

Week 15

In Division Two this week there were no particularly close games with all five matches finishing 7-0. The Moulders and the George probably deserved some points for their scores of 160 and 143 at home to the Crossings Club and the Beehive but both away sides scored legs of 68 to demonstrate their superiority. Indeed the Crossings Club top scored overall in the division with 186 pins. A score which was only beaten by one side in the Premier Division! However the top 3 leg score was by second placed side Somercotes Snooker Club who had one leg of 71 whilst beating the Kings Arms.

There was also an unconvincing performance by league leaders White Hart against the spirited Eclipse, continuing bravely despite only having seven players. The final match saw the Westhouses Social Club win at the Thorn Tree who seem to be on the slide having not won since June 12th.

Top individual performances in the division this week were from A Jones of the Somercotes Snooker Club scoring 26 with a 15 pin stick up and from C Storer of the Crossings Club who equalled the top three ball score this season in the league with a 16.

Division One this week saw a return to form of the French Horn – where did that come from? Having lost three weeks on the trot, they top scored with 191 pins which would probably win 7-0 nine matches out of ten in this division. Their opponents this week were the unlucky Jolly Colliers who did manage to pick up one leg. The Victoria had somewhat of a surprising win at home to the Heanor Conservative Club who stay in third place two points ahead of the Jolly Colliers.

There were 7-0 home wins for the top two sides, Sunnyside Club and Boot & Slipper at home to the Keys and Station respectively and the Black Boy attained maximum points at home to the Black Bulls Head. This win for the Heage side was no doubt helped by a 26 pin score including a 15 pin stick up by J Beighton.

In the Premier division the Miners maintained their consistency of being inconsistent by winning at the league leaders, Staff of Life. They won 4-3 and remain mid table. The Staff have now lost two consecutive league matches for possibly the first time ever in the Ripley League but still remain two points ahead of the field. With the Heanor Labour Club having a week off, the chasing sides are now led by the Out Of Town who scored a very impressive 203 pins at the Travellers Rest, picking up maximum points. The Jacksdale Social Club actually came close to a victory but lost by one pin overall to the Carnfield Club and thus had to settle for just two points from the game. There were also wins for the Gate who narrowly won at the Honey Pot and for the Red Lion who recorded an easy victory at an understrength Village Inn. Top score in nine in the division this week came from Ryan Parsons of the Gate who scored 28 including a 12 pin stick up, where in the same match D Ashmore scored an 11 for the Honey Pot. 11 was also scored by A Purdy of the Jacksdale SC.