

## Week 18 report – League Matches

The top team performance this week came from the Sunnyside Club. The Heanor team, who always seem to do just enough without excelling, actually did put in a fantastic performance this week. They came up against a strong Heanor Conservative Club team who scored over 60 in every leg but didn't win a point. This result puts Sunnyside 7 points clear of the Boot who dropped 2 points at the Black Boy. These two sides are now 11 points in front of the Jolly Colliers and Heanor Conservative Club who have both played a game more. The Colliers beat bottom side Alfreton Town SC 5-2. The Supporters Club will need at least two wins from their remaining 4 matches to have a chance of staying up. Also in the relegation position is the Keys who were leapfrogged by the Black Bulls Head having lost 5-2 to the Openwoodgate side this week. In the final match in Div 2 the Vic were edged out 4-3 at home by the French Horn and both of these sides will probably be meeting again next season.

In the Premier Division this week, the Out of Town failed to take their chance of moving top as the current league leaders, Staff of Life were without a game. However this opportunity and possibly the chance of winning the League wasn't taken as they lost 5-2 at the Red Lion, who scored 210 pins in richly deserving the win. In fact both the first two legs in the game were drawn 62 each and 73 each before the Riddings side scored an unattainable 75 in the third. This sees them draw level with the Staff who have a game in hand. However both these sides still have to play the Heanor Labour Club, who beat Honeypot 7-0 to creep closer into third and only six points behind the two joint leaders. There were wins by the Gate, Miners and Village Inn which now sees just seven points separate the bottom four sides, so with four weeks to go there is a lot of skittles still to be played to see who may get relegated. Even Jacksdale Social Club, who have been at the bottom for most of the season, are beginning to see some light as the clubs above them are not picking up many points. They picked up the last leg to claim three points against the Village .

In Division Two, with the result of the game between Westhouses SC and league leaders not yet in, the Somercotes Snooker Club maintained their title hopes with a 7-0 win at the Crossings Club. There were also wins for the Beehive who now look consolidated in third place and the George and the Moulders.

This week there were four players who scored ten pins in one leg, but top score and equalling second highest total score of the season was E Jones of the Red Lion who scored 31 including a 15 pin stick up. The only other person to score more than 10 was K Breen of the Labour Club who managed 11 in a total score of 26.