

Report

We're off! The new skittles season started on Tuesday and what it start it was! With the weather a little dreary from earlier rainfall it was a credit to all teams to get sufficient numbers to play. The teams that played outdoors should take special applause!

With all results now in, the performance of the week in the Premier Division must have been from the Out of Town who beat last years' Division One Runners Up The Honey Pot at the Hive. With the home side scoring 180 pins they failed to win a single point and can count themselves mightily unlucky. The Staff of Life retained their consistency from last year to beat the Carnfield Club and there were wins for the Red Lion, Heanor Labour Club (although not up to previous years standards) and perhaps surprisingly the Village Inn who beat the Travellers Rest who have relocated this season from the Duke of Sussex.

In Division One, the Jolly Colliers must consider themselves unlucky as they didn't pick up a point away to Langley Mill MW despite scoring 171 pins. The home side scored 192 pins which shows their intention to achieve promotion this season. One of the "Wellies" main divisional opposition will no doubt be the Boot & Slipper who have recruited some seasoned League players. The Boot also started with a maximum points victory against newly promoted Alfreton Town Supporters Club. There were also wins for the Black Boy, French Horn, Victoria and the Sunnyside Club.

In Division Two, despite the Beehive playing well, they only managed to pick up 2 points away to the free scoring Snooker Club at Somercotes. However top single leg scorers were the Crossings Club, back in the league after a number of year's absence. The Kings Arms look a stronger team this year and started the season with a closely fought win at the Moulders. The Thorn Tree, having relocated from the Codnor Inn, began with a victory at home to the newly formed Loscoe Eclipse whilst the White Hart won at an under strength Devonshire. Unfortunately the Cross Keys were unable to field a team at the George and are hastily trying to recruit players to continue in the League.

Individual scores .

Rob Daykin (Boot & Slipper) has set the standard in individual performances after a 14 pin stick up helping toward a total nine pin score of 31. Surely this will stand for many weeks.