

## Week 20 report

With just two weeks left of League Fixtures it is still all to play for in all three divisions.

In Division One, it could go down to the last match where the Sunnyside Club and the Boot & Slipper play each other. Strangely this could be a déjà vu situation to last year when in the same Division, the second placed team needed to beat the leaders by at least five points and they did just that when the Gate beat the Honeypot. The Keys had a surprise win at the Jolly Colliers who could only muster nine players. The Ripley team won 6-1. The Station beat the Black Bulls Head comfortably scoring 200 pins in the process and recording the highest individual leg score this season in Division One. They scored 75 pins. I McNeill scored an 11 pin stick up for the home side, a feat matched by K Weaver of the Boot and Slipper in their match. With the Keys passing the Black Bulls Head it is still all to play for at the foot of the First Division table.

In the Premier Division, the Staff of Life did themselves a power of good with a 6-1 win at the team who presented their biggest challenge, the Heanor Labour Club. The first leg was drawn whilst the next two were both won by a margin of just two pins by the Sutton side. With the top leg score being just 60 over the whole night, it just shows that nerves might have played a part (or it is just a tough alley!). The rest of the matches in the division all finished 5-2. The Travellers and the Honeypot are doing their best to avoid finishing in the bottom two. The former were unlucky as they lost the final leg to the Jacksdale Social Club by one pin whilst the latter played against the Village Inn and all 3 legs were won by the team chasing. Both clubs crept nearer the Carnfield Club who only just lost at the Red Lion. In fact in the last leg they scored 72 pins which was the top score of the night. In a close match at the Gate, the home side lost to the Miners who look to be finishing in the top five. There were some great individual performances in the Prem this week, topped by W Goodall of the Red Lion who scored 27 including a 13 pin stick up. There were also 13's by T Wright (Village) and D Lewis (Honeypot), a 12 by D Brentnall (Honeypot) and another stick up for J Hunt (Gate) who scored 11.

But the most exciting finish to a Championship race is in Division Two where it is, like it has been all season, a two horse race. Both the White Hart and the Somercotes Snooker Club again won with maximum points and with the Bargate side in pole position due to their head to head results, just one drawn leg could determine the outcome. In fact it was the Somercotes team that almost slipped up this week, as the last man of the Moulders failed to score 5 pins, resulting in falling one pin short of the required first leg total of 59 set by the Snooker Club. The White Hart won more comfortably at the George. The Crossings Club beat the Eclipse and the Thorn Tree look settled for a mid table finish after beating the Devonshire 7-0, in a game where neither side could field the full ten. Top individual score in the division was by T Sutcliffe (Somercotes SC) who score a 10, 9 and 8 to total 27, whereas the top score in 3 balls was by T Houseman of the White Hart. With just two games to go it is confirmed that the Eclipse will finish bottom but have carried a great spirit all season.

## This Seasons Competition Finals

Knockout Cup	Out of Town v Staff Of Life	Played September 18 <sup>th</sup> at Carnfield Club, Sth Normanton
Sunday Cup Final	Honeypot v Staff of Life	Played September 2 <sup>nd</sup> at The George Lowes Hill, Ripley
Singles Competition	J Stevenson (Jolly Colls) v A Fox (Travellers Rest)	Played September 10 <sup>th</sup> at Staff of Life, Sutton
Pairs Competition	A Hine/R Parsons (Gate) v A Fox / S Jeffs (Trav Rest)	Played September 10 <sup>th</sup> at Staff of Life, Sutton
Five A Side Competition	Red Lion v Honeypot	Played September 10 <sup>th</sup> at Staff of Life, Sutton
Champion of Champions	The Three Divisional Champions	Played Tuesday September 25 <sup>th</sup> at Red Lion, Riddings