

Week 14 Report

What a cracker!

The top two teams in Division Two met this week and the match didn't disappoint. The White Hart from Bargate visited the Somercotes Snooker Club and came away with a narrow victory. Having drawn the first leg with 65 pins each, the home side edged the next 62 to 61 but then the White Hart ensured the victory including the extra point with a 64 v 60 last leg. Total pins were SSC 187 v White Hart 190. Surprisingly, the third placed team, Beehive, lost at the Crossings Club and the unpredictable Westhouses Social Club won 5-2 at the equally unpredictable George. Both of these sides could be so much higher in the division with some consistency. In another close game the Kings Arms just won 4-3 at the Thorn Tree and the Devonshire had a rare maximum points victory, beating the Eclipse.

In Division One the top scorers were the Jolly Colliers with 172 total pins, who outscored the Black Boy in Heage to take five points from the game despite T Holmes' 26 pin haul including a 13 pin stick up for the home side. This puts the Colliers level in third place with the Heanor Conservative Club who surprisingly lost at home to the Black Bulls Head. The Station won "up the road" in Alfreton beating the Victoria 6-1 with help from T Green's 13 pin stick up and The Keys followed up a 5-2 win against the Victoria on Monday with a fine 4-3 win at the French Horn on Tuesday. No doubt helped by their new signings including Ricky Sisson who scored 27 (10/9/8) against the Vic. But stretching their lead further at the top of the league is the Sunnyside Club who won 7-0 for the fifth consecutive game. They won't do this in Week 15's matches as they have a rest week!

In the Premier Division, perhaps a drugs test needs to be done on the Village Inn as they continue to impress! This week they excelled in beating the Out of Town 7-0. This probably hasn't happened ever. They were aided by J Mountford who scored a 12 pin stick up. This puts the Village dangerously close to the top two in the division.

These are the Heanor Labour Club and the Staff of Life, neither of which are having their own way this season and both dropped a leg playing at home to the Red Lion and Travellers Rest respectively. The Miners just outscored the Honey Pot in a tight game to win 5-2 and it was unlucky for the Jacksdale Social Club who almost won their first match of the season but were edged out 4-3 at home to the Gate.

In the singles competition this week there were four venues which hosted the first round. The winners were Mark Fairey at the Sunnyside Club, Mark won all matches on the night without dropping a single leg. In the nights final he beat fellow Out Of Town player Steve North. At the George, A Fox of the Travellers Rest beat T Sutcliffe of the Snooker Club in the final match. There were also wins for Jamie Stevenson of the Jolly Colliers who beat Sean Flanagan who was playing on his own alley at the Honey Pot and A Mee from the Snooker Club who had a stick up in the final beating Lewis Needham from the Colliers.

This week sees the Knockout Cup Quarter Finals on Monday.

Note to all clubs: Please can you remind any ladies that you have in your team know that the Ladies Competition is coming up. It is after the next meeting at the Out of Town.