

Week 16 Report

It was a busy week in the League which saw the Sunday Cup Semi Finals, the First Round of the Five a sides, the Ladies Competition and the regular round of League Games.

The Ladies Competition which was held after the League Meeting on Thursday had more entries this year than in many recent seasons. Eight clubs were represented with nine participants in total. There were players from White Hart, Kings Arms, Black Bulls Head, Heanor Conservative Club, French Horn, Honeypot, Heanor Labour Club and two from the Black Boy. After some excellent scoring the outcome was exactly the same as last year as Jo Amps won and Denise Grace was Runner Up. Last year both ladies represented the Spanker but this year the club has moved to the Black Boy. Perhaps the men at the pub could learn from the ladies and get the team back up to the Premier Division.

In the Sunday Cup there were easy wins for Staff of Life and the Honeypot, the former beating the Beehive who they beat in the Knockout Cup Quarter Finals a few weeks ago and the latter also beating second division opponents, the Somercotes Snooker Club but by a narrower margin. This was despite L Russon scoring a 13 pin stick up.

In the Five A Sides this week it was almost a clean sweep for the Premier Teams as there were wins for Village Inn, Red Lion, Out of Town, Carnfield Club, Honeypot and the Miners. But joining them in the Quarter Finals are the Boot & Slipper and the White Hart who beat the Premier League Leaders Staff of Life to go through. The Quarter Final draw can be seen on the website.

In the League this week results in Division One were strange to say the least. The Station played out of their skins in deservedly beating the League leaders, Sunnyside Club, 7-0. This included leg scores of 73 and 70. Top scorers of the night were both from the Station, D Roberts scoring 28 including a 14 pin stick up and C Nelson scoring 27 including a 12 pin stick up. Not only did the league leaders lose, so did the second placed side. The Boot & Slipper lost 5-2 at the Jolly Colliers. In the other three games, there were 7-0 home wins for the Keys, Conservative Club and the Black Boy where J Bighton scored a 15 pin stick up. The win for the Keys lifts them two places and off the foot of the table.

In Division Two, holidays affected the Devonshire as they lost at the Westhouses Social Club and the Thorn Tree also didn't manage 100 pins as they lost at the Crossings Club. The Eclipse (with their new landlord and landlady) must be encouraged as they weren't the lowest scorers in the division and almost won a leg at the Beehive. The up and down Moulders recorded a 5-2 win at the George and with the Snooker Club having a bye week, the White Hart took the opportunity to put distance between them and second by convincingly winning 7-0 at the Kings Arms. The only stick up this week in Div Two was by T Mugglestone of the George with his sides very last throw, but they still lost the leg.

In the Premier Division this week, the Jacksdale Social Club finally won a match and what a creditable performance it was. Having been so close to winning on numerous occasions this season it finally came right at home to the Labour Club winning 5-2. All the other games finished 7-0 with wins for the Miners, the Gate (against the Village who will struggle for a full side for the next few games) and both the Staff of Life and the Out of Town. The latter two teams both had impressive away wins at the Red Lion and Carnfield Club who both also played well. This leaves the Staff and the Out of

Town only two points apart with five games to go. Top individual performances this week in the Premier Division were led by Mark Fairey from the Out of Town scoring 30 including a 15 pin stick up and Clive Fuller, also from the Out of Town scoring a 14 pin stick up. Ben Johnson from the Carnfield Club scored 13 and D Trowsdale from the Town also had a stick up (11). However, a special mention should go to the Number 1 and the Number 2 of the Red Lion. They couldn't do any more than they did to help their team against the Staff of Life. R Cox and K Wood both scored a perfect score of three nines totalling 27. Well done lads!

This week sees the Semi Finals of the Knockout Cup, with the Staff of Life playing the Village at the Victoria and the Carnfield Club playing the Out of Town at the Station.