

Week Three

In the third week of the Ripley Skittles League, there were a number of teams who struggled to put out their strongest side as both Derby and Forest were playing at home. In Division one, the French Horn and the Sunnyside Club lead the way with maximum points after three games. However it is fair to say that they each won this week against severely under strength sides. The Sunnyside Club played an eight a side game with the Three Horse Shoes. The Langley Miners Welfare scored the most pins in this Division this week, yet unluckily ended up the losing side away at the Black Boy who scored a second consecutive home victory, no doubt helped in a big way by N Palmer who scored a maximum "Three Nines". The Alfreton Town Supporters Club recorded their first victory of the season against the Black Bulls Head, leaving the Keys to drop to the foot of the table despite a creditable performance at the Boot & Slipper.

In Division Two, a tremendous game saw the White Hart continue their winning ways in a hard-fought 5-2 victory against the Beehive, whose P Wadsworth scored 26 without a stick up. The Kings Arms are up to the heady heights of second beating the Dev. There were first wins for The George and the Moulders, who beat the Westhouses Social Club in an eight a side match and the Somercotes Snooker Club easily beat the Eclipse, who are struggling to raise ten players and are still on the lookout for players.

In the Premier Division the top two teams competed in a very high scoring game with the Out of Town visiting the Staff of Life. It was the home side who came out just on top by 215 pins to 212 with both sides having a leg score of 75. The Out of Town had two players with outstanding performances on the night, with Steve North scoring 28 including a 12 pin stick up and Sean Riley scoring 27. There were also a further three individual leg scores of ten in the match which is always a disappointment when nine pins have been knocked down with the first two balls! The Red Lion stay in third after their third consecutive victory, this time 5-2 away at the Honeypot. The Travellers and the Carnfield Club also contended a close game on the Travellers Rest alley and despite outscoring the home team, Carnie lost the match 4-3. The Gate recorded their first loss in the Premier Division, going down 5-2 at the Heanor Labour Club and the Village Inn, as they always seem to, are having a decent start to the season and beat the Miners 5-2.