didn't pick up on this at the time and put the draw on the web. We only had one option and that was to get Barley Mow A to play away at The Three Tuns, we have updated the draw on the web; so the match is now:

The Three Tuns v Barley Mow A

Apologies to Barley Mow teams and The Three Tuns.

Another point to note The Three Tuns Public House is now closed so the cup game and subsequent games may have to be played at an alternate venue to be confirmed as soon as we know where.

Thanks for listening cheers Karl

NEWSLETTER

Dated 18/06/2011

Newsletter No 11

Hello to one and all

I have only a couple of things to mention in this newsletter.

Firstly a change of name and venue for the Three Tuns as you may or may not know the Three Tuns public house has changed hands. The team from the 23/06/2011 will be playing at the New Inn and have renamed themselves the same. We have already updated the fixtures and the standings to show the changes.

Next as a few of you know in the beginning I gave a little nudge on Tuesday night to remind some of you to put your scores in. On the forth week I thought I had done enough so I'm sorry to those that were given a 9-0 but the scores will stand. It was agreed at the meeting that the Tuesday night at 2100 was the cut off point as with the old league. Thanks for understanding.

The draw for the first round of the Plate on the 30/06/2011 is on the site. The teams that won in the first round of the cup will not have a game. So if you want a game you will need to sort out friendlies amongst yourselves. I have put a list below you all have the relevant phone numbers.

Lastly I'm doing the tables this week as Tony is on holiday so if I make a cock up please bear with me. Just let me know before Tony gets back so I can adjust them before he starts taking the piss. Because apparently it's easy!!!! I have done Div 1 and it looks alright, please check them out and let me know.

Sorry one other thing still have not got any photos come on get those mobile phones going and send them in especially full team ones please.

Cheers Karl

Teams not in the Plate

147 Snooker Club
The Barley Mow b
The Carisbrooke Arms A
The Cuckoo Pint
The Gypsy Queen A
The Jolly Miller
The Middlecroft B
The New Inn

A quick note about the Three Tuns I original stated the pub had closed down this is not the case. I must apologise to Ann-Marie and Cliff for this mistake and wish them every success as the new proprietors of the Three Tuns, good luck guys.

NEWSLETTER

Dated 27/07/2011

Newsletter No 12

Hello guys and girls

The first round of the plate was played on the 30/06/2011 and apart from one little hiccup (one team misread how the cup and plate would be played out) all went well. Please keep checking the website for updates and hopefully it won't happen again, never mind we move on. The draw for the quarter finals and the semi finals are on the website.

Talking of hiccups we had a bit of misunderstanding with a team trying to rearrange their match and unfortunately they could not contact the captain of the opposing team. So for now at least until the winter league starts please if you have to rearrange your matches please talk to me first and I will give the captains the relevant details. In the winter as part of the package we will be starting a team/player website which will include all contact details.

One other thing we need to discuss is turning up late for a match. I have an idea and I'd like your feedback; From time to time teams do arrive late for genuine reasons, in the spirit of the game and remembering we are all out for a good time I propose the following:

Team does not arrive by 21:00 – Home team claims the 1st Frame

Team does not arrive by 21:15 – Home team claims the 2nd Frame

Team does not arrive by 21:30 – Home team claims the game with a 9-0 win

Please email me with your thoughts

We are still struggling with donations for the presentation evening anything will help. I would love for a pub or club to donate one of the trophies we could have "The Carisbrooke Cup" or "The Portsdown Plate" Just a thought. The Event pages are still available free for you to promote your pub or club and any special events that you have. I have approached companies that supply pool cues and the like for sponsorship but as yet only a few nibbles no one has bitten, but I will keep trying.

I'm also looking for anecdotes from the games you know silly things that happen during matches and great wins like when you go 4 nil down and win 5-4. Please email them in with your scores and I will post them on the site. We can add them to all the photos you have sent in (that was irony by the way!) come on guys and girls show me what you got.

One last thing I'm looking in to the trophies for the presentation night and the engraving is causing a bit of a problem as we need to shorten the league name to fit most trophies. What do you all think suggestions on a postcard please or you could just email me.

My first thought was TAT Pool league but that sounds like a load of rubbish.

Cheers Karl

NEWSLETTER

Dated 15/08/2011 updated 22/08/2011

Newsletter No 13

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the Winter League will soon be upon us we will need to sort out a few things before we start.

I believe most of you will have received emails from Rich of the other league thanking you for another great season (does that mean they enjoyed it more without us lot?). Clearly, they are looking to recruit teams back into their league and although we are looking to increase the number of teams in ours we're not going to be drawn into a battle with them.

We also hope you have enjoyed this season and it would be great if all teams who supported us this summer signed on for the winter.

However, we said from the start that we are up for a laugh and a good game of pool, cutting out all the crap but if you think we haven't achieved it and you decide to give the other league a go then we wish you all the best, you can always reapply to us in future seasons should you wish, no hard feelings etc. etc.

Sign on date: Tuesday 6th September 2011 at the Lee CC between 8:00pm – 11:00pm

Cost: £75.00 – we know that the other league are charging £65 but this is to tempt teams back, we have good reasons why it is £75 which will be explained at the captains meeting. Remember that all monies are used for league requirements, by reducing to £65 means we have to cut back on other things.

Captains meeting: Thursday 15th September 2011 at the Lee CC at 19.30

Key points for discussion

Changes to the rules to hopefully sort out the little glitches we have encountered during the summer. Please let me know your concerns prior to the meeting.

New teams to be approved - all new teams that sign on for the league must be approved by a majority vote by the captains of the league.

Confirm the committee for another season if anybody wants to put themselves forward please let me know as soon as possible.

A financial update.

Clarify how to post your score on the web and by text to hopefully stop us reading them wrong and then we will put them on the tables correctly.

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO RAISE AT THE CAPTAINS MEETING PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP SO WE CAN ADD IT TO THE AGENDA

NEWSLETTER

Dated 18/09/2011

Newsletter No 14

Hello to one and all First a big thank you to all the teams that have join us this season old and new. We had 14 new teams sign up for the first winter season so we now have 38 teams. As a result we have introduced a 4th division with the top divisions having 10 teams and 9 teams in the bottom 2. We have tried to do the same as at the beginning of the summer league, and split the 2 GTPL and the 3 ATPL divisions across the 4 new divisions. This was based on winter and summer final places in each league. Obviously we would have liked to put all the teams in div 1 but not enough room sorry to those that were not chosen. The one exception to this and I'm sure you will all agree The Cuckoo Pint were in the wrong Division last season and they have jumped to division 1. The new divisions and fixtures are on the website now please check to see where you are.

And the winners of the Summer League are

<u>The Cup</u>	1 st The Carisbrooke A	2 nd The Cuckoo Pint
<u>The Shield</u>	1 st The Queens Head	2 nd The Lee CC
<u>Division 1</u>	1 st The Wicor Mill	2 nd The Queen Head
<u>Division 2</u>	1 st The 147 Snooker Club	2 nd The F.H.P.M.W.M.C
<u>Division 3</u>	1 st The Cuckoo Pint	2 nd The Mayfair Snooker Club

What a night and great final matches of both the Cup and Shield a very fitting end to the season Congratulations the all the winners and to all the teams that have taken part in a fantastic first season. Photo's of Finals Night on the website soon.

Well we did it, the first season is over and some really good matches played and I will say not too many problems. But there was a few and hopefully we have addressed them all at the captains meeting. Please take time to check the league rules page to update yourselves and your teams with the changes that have been added. Please print off a copy and take to the matches with you for clarification of any queries.

So off we go again the winter league starts with the preliminary round of the cup this is on the 22/09/2011 the week before the league kicks off on the 29/09/2011. Can you all check the Cup/Shield page to see who you're playing and when. Please note all Cup and Shield matches will be played at the venue of whatever team is drawn home except for the finals. The later rounds of the singles and doubles will be played at neutral venues. On the subject of singles and doubles can we please have all sign on sheets in by the 30/09/2011 just scan them and email them in.

I would also like to thank Lisa and her team at the Lee CC for sorting out the venue for finals night and to Nigel who sorted the second table. Again well done to all teams I think it was a great first season. Cheers Karl

PS: Also check out the Riley's tab, please let me know if any of you apply.

NEWSLETTER

Dated 07/10/2011

Newsletter No 15

Hi All

And we're off the League and the Team Cup has started and we have just done the draw for the singles and doubles so it's all good. Both draws will be on the website on Monday so check out the site to see who and where you're playing. We have nearly 100 players signed up for the singles and over 50 pairs for the doubles so let the battles commence.

On the subject of singles and doubles the format will be the best of three frames in all rounds except the final which is the best of five. The Singles start with the preliminary round on the 20/10/2011 the Doubles start on the 17/11/2011. The preliminary rounds of the singles/doubles will be played at the pub/club of the first player/players drawn. We want to thank Kyle Peach the captain of the White Hart who did the draw for us on Thursday night. The final will take place on the finals and presentation night on the 21st April 2012 along with the finals of the Cup/Shield. The best of luck to all who are taking part.

There's a couple of points I need to clarify; if you need to rearrange your matches please let us know by the following Sunday night instead of your score. The other thing is reporting your scores please can we follow the format "home team - score /away team - score. I know most of you get it right but I'm still getting the odd one or two that I have to double check and don't forget all scores in by 21.00 on the following Sunday.

Next week the 13/10/2011 is the first round of the Cup please check the website to confirm who and where you're playing. If you're one of the six teams not on the list you don't have a match so if you want a game on the Thursday please make arrangements between yourselves contact details are on the website.

All that's left is a reminder about the events part of the website if any Pub/Club that has an event or events they want to advertise please send them in to events@thealternatethursdaypool.co.uk this is a free service for all teams in the league. And the last thing is sponsorship, any Pub/Club wanting to help the league with trophies/raffle prizes for the Final/Presentation please contact me karl@thealternatethursdaypool.co.uk

Thanks for your support

Karl

Please note:-

All Cup/Shield, Singles and Doubles are on the website under the cup tab

NEWSLETTER

Dated 06/11/2011
Newsletter No 16

Hello People

Just a couple of things first we left it a little bit late to pick independent venues for the singles so there will be home and away these are on the website today. Second Maddies B have quit the league so there are now 8 teams in Div 4. As we are only 4 weeks in to the season we have removed all scores from previous matches so it will even out sorry if you beat them earlier. The other things is Div 4 teams now have 2 byes my advice is the teams that have a bye play each other to give yourselves a game, you have the contact details. Lastly we have a statement from the Committee I hope you understand the Committee's decision in this matter. The league will not tolerate any type of violence or abuse and the Committee will take action against any team no matter who started it. If there is independent and unbiased evidence then teams may find themselves removed from the league.

Thanks for your attention Karl

STATEMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE

05/11/2011

The committee in response to a report of violence requested your thoughts in regards to who should deal with the incident. The majority of the Captains who responded agreed that the Committee should deal with these types of problems. The teams involved were The WPM and Maddies B

So Gary and I have spoken to players from both teams and the staff at the Rifle Club where the match was played and of course everybody is blaming each other. The Rifle Club did not report the incident to the police and have not banned any players from either team. We were informed that there was CCTV of the incident but this has not been made available to us. As we have no power to insist we are allowed to view said CCTV, we have based our decision on the information received.

So our first thoughts were to ban one or both teams but as we cannot apportion total blame the Committee have decided that both teams will take no further part in any knockout competitions (cup/shield). They continue to play their league games on the understanding that the committee will be monitoring both teams commitment to the league.

The committee decision is final and is not open to appeal

MADDIES B HAVE LEFT THE LEAGUE

We have been informed by the players of Maddies B that certain players have left the team and as a result they cannot make up a full team so they will be dropping out of the league.

Another twist, a committee member of The Pub Watch scheme has informed us that said players have been put on Pub Watch for 5 years and that they may be able to help the league see any available CCTV from pubs/clubs in the scheme in the future.

The Committee

This statement has been emailed to all the captains so they can print it off and display at your venue

NEWSLETTER

Dated 05/12/2011

Newsletter No 17

Hi All not much to report but there are some points to address and as usual if the cap fits.

We are still getting the occasional no show without prior consultation. The last occasion meant that the home team was only given ten minutes notice, now come on guys and girls we all agreed at the last captains meeting this was unfair to the home team and their landlord/landladies. The result of no notice was the landladies had made the food but with no away team to play, participate in a blackout and do some drinking the pub was out of pocket. The rule (No5) we have in place does not seem to have stopped this from happening so we may need to rethink what penalty we enforce. We don't want to go down the fine route but we may have no option if teams keep failing to give the two days notice. Another option may be some sort of deposit that we use for payment of fines/reimbursement in the event of a no show. On the same point you all have a list of the teams and team captains in your division (they are in the packs I dropped off to all venues), so please contact your opponents directly. Final point on this Captains maybe you need to on the Tuesday check with your team to ensure you have enough to play on the Thursday.

With reference to my apology to the Queens Head there is a point that needs to be made. We are all guests of the venues we visit when playing our matches. As such we must abide by the Club/Pubs rules and if as in this instant the venue wants you out by 23.20 then so be it. I may not totally agree with some rules myself but the venues rules must be followed at all times or the home team may get penalised by their own Pub/Club.

Other news if you check the cup tab on all the draws (singles, doubles and the plate prelim) are there for your perusal. Notes to make; the 'A' player/players are to be deemed the home player/players and as such must report the score by the following Sunday or lose 3-0. Also if two player/s from the same team have been drawn to play each other as there is no home advantage they will play their matches at home.

I want your thoughts about a "[Pay To Enter](#)" knockout competition I have had some positive feedback from players we have played this season and here are some of the ideas so far

- 1, Singles playing 3 frames in the first round ending in a 9 frame final.
- 2, 5 man teams playing 2 doubles and 1 singles playing the three frames again building up to a 9 frame final.
- 3, Spreading it over 4 satellite venues culminating at a single venue for the final matches. All venues taking part must have room for 4 tables or allow the time for matches to be played
- 4, Making it an open to all players in the Fareham and Gosport area. So as to introduce the league to more teams, pubs and clubs.
- 5, Allowing only amateurs in so no Hampshire County or Gosport Town players.
- 6, Costing about £10.00 per player and depending on numbers prizes could be as high as £500.00 for the winner
- 7, Keeping the number of player manageable around 250 possibly more if its 5 man teams

Please print this news page off and discuss it with your teams and get back to us with their feedback more ideas please we need to know how much interest there is and whether it will be worth doing. If we go ahead we will need sponsors and venues. So please any venue that thinks they can help please let us know

As always thanks for listening Karl

NEWSLETTER

Dated 14/12/2011

Newsletter No 18

Hello to all players

I just had a call and email from Nick Crook former chairman of the Gosport Thursday Pool league. He has informed me of some very sad news with reference to a Hedca player. His email reads

I have some sad news to tell everyone about.

Darren (Daz) woods has lost his battle with cancer and sadly passed away on Saturday 10th December. Daz played pool for the Hedca 'b' team since they were formed 10 years ago, but the last few years did prove difficult while he was going through his treatment.

From the league I would like to send our condolences to his friends and family at this very sad time. HEDCA will be playing their match on Thursday as Daz would not want this stop, as he loved playing pool.

The funeral date has been announced and if anyone would wish to attend then please contact Nick Crook or Steve Brown.

This is terribly sad news to lose someone who loved life and especially playing pool."

Nick Crook

Having lost two family members to cancer I can understand how the family must feel right now so on behalf of the whole of the Alternate Thursday League of which most teams stem from The Gosport League and have probably played Darren at some time. We send you our heartfelt condolences at this the saddest of times.

Karl Willis

I have requested from Nick to check if the family would prefer flowers or a donation to a cancer charity

Could all Captains pass this sad news on to all members of the league

NEWSLETTER

Dated 25/12/2011

Newsletter No 19



Happy Christmas to one and all just a quick note to wish you all have a wonderful time and enjoy this special time with your family, friends and love ones.

All the best from Karl, Tony and Gary The Committee

NEWSLETTER

Dated 31/12/2011
Newsletter No 20



It's party time Happy New Year to one and all.

We would like to wish you all the prosperous and eventful New Year. This is the time to reflect on our friends and loved ones who are no longer with us. The time to look forward to the future and believe that the worst of times are behind us. We wish that you and your families dreams for the New Year come to reality and we hope you enjoy the festivities and don't suffer to badly tomorrow

Karl, Tony and Gary