

## **Newsletter No 100**

**Dated 30/12/2014**

We hope you had a Merry Christmas and we wish you all a Happy New Year

As the year is coming to an end I thought it was time to put an apparently ongoing issues to bed,

## **Submitting scores**

Yes we have had a few problems with the internet but in all cases of proven internet glitches we have corrected the score. What we cannot do is accept late scores for any other reason this was voted on by the Captains over two years ago and this rule still stands. Teams have six players or more who can submit the scores so there's no reason why scores shouldn't be submitted.

As explained on numerous occasions the rule was introduced for two reasons:

1. When the league was set up many teams were not bothering to submit scores and it got to a point where we had Darren Harris spending hours phoning and emailing teams to get scores in, this was a waste of his time and money.
2. We need to submit League Tables to The News on Saturday morning so they are printed in Monday's paper.

This season late reporting of scores is happening nearly every week in both cup and league matches. I understand the disappointment teams must feel but no matter how friendly the league is and how unsporting teams think we're being on this point it is a rule voted in by Captain's, The Committee has no power to overturn this.

I have been inundated with emails from one team in particular who's Captain mistyped the email address so their score did not arrive on time. The latest email was a blatant attack on myself and the Committee containing abuse and serious accusations that we were punishing their team. Earlier in the season another team did similar with a personal attack on Tony.

Although we accept that teams get frustrated and maybe angry when things don't go their way we WILL NOT accept abuse so please be advised that any future instances will be investigated and those teams may be removed from the league.

## **County/Interleague Players**

Despite changing the rules this season to accommodate more than one County/Interleague player we keep getting requests to increase this, the answer is No, we can't. If the Captains feel this needs to be addressed we will do so at the next Captains meeting (this will take place after the next signing on, 23/03/15).

## **Div 6**

Unfortunately The Separators team has disbanded all scores for matches played so far have been removed and all future for all remaining matches the opposing team will get a bye.

## Finals and Presentation night venue

We must apologize to both the GPA and the DOC as we have not got round to visit to check their suitability as a venue for the 2015 Finals Nights we will arrange visits in January.

Any other Pub or Club who feel they can offer the league the use of their establishment please contact a Committee member.

Thanks for listing the Committee

# Announcement 23/11/14

If any member of the league knows of any young person who plays pool

## Youth Team Trials for 2015 Inter-County Pool Season

Sunday 07<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Time: Doors open at 10:00 am and trials will begin at 11:00 am.

Venue: The Academy, West Ham Lane, Worting, Basingstoke, RG22 5EE

Venue Tel: 01256 327273

## Calling All Young Pool Players!!!

Hampshire County Pool Association will be holding trials for Youth Team Players at the location, date and time stated above.

All players aged 18 or Under on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 are eligible to enter the trials and play for the Youth team throughout the 2015 season.

This is an exciting opportunity for young pool players to represent their county at World 8 Ball Pool matches within the Region 7 Area, and is fully affiliated to the English Pool Association.

For details or information please contact:

; Hampshire Youth Team Manager  
Telephone Number: 07818027370  
.eggarr@gmail.com

**Newsletter No 99**  
**Dated 21/10/2014**

Hi all

Well the season has well and truly started and with it some of the usual hiccups and with some new ones.

We have had a lot of problems with the internet; some emails not getting through, some people getting emails saying their email was received followed by another saying it was not delivered. We have One Com (Website Host) looking in to what's going on so hopefully the emailing problems will be sorted out soon. Until then, as a precaution can you copy in either me or Tony when you send in the scores, we would rather get the score twice than not at all. Thank you in advance with your help in this matter.

On the subject of scores can all home teams please send your scores in even if you lose poor old Tony spends enough time sorting the scores without away teams asking for them to be adjusted? As usual, the scores need to be in 21.00 on the following Friday this is so we can have them sorted and get them to The News so they're printed in the sport results pages on Monday. It's so early in the season but already we have a high number of teams not submitting, one team has failed to submit on two occasions already; I will be advising this team if they fail once more this season they will be put forward for disciplinary action which may result in them being excluded from the league. This will apply to any home team who fails to submit their score three times in any season as this is totally unfair on other teams in their divisions especially where frame scores decide final positions in the league especially impacting who goes up, who goes down.

We have had some grumbles about some of the new teams being placed in the wrong divisions. I can understand the disappointment of some teams playing what were "premier teams" in the old league but the rules state all new teams will be placed in division three or lower dependant on their ability. The reason for this was that placing them in the higher division was unfair to the teams that have fought hard gaining promotion from the lower divisions only to be told they would not be promoted because new teams were being placed above them. It was thought all new teams should earn their promotions to the top two divisions. I hope this clears this point up once and for all.

On the other side of the coin teams have raised concerns that some new teams are 'Taking the P..s' with over-zealous barracking. Can all players from new teams remember this is supposed to be a friendly league played by ladies and gentlemen and players should conduct themselves accordingly? The team Captains have welcomed all new teams into the league and we hope you will enjoy playing in it but all further instances will be investigated and if any team is found to be at fault they also may be excluded for the rest of the season. The aim of this league is and will always be for "all" teams to have a good night out.

This league has grown beyond belief but with that growth has come more issues and problems. Tony, Steve, Dean and I are here to help and assist teams and players as best we can. What we are not here for is to wipe your back sides, we need you to help yourselves. So remember scores in on time and play nice, no more moaning and groaning about minor issues, that with a bit of common sense you could sort yourselves.

Deliberate Foul Rule

Last season we had a problem with the deliberate foul rule. At the last Captains meeting the Captains were asked to go back to their teams and discuss this rule and get back to the Committee with their thoughts. I can report only one team has responded to this request and some of what they have said does make some sense.

**A deliberate foul is defined as “A shot resulting in a foul (as defined in the rules) where either (1) an insufficient effort has been made in the shot to attempt to play a legal shot (as expected from a reasonable player’s skill, and/or as has been demonstrated by the player in the frame so far) or (2) an unfair advantage has been gained by the player as a result of the foul.**

I may be wasting my time here but can all Captains ask their players what they think and get back to me as soon as possible.

One final point, Steve Murphy from the DOC b team has stepped down from the Committee, due to work and home commitments. Due to the size of the league it has been suggested that we should have a representative from each division on the Committee. So this would seem a good time to ask players from division’s two to six to volunteer to join the committee. Any player interested (you do not have to be a Captain) please email the committee directly.

I mean it this time this is the last point; If in the unlikely event that the email goes totally tits up you can post your scores on Facebook and Steve Winmill will round them up and get them to Tony. So if you’re not already on Facebook logon ask to join our group.

Thanks for listening  
Karl, Tony, Steve and Dean

**Newsletter No 98**  
**Dated 22/09/2014**

Hi All

Well we're off, the 2014/2015 Winter Season has started and so far no real dramas but a couple of points have been brought to our attention.

### **Match Results**

1. Team's results sheets still said that scores should be in by the following Sunday not Friday, the sheets have been updated, we apologize for the confusion.
2. As per the rules agreed by the Captains, all scores must be emailed to scores@thealternatethursdaypool.co.uk by 21.00 the following Friday.

We need the scores in by Friday night so we can process them and get the tables to the newspaper on Saturday. In the past, various committee members were receiving results via texts, phone calls and emails and results were being missed. When you email to the correct address Tony will receive these and you will receive a confirmation email (Robert has re-checked this weekend and it is working correctly).

Please try to get into the habit of sending them in on Thursday night straight after the match as a lot of you do, from now on there will be no flexibility with this. I will be emailing the teams from last season who failed to put their score in more than once. This not only ruins your score but it can mess with the whole division you play in, so please help us to help you.

### **Doubles and Singles**

The doubles and singles lists have now closed, can all Captains please double check and make sure the players that have been entered actually want to play in these competitions. We'll do the draw and get them on the web

If players need to rearrange any of the Singles or Doubles matches please contact the Captain of the opposing player/s yourselves, the Committee just need to be advised of the changes. Can all Captains please help with this and assist player/s with getting matches rearranged if necessary.

### **Cup/Plate**

The Cup and Plate draws will be done this Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> and will be on the website the following weekend.

As mentioned in the last newsletter someone "borrowed" my camera and a trophy belonging to the Green Dragon. My wife brought me the camera and she is hacked off that with all the time I put in to running this league, someone from the league would steal from me. I agree with her this is a low point for the league so if anyone has any information please contact me.

Karl and the Committee

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**Newsletter No 97**  
**Dated 08/09/2014**

Well what a night.

First off let me apologize for the venue. When we did the rounds to view possible venues Stubbington Snooker told us we would have the whole area and although there was a wedding on it would be finished before we started.

Subsequently trying to cram 150 plus people into just the bar area was never going to work. Needless to say it got very hot very quickly and people started leaving which was very embarrassing and disappointing. The main result of the evening was we had a lot of very hot and disgruntled players and spectators, again let me apologize on behalf of the league but also thank everyone for putting up with it as long as you did.

One other point on this Tony and myself who do a lot of work (all voluntary) on behalf of the league On Saturday night we got a lot of people's "disappointment" thrown at us throughout the evening, we believe we had built up a reputation for putting on a good end of season bash but took a big hit last night, it takes a lot of effort to arrange everything so believe me, we're probably hacked off more than anyone else.

Just to explain the process for choosing venues. Each season we get requests and categorise them as suitable for Qtr/Semi-finals or Finals nights. The committee then visit the Finals Night candidates, discuss the requirements, assess the suitability and choose a venue. The venues from the previous years have exceeded our expectations and we've had some great nights.

Unfortunately Stubbington Snooker failed to deliver and they let us all down so they will not be considered as a venue for any Cup matches; Cup/Plate, Singles, Doubles or Finals and Presentation night.

I don't know what more we could have done that would have avoided the issue but from now on any venue that feels they can accommodate our needs must put in writing what they are offering the league and we will hold them to it.

A couple of other sour notes; firstly, could the person who mistakenly picked up my camera please return it as there are a lot of family photos on the SD card and secondly someone has mistakenly taken an extra individual trophy you will recognize it as it has The Green Dragon Div 1 Runners Up written on it. If you have any information about either issue please contact Karl

Now on to the good stuff; the Finals matches, we started the evening off with the Division one playoff, The Green Dragon played well but were defeated in the end by The Wicor Mill so the Division one final standings are Winners; **The Wicor Mill** and runners up **The Green Dragon**. The other divisions are as follows.

Division 2 Winners, **The RAFA Vulcan's** Runners Up, **The DOC 'B'** formally Arty's "we're not controversial" Wine Bar.

Division 3 Winners, **HEDCA** Runners Up, **the Village Home**

Division 4 Winners, **GDAC** Runners Up, **the Stoke Pro's**

Division 5 Winners, **the Three Tuns B** Runners up, **Stokes Grumpy Old Men** (that's not very PC should be Grumpy Old People as you have women in the team:)

Division 6 Winners, **the White Horse B** Runners Up, **the Crofton Club**

#### Doubles - Divisions 4 to 6

This was a hard fought match with the Stoke Pros pair losing the first frame but winning the next two. The GDAC pulled back the next frame to make it two all, so on to the last frame and the tension was immense. The GDAC got to the black first but a missed double did not hit the mark which let the Stoke Pros in. A nervous miscued shot on the last red ball that still went down leaving the black ball which went in the middle without any dramas. So the winners of the Division 4 to 6 Doubles are the Stoke Pros pairing of Dan Seymour and Alan Beecher with the valiant runners up the GDAC pairing of Aidan Haggard and Dave Wrapson.

#### Team Plate

On another table the Final of the Plate was proceeding with the Junction Tavern storming into a 4-1 lead. Frame six and the Market House B pulled one back, 4-2, and then another so we're at 4-3. Frame eight and unfortunately the comeback stalls and the Junction Tavern clinch their all important fifth frame. So the winners of the Plate are the Junction Tavern with the Market House B our Runners Up.

#### Team Cup

So we come to the Final of the Cup with the Wicor Mill playing again, against our ever so controversial team of Arty's Wine Bar no sorry The DOC 'B'. Well what can I say the DOC 'B' played very well but the mighty Wicor Mill are so on form at the moment that they proved unbeatable. The winners of the Cup are the unstoppable Wicor Mill with the DOC 'B' coming worthy Runners Up.

#### Doubles - Divisions 1 to 3

For the final match of the evening; in the red corner we have the unstoppable pairing of Dean Winter and Darren O'Hara of yes you guessed it The Wicor Mill, playing in the blue corner the formidable pairing of Jason Charlton and Scott Malone of the Jolly Miller. The pairing from the Wicor go 1-0 up and Darren makes it 2-0 with a seven ball clear up. Frame three the jolly pair pull one back so we're at 2-1 but the Wicor take it in the forth frame. Winners of the Division 1-2 Doubles are the pair from the Wicor Mill, Dean Winter and Darren O'Hara with the runners up Jason Charlton and Scott Malone of the Jolly Miller. I have heard a rumour as they have left the Jolly Miller the Wicor have invited Jason and Scott to play for them this winter.

We would like to congratulate all our winners and runners up for a fantastic finish to the season. With some great matches making the other issues pale into insignificance we had another great Finals and Presentation evening. We would also like to thank all teams, pubs and clubs for their support again in this very controversial fourth Summer Season. We have had some highs and some very lows but we pulled through to be the biggest and best league in the area.

On that note this Thursday the 11/09/2014 is the start of the Winter Season we have sixty teams playing in 6 divisions. We start the season off as ever with the Cup and Plate split, the draw was done by the guys from the Carisbrooke a big thanks to them. This list is on the website and as usual the winners of this match will go into the Cup and the runners up will go into the Plate.

Can we please have all your Singles and Doubles entries in by the **18/09/14** which gives you ten days. We

will be running two competitions for each of the disciplines like we did with the Doubles in the Summer Season. So there will be separate Singles and Doubles competitions for divisions 1 to 3 and for division 4 to 6.

Also on the website are the fixtures for the Winter Season we have checked them but can you all please double check them and advise us of any errors please.

And finally we would like to welcome all the new teams to the league and wish all teams old and new the very best of luck.

Thanks for listening The New Committee

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**Newsletter No 96**  
**Dated 31/08/2014**

Hi All

let me start with the nine new teams. If anyone has a problem with any new team please let a committee member know as we forgot to vote at the Captains Meeting. Let me know by the 6th of September and I'll email the captains for a vote. Until then I'm hoping as usual there will be no teams refused entry into the league.

Gosport Pool Arena Allstars, The Rose & Crown, The Eagle, Stubbington Snooker B, The Hoeford A, The Hoeford B, The White Hart B, The Crofton Gunners and The Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Club.

now we have teams the have moved and or changed their team name.

Team Name	Moved from	moved to
RAFA Tornado's	The Glencoe	The RAFA
The Outsiders	Al's Bar 'A'	The Wicor
Arty's Wine Bar	Al's Bar 'B'	Arty's Wine Bar
The DOC 'B'	Arty's Wine Bar	The DOC
The GPA	The Mayfair	The Gosport Pool Arena

There are also four teams that joined in the Summer and have returned for the Winter Season these are HEDCA, GDAC, The Cuckoo Pint and the George & the Dragon.

Welcome to all the new and returning teams thanks for joining us for our fourth Winter Season. we hope you have a great time and enjoy your Thursday evening with us.

**Newsletter No 95**  
**Dated 31/08/2014**

Hi All

I have sent you the new divisions for the new Winter Season 2014-2015 there has had to be some shuffling as we now have sixty teams playing in 6 divisions. All new teams including the one's that joined in the Summer have been placed in div three or below (as per the Rules). Teams that joined in the summer will and did well will be promoted next Summer (again as per the rules).

The divisions and fixtures will be on the website next Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September ready for the start of the Winter Season starting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September.

The season starts as ever with the Cup and Plate split I have attached a copy of the draw again as usual the Winners go into the Cup and the Runners up go into the Plate.

Can all captains please advise me of any team changes as soon as possible as I'm updating the teams contacts over the next couple of days

There will be a list of teams that I do not have a team sheet for on the news pages tonight

one last thing if you don't get the Divisions and the Cup and Plate draws then I don't have your correct email address so please email me and I will send the draws by return

thanks Karl

**Urgent Notice!!**  
Dated 24/08/2014

**Can all teams who still want to sign on for the winter  
season, please do so by the 28/08/14.  
Call Karl ASAP on 07771873348**

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**Newsletter No 94**  
**Dated 15/08/2014**

Hi All

Well its update time, the votes are in, a big thank you to all who voted. I have only taken into account the Captains or Vice Captains votes which by majority have gone with the home team. We would prefer that the teams shake hands and play the match in true spirit of the league and the game but the home team can claim the match if they want to.

There has been a lot of moans and groans about a couple of the rules namely the touching ball and the deliberate foul rules. The time to discuss this is at the Captains Meeting and I'll be putting these issues on the agenda along with the team sheet issue. If there is anything else you want discussed tell your Captains and get them to come to the meeting. Only Captains or vice Captains can vote and if your Captain/Vice Captain don't make it to the meeting then your voice will not be heard.

Just in case you missed it the sign on night and the Captains Meeting are on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August at the Green Dragon in the lounge bar. The sign on starts at 19.00 till 20.00 when the Captains meeting will start. The cost is £70.00 per team payable on the night please bring your team list completed with emails and phone numbers

Thanks Karl and Tony

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**Newsletter No 93**  
**Dated 10/08/2014**

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP – PLEASE READ AND CAST YOUR VOTE**

Well what a Thursday we had some great matches played with some good results but we had two matches that did not go to plan in fact one didn't go at all.

Firstly I want to focus on the other match that was played but with a few niggles over the rules. Good old rule number 8a the touching ball – we've been here before so everyone should know this. 8a. if the cue ball is touching an object ball, the player **MUST** play away from that ball, to move that ball is a foul.

For clarification you must play away from an object ball if the cue ball has come to rest on it. The object ball must not move once the cue ball has been struck not even if the cue ball hits another ball, pots another ball or rebounds off a cushion. The player must not allow the cue ball to re-hit the original object ball it was resting on. Quite simply, if the object ball moves at all during that shot a foul will be called and two shots will be given to the opposing player.

The other thing that was disputed was to do with the referee decisions;

The League will always uphold the referees decision if he/she made a call following the rules. If the referee makes a mistake (an incorrect call) the league will overturn his/her decision and the frame will be replayed.

If a player disputes a call made by the referee the player should question the call immediately and ask the referee to check the copy of the rules to confirm his call. If the referee has made an incorrect call then the call can be rescinded and play will continue. No other players including Captains and Vice Captains must challenge the referee's decision unless they are playing in the frame. The player should not dispute a call once the frame has concluded unless it becomes an official complaint then the League (the Captains) will decide what if any action should be taken.

Onto the match that was not played:

This match failed to even get going due to a disagreement over the player list that gets filled in prior to the start of a match.

There are no rules about whether the away team can read the home players names and pick their players accordingly in an attempt to gain an advantage. At the last Captains meeting we decided that we would not make it a rule but we introduced more of a gentlemen's agreement that the home team could fold or tear the sheet in half so the draw would be random and the away team would not gain an advantage.

The Captain of the Home Team picked his team and folded the sheet over as usual. The away Team Captain tried to see the Home Team player list so the Home Team Captain tore the sheet in half and gave the blank half to the Away Team to fill out. At this point the Away Team Captain insisted he wanted to see the Home Team half of the list prior to filling out his half. The Home Team Captain declined so the Away Team decided to leave the venue.

As this is a grey area The Committee cannot make a decision so I want **all Captains** (except the two

involved) to vote on this. Based on our existing rules and how you want the game to be played please tell me which team you think is right:

Just TEXT: Karl on 07771873348

HOME

AWAY

VOTES MUST BE CAST BY MIDNIGHT on 14/08/2014.

One last thing if there are any teams out there looking for a venue the Gosport Pool Arena and the Fox are looking for teams please contact them direct.

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**Newsletter No 92**  
**Dated 03/08/2014**

Hello Guys and Girls

As its been awhile I thought I would update you on where the League is at unfortunately we have had two teams drop out, the Coach House due to the fact the pub closed down again and the Clarence due to a shortage of players. We were thinking that game played up to and including the seventh match the scores stand, match's eight through to fourteen will not count. This will only be for divisions Three and Six all other divisions will not be affected. Could teams from divisions Three and Six please let me know if you agree or let me know what you think we should do by the 10th of August please.

The finalists of both doubles draws are on the website

update on the question asked, we will go with the first seven matches counting and the last seven not counting. thanks to all the captains that voted

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**Newsletter No 91**  
**Dated 13/07/2014**

Hi all

this is more a list of notices then a newsletter

the doubles draw in on the web and as a lot of the "football if you can call it football I" postponed matches are being played on the 24/07/14.

It has been decided to play all the double Quarters and Semis matches at the Gosport Pool Arena the matches will start at the normal time 21.00 and will be played to the last 2 pairs in each draw

We will have the draw for the Cup/Plate soon

The Coach House has closed and the team have not found a venue to play at although the Fox have offered to accommodate them I digress could all teams in division 6

Please advise us what you want to do about matches played, two options; 1 we discount all matches played 2 we keep the first 7 matches played and discard the rest ?

Answers on a postcard to Tony at [scores@thealternatethursdaypool.co.uk](mailto:scores@thealternatethursdaypool.co.uk)

One last thing the 3rd Gosport Open Pool Competition. Its being played Saturday 19th July all the details on the Facebook page. Dave has extended the deadline for "signing on" to Thursday 17th July this event is played with our Alternate Thursday Pool League Rules. Entry is only £5.00 per player with prize for quarters.semis and finalist

Cheers Karl

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**Newsletter No 90**  
**Dated 25/05/2014**

Hi All,

### **Emergency Captains Meeting**

Firstly, big thanks to the team representatives that made the effort to attend the meeting on such short notice. We debated all items and decisions have been made which include some rule changes.

On the first point which was the referee's decision to call a deliberate foul. The Captains agreed that the League will always back the referee if his call follows the rules. Although the league agreed that a foul was committed and subsequently 2 two shots should have been given. The referee's 'deliberate foul' call did not follow the rules and hence we had no option but to overturn his decision. In this instance the cue ball was under hit/miss cued and failed to hit an object ball which is not a deliberate foul. Rule No 11 shows the only circumstances when a deliberate foul can be called.

#### **11. DELIBERATE FOUL**

*Any player deemed by the referee ONLY, to have deliberately played an opponent's ball(s) to gain an advantage, including the 8 Ball shall be called a deliberate foul and will result in the loss of the game.*

As the frame was critical to the outcome The League has advised the players and their Captains that the frame has to be played again with an independent referee. If either team declines to replay the frame then by default the opposition wins.

On the second point 'Internet Abuse'. The League agreed this is unacceptable and has to be stamped out so new rules have been introduced with immediate effect.

1. In the case of proven internet abuse the player/s involved will be excluded from playing for six weeks.
2. If there is a second case of proven internet abuse the player/s involved will be excluded for life.

The players and their Captain involved in this case of internet abuse have been informed they cannot play for six weeks. As they have been suspended for two weeks already they cannot play for another four weeks. This is the decision of the League; the rules will be updated from today.

Other points discussed:

Deliberate Foul Rule; It was decided to leave the rule as it stands.

If there is a dispute about a referee's decision not following the rules then either Player can question the decision, the **referee only** will check the rules to confirm his decision. If his call was incorrect then it can be rescinded and the correct call given. This will ensure the rules are followed and the referee maintains control of the match. As usual if the rules are not available then the away team win the frame by default.

Again I must reiterate the league will back the referee one hundred percent and will not tolerate teams complaining about every referee's decision unless he made a decision not following the rules.

I advise all teams to print off a copy of the amended rules as soon as and insure they have a copy at their venue as per the rules.

Thanks Karl

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**Newsletter No 89**  
**Dated 18/05/2014**

Hi All

Sorry to be a pain but I need all Captains or their Vice Captains to attend an emergency Captains Meeting. We have had a case of abuse reported not your usual overzealous banter at a match but online abuse after a match that had a few problems. I won't go into details now but needless to say it's not good. I have had to suspend the two players involved because of what was posted on Facebook. I'm asking the Captains to help the Committee to debate the question of what to do and decide on what if any punishment we should impose. I want to do this as quickly as possible so we will hold the meeting next Friday at a venue to be confirmed.

On a different note I need confirmation of any doubles matches that still need to be played. Can you please email [scores@thealternatethursdaypool.co.uk](mailto:scores@thealternatethursdaypool.co.uk) and let us know.

Thank you Karl.

**NOTE:**

The Captains meeting will be held at the Stubbington Snooker Club @ 19.00 for 19.30 as I said earlier if the Captains can't make it then could the Vice Captains come in their place

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**Newsletter No 88**  
**Dated 27/04/2014**

Hi All

We are over three weeks into the season and we are still getting scores texted in to various members of the committee and due to work commitments some scores are not being picked up until Saturday lunchtime.

From now on only scores emailed to [scores@thealternatethursdaypool.co.uk](mailto:scores@thealternatethursdaypool.co.uk) will be accepted. This was agreed at the last Captains meeting and the rules were adjusted to show this change. If scores are not received at this email address by the cut off time the away team will be awarded a 5 - 0 win.

### **Doubles**

The doubles draw is on the website can all teams involved inform their venues if matches are to be played there, it will be up to the venue if they want to supply food. On this occasion all doubles matches must be played by 01/06/14, no matches can be rearranged for after this date. We have set this timetable so we have enough time to do the draw for the next round. There are two pairs playing at their home venue this is because there is no home advantage the rest are playing at neutral venues. **All venues have been reassigned so please double check where you are playing. Can all players who still have to pay their fees for the doubles please ensure the monies are at the Lee Workies by the 31/05.** This is a pay to enter competition if you don't pay then you can't enter. There are nineteen pairs still to pay if you are unsure whether your fees have been paid please contact Karl 07771873348.

### **Gosport/County players**

I have had some late replies but I'm sorry these have not been taken into consideration as they arrived after the deadline 19/04/14. Please can we save all arguments until the next captains meeting which will be held on 23/08/14 after the winter league sign on. At that time the decision whether to keep the rule change or revert back to one Gosport/County player only will be finalized. As this is a very important point all teams need to make an effort to ensure their Captain or Vice Captain attends the meeting.

On a really sour note Gary Stanley has decided to stand down as Vice Chairman his main reason was the question of County /Gosport players. Gary was dead against it and thought the Committee should have made the decision and not put it to the teams. I also disagreed with changing the rule but as we have always said, Captains make the decisions. I'm Sorry to see Gary go and would like to thank him for his help with running the league and sorting out some of the issues we have had. I hope he will stay with the league and still enjoy playing for the Gipsy Queen.

The question of who will replace Gary is something else that will be addressed at the next Captains meeting. Could anyone who feels they can make what is a huge commitment let Karl know at [karl@thealternatethursdaypool.co.uk](mailto:karl@thealternatethursdaypool.co.uk) and we will list the candidates closer to the date.

### **Singles Competition**

Finally the singles competition organized by Dave at the Gosport Pool Arena has unfortunately had to be cancelled. This is due to players misunderstanding of what was involved mainly that it was a league and it was to be played on Saturdays. I want to thank Dave for his efforts and hope next summer we can spend a bit more time to sort out a singles competition that players will want to play in.

Thanks, Karl

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**Newsletter No 87**  
**Dated 23/04/2014**

Hi All

Well the votes are in and I'm quite surprised but those who have voted have gone with.....

Drum roll please.

For the Summer Season as a trial we will allow all teams to retain more than one Gosport /County player. But teams can only play one Gosport/County per match, per week this ruling is from now on until the end of the season.

So firstly I need all teams with Gosport/County players to inform me of their names because these need to be highlighted in the team contacts. This needs to be done by return or at least before Wednesday the 30/04/14 or you may face losing the match on Thursday 01/05/14 by default.

Now we have had a lot of information sent to us with reference to Gosport players being of all different standards and the Hampshire league have three levels A, B and C. We will not be asking players what level they are, If the trial is successful and it does not cause too many issues then at the Captains Meeting at the end of August we will review and vote again whether to keep it in and we may debate whether the A,B and C player levels needs to be addressed.

Thanks to all the teams that took the time to discuss the question and reply to us and to those that didn't sorry but you have had your chance "for now". I have adjusted the League Rules to show this amendment for the trial period. Can all Captains insure they have a copy of the updated League Rules held at their venues as per the rules.

On another note can all players who have not paid their entry fee for the Doubles can you please get the money owed to the Lee Workies by this Wednesday 30/04/14. If the monies are not received by the 30/04/14 then you cannot play, your match is forfeit and your opponent if they have paid will go though.

The Committee

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**Urgent Notice!**  
**Dated 21/04/2014**

**\*This is an urgent message for all doubles players in the Division One to Three draw\***

**Due to my mind being on other matters at the moment I missed three pairs from the draw. My sincere apologies to the pairs from the Queens Head who I forgot. Because of my mistake we will need to redo the draw to include these pairs. This will take place this Thursday the 24/04/2014 and we will put them on the website on the Friday 25/04/2014.**

**Again my apologies to all concern and thanks for your patience in this matter**

**Karl**

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**Newsletter No 86**  
**Dated 17/04/2014**

Hi All

It's the first match of the league tonight so best of luck to all teams.

Please remember to ask your players about how many World Rules players we should allow to play in each team and if it's more than one whether they should only be allowed to play one a week. We have had some comments already and it's about fifty-fifty so far. Though it has been brought to our attention that this will go against the one of the first rules we put in place when we started the league. The flip side of that is if someone asks a question then we ask the Captains and as ever the Committee no matter how we feel about it have to go with the Captains decision. You have until 24.00 on the 19/04/14 to put your team's decisions in. We will put the response on the website by the 21/04/14.

Hopefully we will have the draws for the Doubles, Cup and Plate done by this weekend.

We did not quite reach our target of thirty two pairs in each doubles draw but we have enough in each to make it interesting. Once the draw is listed you can contact the players you are drawn against and play them at a mutually convenient time as long as the match is played on or before the 01/05/14 with all results in by 21.00 on the 02/05/14. All doubles matches will be played like this (on or by the match date) hopefully to cover players holidays.

Dave Randell has taken the singles to a whole new level it will be a round robin competition split into three divisions. All players in each division play each other with the top two from each going through to play for the honours. The divisions are on the website and the matches start this weekend with division three at 19.30 at the Pool Arena. Due to the number of player signed up divisions one and two don't start until the 03/05/14. From the 03/05/14 there will be different start times for each division. Division three will start at 19.30 Division two at 20.30 and Division one at 21.30. If you are unsure about anything to do with the Singles **PLEASE** double check with Dave, on 07807348585 or you can email him at [daverandall@gosportpoolarena.co.uk](mailto:daverandall@gosportpoolarena.co.uk).

Finally don't forget to print this off and show it to your teams so all players know what happening with the league and emails your scores in only tonight no texts allowed

Cheers the Committee

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**Newsletter No 85**  
**Dated 12/04/2014**

Well the first match is over;

The Cup and Plate split has been played and the results are on the website. We will be doing the draw for the next round as soon as we can.

The Singles which is being organized by David at the Gosport Pool Arena entry closes on Sunday night 13/04/14 so please call him direct on 07807348585 or email him at [daverandall@gosportpoolarena.co.uk](mailto:daverandall@gosportpoolarena.co.uk). As the league does not have the time scale to include Singles I would like to thank David on behalf of the league for sorting this out.

As for the Doubles entry for this closes tonight 13/04/14 we still have a few spaces left so this is your last chance to enter. We are hoping to have thirty two pairs in each draw which we make it easier to manage and we are nearly there.

I have been asked to ask the Captains a question we reference County/Gosport players now this season we have a lot more playing in the league so the question is "Can we allow more than one player per team **but only if they are used one per match**". This means if they have two or more County/Gosport players in one team then they can only play one per week and if they play two or more the opposing team would win by default, this would allow County/Gosport players to get practice in without gaining an advantage.

Just so you know it was not a team with a County/Gosport player that asked the question. If the Captains agree then the Gosport/County players would be highlighted in the contacts lists so teams could check.

I need all the Captains to reply to this question by the 19/04/14 which gives you time to ask your players. We will take the usual majority rules approach so if you don't reply then your vote won't count.

A quick notice Darran Harris due to work commitments has had to step down not only as part of the Committee but also as Captain of the Market House A team. I'm sure we all want to thank Darran for his help with the league and wish him every success with his job. For a trial period I have asked Steve Winmill to look after the Facebook account so if you have and news, events, silly photos or anything else you think he could use please contact him on 07527 834584 or [lurchio1975@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lurchio1975@yahoo.co.uk)

All the team contact details have been updated so can all Captains please check their details to insure they are correct and let us know of any corrections that are required.

Lastly can Captains, Vice Captains, Landladies, Landlords and Club Managers please print the newsletters off so all players can read it so they know what's going on with the league the number of times we here "we knew nothing about it" from players is mind boggling. Can all Captains also insure the scores are emailed in we had at least a dozen score texted this week please emails only.

Thanks For listening The Committee

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**Newsletter No 84**  
**Dated 10/04/2014**

And we are off

I would like to welcome you all to the fourth Summer Season (and they said it wouldn't last). For the first time ever we have had to turn 4 teams down mainly because we had created the divisions and didn't have time to redo everything, that's what deadlines are for.

This season we have 48 teams playing in 6 divisions and as always there are Cup and Plate Knockout competitions. But this year we are also introducing two doubles competitions one for divisions 1-3 and one for divisions 4-6. Though I must admit the response we have had for the doubles (and the singles) has not been as great as we had hoped (so far). You still have time to enter just email or text your doubles players' names to myself and I add them to the draw. (For the singles please contact David at the Gosport Poll Arena.)

The cost of signing up for the doubles is £2.00 per pair you can drop this money off at the Lee Workies please put it in an envelope with the team name on marked for Karl's attention.

The first match is tonight and we start as ever with the Cup and Plate 1<sup>st</sup> Round Split - All teams will play with the winner going into the Cup and the runners up into the Plate.

So can all Captains ensure you have a copy of the fixtures and **more importantly a copy of the RULES.** The rules have been updated so last seasons will be out of date. Could all new teams read the rules to make sure you and your players know the rules - especially those who maybe refereeing tonight.

We hope you all have a great time this summer and remember the main aim of the game is to have a good time. If you win that's great but as long as you play well and have a good game that can be just as satisfying. Sportsmanship is as ever the name of the game so the very best of luck to all players and teams and again have some fun.

The Committee

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**Newsletter No 83**  
**Dated 09/04/2014**

Hi All

Well what can I say I feel I may have put my foot in it right up to my neck. I need to start confirming information given to me when I'm incoherent and under the influence of alcohol. On Saturday night I was informed that the Gosport World Rules League was struggling and had basically folded. I was asked if I could contact Hampshire to find out what we as a league could do to insure Gosport players could still play in the Interleague. But it appears I was misinformed and Gosport World Rules League is fine and incorporating their teams with some Portsmouth teams to insure they stay that way. If any players out there want to play for Gosport, Hampshire or even the GB team then please contact the World Rules league as this will be your only way forward. I can only apologize to Martin and the Interleague team if I have caused them any problems with Hampshire.

I thought I was acting in the best interests of the Gosport World Rules teams in Gosport by getting our league affiliated to Hampshire. But with the backlash that I have received I can assure all parties involved it will never happen again. As long as I'm Chairman of the Alternate Thursday Pool League I will vote for our exclusion from any affiliation to any governing body EPA, Hampshire or anybody else. This league was set up so teams in Gosport did not have to play world rules and that's the way it will stay. At the last Captains Meeting we voted to not even have a division playing World Rules like we used too over three years ago when we were all one league. So unless that changes then we will stay as we are.

Again my apologies to all involved

Karl Willis Chairman

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**Newsletter No 82**  
**Dated 06/04/2014**

Hi All

Well it just gets better and better, “what a night”; “great”; “well done”; “best yet”, are just some of the comments I got last night. I have to admit it was a spectacular evening and I would like to thank all the members of the league who came along to help make it so. It was good to see landlords, landladies and players even from teams that were not playing or collecting trophies coming to support the evening.

Big thanks to Mandy, Stuart and the rest of the team at the Crofton Club for making us welcome and helping to make the evening special. While I’m in the thanking mood, Trevor Sanders who although unfortunately couldn’t make it on the night still supplied the 3 tables for the matches. I also need to thank Tony, Gary and members of the Lee Workies Taff, Jamie and Mark who did all the refereeing. and my Son Calvin who helped Steve and the rest of my team sell the raffle tickets.

And the results were;

**The Cup Winners** – The White Hart; who after being second last year have progressed to be praiseworthy Champions this year

**The Cup Runners-up** – Funtley Social Club; who fought hard but in the craziest seventh frame in which the white ball went down more times than I can mention, it took half the frame to decide who was what colour, you sort of knew things were not going their way.

**The Plate Winners** – Stubbington Snooker Club; who although hating the table persevered to become the winners

**The Plate Runners-up** – Arty’s Wine Bar; what can I say, Steve and his team push all the way to the final frame and were unfortunate in the closing shots

**Singles Winner** - Lee Robinson of the Wicor Mill now known as “Dead eye Robbo” as he was potting like a man possessed

**Singles Runner-up** - Dean Winter also from the Wicor Mill who played as tight a game as ever but unfortunately it was not his night

**Doubles Winners** – Gary Burgess and Darren O’Hara of the Wicor Mill, who went 2-0 up fought hard in the next 2 frames but needed the fifth to become worthy winners.

**Doubles Runners-up** – Mike Beames and Stu Morgan of the Fighting Cocks who fought back from 2-0 down only to lose 3-2 on the final Black ball, cracking match.

**Speed Pool** - The winner of the Speed Pool and receiving the £50 prize was Darren O’Hara of the Wicor Mill with a time of 1 minute and 32 seconds. A final big “thank you” to Steve and Rebecca from the Stoke Grumpy Old Men for sorting out the Speed Pool. They raised £108 of which £54 was donated to their charities which left £4 for the league.

To all the winners and runners up our hearty congratulations and a big well done for getting to the finals, it was a great achievement and you should all be very proud.

And Finally - We thank you all for making the Finals and Presentation Night the success it has become.

And now the divisions;

Division 1 Winners – The Wicor Mill	Runners up The Green Dragon A
Division 2 Winners – The RAFA Spitfires	Runners up Funtley Social Club
Division 3 Winners – The RAFA Vulcan's	Runners up The Junction Tavern
Division 4 Winners – The Jolly Miller A	Runners up The Fareham
Division 5 Winners – The Mayfair	Runners up The White Horse

Well what can I say after a slow start the Wicor Mill were again triumphant winning 14 of the 18 matches beating worthy runners up the Green Dragon A by 4 points. An outstanding performance from the 3 times Winter Season Division 1 winners.

In Division 2 the RAFA Spitfires continue their fight to get into division 1. Last year second in division 3 and this year top of division 2. In second place the Funtley Social Club who did the opposite as last year they were in first place.

As for Division 3 a new team this season The RAFA Vulcan's take the honours piping the Junction Tavern by winning the final match of the season.

Now to division 4 we have the boys from the Jolly Miller with the amalgamation of both of their teams fighting their way to the top followed closely by another new team this season the Fareham.

Finally the new division 5 this was won by the new Mayfair Snooker Club team by a decent margin with the White Horse A coming in second.

The committee would like to say a big well done to all the teams who have played in this our third year as a league. With your support we have become the only league to play in and we will continue to grow and expand. The league is only as good as the teams and players in it and we have a lot of great teams and players in ours. In most cases the pubs and clubs do an enormous amount to support us, the only niggle we have is the quality of some tables. Some of you understand that the tables have to be pristine to aid your team be the best that they can be. To this end we must ask the teams to ensure tables are kept up to the standard league teams need to play on.

thanks for listening as always the Committee

**last thing honest you have until the 10/04/14 to get your names in for the doubles. please email me the names and get the money to the Lee Workies as soon as possible**

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**Newsletter No 81**  
**Dated 03/04/2014**

Hello guys and girls

The new season is upon us, it starts next week Thursday the 10/04/14 so be prepared. Can all teams insure that their pub or club has the table up to a standard they would like to play on themselves. The divisions have been drawn up and the fixtures will be on the website by the weekend.

Now I need all Captains to check the team contacts page and confirm the details. All the teams with red headings I have team lists for, the ones with green heading I don't. So will all Captains that have not entered a team list/sheet please do so by 06/04/14. All you have to do is email me your list of player so we can speed things along. If I do not have an up to date team list that I can use to update the web pages then the current list will be removed. I hope you understand the consequences of not having a team list on the website (check the rules).

Can all teams print off the fixtures and rules for their pub or club as for the first time I'm not going to bring the folders around as I have done the last six seasons. This is purely a time and cost cutting exercise but I'm sure all teams have someone who can use a printer and a computer to do this for you.

Can all Captains email me and confirm that they have read this email and understand it? If you're not sure please contact me.

Karl

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**Newsletter No 80**  
**Dated 29/03/2014**

Hi Everybody

It looks like we have 47 teams over 6 divisions and we will be playing a Cup, Plate and Doubles.

We have one place left so if there is a team that would like to play in the summer season then please contact me by Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.

The Doubles are a pay to enter competitions costing £2.00 per pair, all entries must be in by the 5<sup>th</sup> of April to give us time to do the draws. Please let me know names as soon as you can please, you just need to put a list and payment in an envelope and drop it off to the Lee Workies or bring it with you to Finals Night. As mentioned earlier, the league will be split in to two halves players from the top three divisions can only play players in the top divisions competition but player from the bottom three divisions can play in either the top or bottom divisions competitions.

Now on to Finals Night; Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April at the Crofton Club in Stubbington.

It all kicks off with the doors opening at 18.30 and the matches starting at 19.00 once all the matches have been completed in full we will do the presentations with the help of Trevor Sanders. Anybody who plays in the league and their partners are welcome to come and join us for an evening of pool played by some of the best players in the league.

All teams who have come first or second in their division must attend to collect their trophies.

There will be the usual raffle with 10 cues up for grabs and, with the help of the guys and girls from the Stoke Snooker Club, we will be running a speed 9 ball competition to help their charity. There will be a £50.00 prize for the fastest time with only a £3.00 entry fee and you can enter as many times as you like if time allows.

The Alternate Thursday Pool league Summer Singles Competition.

David Randell of the Gosport Pool Arena has come forward with an idea. As we don't have enough weeks to run a singles competition during the summer he is proposing to run a Singles League at the Arena. You will play by our rules but on a Saturday night so it does not conflict with our matches. Entries need to be in by April 6th. Entry is £2 per player with a further £1 to be paid each match.

The format will be best of 5 frames and if enough sign up he will create divisions. Please contact David at the Arena for more information on 07807348585. I hope you all have ago and the best of luck to all that take part. David is also inviting all members of the league to use his facility to practise for the 9 ball competition at half price.

Now for some administration – Teams that have signed on but have not paid must contact me urgently to arrange payment. The cost for the summer is £45.00 per team, if paying by cheque please make them payable to **The Alternate Thursday Pool League**. Also can all teams who have not submitted a team list email me your current list of players asap as we have a lot of work to do to set up the Summer league.

Thanks Karl and the Gang

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**Newsletter No 79**  
**Dated 25/03/2014**

Hi All

Firstly, a big thank you to the Captains who turned up and supported the league at the Captains Meeting, the few who made it have made some decisions on your behalf. Sorry but if you didn't attend you have to accept the following;

1. The Doubles in the summer will be split into two competitions (top divs/bottom divs)
2. All new teams were voted in (including The GDAC, the Coach House and HEDCA)
3. We have a returning team the Cuckoo Pint and a venue change for the Queens Head A who will be playing at the Five Alls
4. Tables; if the league receives any more complaints about tables then the venue involved will not be use as a neutral venue for any Cup/Plate, Singles/Doubles, even if they have a team playing in any of the competitions. The league would also like to advise teams that if their venue fails to maintain their tables then they will need to find a new venue or risk being dropped from the league.
5. Scores; from the start of the Summer Season all scores will have to be reported by email, texts will not be accepted. If you email your score in you will get an automatic reply confirming receipt.
6. Stalemate; from now the ref can decide that a frame can be in a stalemate situation: and after 3 shots from each player/s can warn the players that they have 2 more shots each (if you're playing doubles each player gets one shot) before he calls a re-rack. On the flipside if the players think the game is going nowhere they can ask the ref for a re-rack and if the players and the ref agree then the frame will be re-racked.
7. On the subject of referees please can all players especially those not playing please accept the ref's decisions and refrain from trying to influence the ref in any way. Being a ref is a thankless task so please support them as they try to keep the games flowing. Please remember the ref's decision is final whether you like it or not.
8. Clarifications on the rules, following a foul brake if you miss a pot with your first shot you do not have to nominate on your next shot. The shot reverts back to an open table so you can hit or pot any colour (red or yellow).
9. At this time there is no intention to introduce a World rules division.

One other point, Darran Harris has taken a step back due to work commitments so please give him some space. If you have any questions or queries please contact Karl, Gary, Steve or Tony and we will do our best to assist you.

As for the Doubles Competitions, please email me the names of any players that want to enter either competition. But remember player from the top half can only play in the top draw but teams from the bottom half can play in either competition. The cost for playing in the Doubles is £2.00 for each pair payable on entry

Cheers Karl

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**Newsletter No 78**  
**Dated 16/03/2014**

Hello to you all,

Well here we are coming to the end of the Winter Season and what a month we are having, with all the Quarters and Semi finals being played culminating in our Finals Night on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April at The Crofton Club. It started with the Quarters and Semis finals of the doubles on the 1<sup>st</sup>, the players through are Gary Burgess and Wayne Norton of the Wicor Mill (div 1) who will play Mike Beames and Stu Morgan of the Fighting Cocks (Div 4). Next were the quarters of the Cup and Plate the teams through to the Semis are;

In the Cup are The White Hart, the Village Home, Funtley SC and last but not least The Wicor Mill and in the plate are The Fareham, Stubbington SC, Stokes Grumpy Old Men and lastly Arty's Wine Bar. The draws for the Cup, Plate are on the website now.

Last night I watched the Singles Quarters and Semis at the Gosport Pool Arena. It was not what you would call exciting as all the matches were as you expect very technical but still very good to watch. Through to the final are Dean Winter (Wicor Mill) and Lee Robinson (Wicor Mill). Congratulation to our finalists and a big well done to all the players who made it through to the Quarters and Semis. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April are the Semi Finals of the Cup and Plate.

On the subject of the finals night we will be running a **Speed 9 Ball Competition** the rules are easy:

1. All you have to do is pot the balls in numerical order 1 to 9 taking as many shots as you need in two minutes or less, if you take less than two minutes then the time you have taken is your score. The time will start once you break the balls.
2. If you reach two minutes then the last ball you pot is your score.
3. There are no fouls and if the white ball goes down it gets replaced behind the baulk line.
4. You can play combination shots (if you're on the 4 ball and you play it on to the 9 ball and pot the 9 ball) if you complete a combination shot potting the 9 ball then your frame is finished and this will be your time.
5. You must pocket the balls in order if you pot a ball out of turn then the frame is over and the previous ball you potted is your score, If potted in combination either by design or accident then you revert to the next ball (if you play the 1 ball on to the 5 ball and pot the 5 ball then your next ball is the 2 ball except if you pocket the 9 ball then the frame is finished).
6. Entry will be £3.00 per go and you can have as many goes as time will allow with £50.00 to the Winner and the rest split between the Stoke Snooker Charities (minimum £50.00) and the league. If by some fluke there is a tie then the prize money will be split between the winners.
7. Only player sign on to the league can play in this competition and all are welcome.
8. This competition will be run by those kind folks from Stoke Snooker Club

On the administration side of things we have the sign on night at Searles Club on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of

March starting at 19.00 followed by the Captains meeting at 20.00. Please note only Captains or Vice Captains can attend the Captains Meeting, any player who has an issue that need to be addressed should do this through their Captain. In turn the Captain needs to attend the meeting to insure any issues are dealt with. All issues will be discussed by the Captains that attend if you don't attend then you can't put your team's views across. Lastly **(This is very important)** can all last year's winners and runners up please return the perpetual trophies when they come to sign on so that they can be engraved for this season.

Thanks for listening Karl and the Gang

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**Newsletter No 77**  
**Dated 02/03/2014**

Hi Guys and Girls

### **The Doubles Quarters and Semis**

I just wanted to say what a night. We had the Quarters and the Semis of the doubles on Saturday night 01/03/14 at Stubbington Snooker Club. We had some of the league's best Doubles partnerships compete for the final two places and the matches were hard fought and even harder won.

In my last newsletter I indicated we may introduce a two tier doubles competition for the Summer Season but after Saturday night's results I think we might leave it as a single competition (I still need your input on this please).

The two pairs going through to the final are Gary Burgess and Wayne Norton of the Wicor Mill (div 1) who will play Mike Beames and Stu Morgan of the Fighting Cocks (Div 4). Congratulations to our finalists and to all the players who made it to the Quarters and Semis last night. We also would like to thank Rich and Bev for letting us stage the event.

Thanks for listening Karl and the Gang

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**Newsletter No 76**  
**Dated 22/02/2014**

Hi All

Just some news on the upcoming Summer Season and the Winter Finals Night;

### **2013/14 Winter Finals Night**

**5<sup>th</sup> April 2014 19:30 Start (Doors open 19:00)**  
**VENUE - Crofton Club - Stubbington**

Presentations will made after matches have completed.

We have invited Trevor Sanders of Sanders Pool for the evening to present some of the prizes and as a big thank you for all the help they have given to us at most of the finals we are dedicating the Cup to Sanders Pool. As always all players in the league are invited to Finals Night not just the ones in matches and collecting trophies

We were also thinking of introducing a small 9 Ball knockout tournament to be played on the Finals Night although this needs some more thought.

### **2014 Summer league Sign On**

**22/03/14 between 1900 and 2000**  
**Venue - The Searle's Club – Newgate Lane**  
**Signing on Fee £45.00**  
**all entries including fees must be in by 23/03/2014**

Proposed Summer Doubles Competition

As this winter season was shorter than in previous years we have some extra weeks for the summer so we are thinking of trialling two Doubles Competitions for the Summer Season.

Here are our thoughts

We hardly get any Pairs from the lower divisions because they believe they don't stand a chance, so the idea is to have two competitions run side by side.

Players in the top half of the league will play in competition No1 and players in the bottom half of the league will have the choice of playing in competition No2 or competition No1

Player in the top half of the league will not be entered into competition No2.

We will be limiting the number of pairs in each competition to 64 pairs.

Players from new teams joining the league this season will be entered in to the competition most suited to their level of play.

We have been asked for more flexibility on singles and doubles, in the Winter season we had far too many no shows which is unfair on opponents (some paid taxi fares to get to venues) and also the venues who laid on food. As this is the holiday season we think it would be a good idea to try setting dates for games to be played by rather than specific dates to be played on which will give players more time to play their matches although this needs a bit more thought.

- We will give you dates and venues but you can play before the date at a venue to suit both pairs to work round holidays.
- a nominal fee of £2.00 per pair will be charged which will go towards new trophies and should help to reduce no shows.
- It will be down to the players to sort out but please advise the committee of your changes.
- Because of this the winning pairs must put the score in. If we don't get a score by the day following the match date then neither team will go through. (We will have to be firm on this as the time scale of the summer season will leave no room for games to be played after the date given)

I hope this all makes sense and you all think the doubles are a good idea please let us know what you think

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the Committee

\* please if you haven't all read the previous pages please do so now \*

thanks Karl

You're going to love this, most of you know our

[Vice Chairman Gary Stanley](#)

What you don't know is Gary is doing the TOUGH MUDDER for charity. He wants your help in supporting the charity set up by ex Pompey player Dave Waterman the

[Oakley Waterman Caravan Foundation](#)

Which sends Children with life threatening illness on all expenses paid holidays for a week to get some quality family time together.

please check out the websites

[toughmudder.co.uk](http://toughmudder.co.uk)

[theoakleywaterman caravanfoundation.org](http://theoakleywaterman caravanfoundation.org)

If you'd like to help Gary get wet, muddy and sponsor him please visit

<http://www.justgiving.com/garystanley2>

Alternately if each team could have a whip round and make a donation say a tenner. The league will collect all monies and forward them to the charity on Gary's behalf.

The league would like to thank you all in advance for your support with this and we wish Gary all the luck and success with this endeavor.

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**Newsletter No 75**  
**Dated 01/01/2014**

Hi all,

First off I hope you had a great Christmas and are having an even better New Year!

It's been awhile so I thought I would update you with a few things:

The Singles have reached the 2nd and 3rd rounds to be played on the 13th of February at neutral venues please check the Cup pages to see where you're playing. Both rounds are to be played on the night the winners of both matches of the 2nd round will play each other in the 3rd round.

The Doubles have also reached the 2nd and 3rd rounds these will be played tomorrow the 2nd of January. Again the winners of the 2nd round will play each other in the 3rd round on the night. In both cases if any matches have or are to be rearranged can you please inform the committee as soon as possible.

Cup and Plate have reached the 1st round we will be doing the draw soon matches to be play on the 23rd of January the winners will go through to the quarter finals. Best of luck to all players and teams in your resective matches.

I made a point in the last newsletter about singles and doubles matches being rearranged and how much hassle it creates. The point i was trying to put across was that if you want to rearrange you matches then you must do all the rearranging yourselves. All you must do is inform the committee of your arrangements, its when we are not informed thats when we have problems.

We have also had some grumbles about no shows and late informing of teams being unable to attend. Also that we don't have enough Captains meetings on this point could all Captains please email me by the 7th of January to let me know if you agree please and if so I will arrange one as soon as possible.

One last point could any teams having a grievance please contact Gary Stanley with the details and he will investigate and adjudicate.

thanks for listening

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