

2011-12 Season - Our 50th Anniversary

Newsletter No. 1 - August 2011

To all players of the DMC Leisure Saffron Walden & District Snooker League

First of all the Committee would like to welcome you all to the new season, and wish you all the best of luck, whether that be in individual events, or as a team.

COMMITTEE CHANGES

At the AGM in June, there were two changes made to the structure of the Committee. Firstly, Nigel Ginn was voted in as the new Chairman of the league and we are sure that everyone wishes Nigel all the best with what is a challenging position. We also have to say a massive thank you to the outgoing Chairman, Paul Capdeville who has helped lead the Committee over many years. We are pleased that Paul has decided to stay with the Committee to help with the coming season. He is joined on the Committee by Mark Cooper from Saffron Snooker Club.

In gaining Mark however, we have sadly lost Kevin Rule and Steve Banks from the Committee. Kevin needed to free up more time for his commitments to the Scouts and we wish him all the best. Steve decided it was time for him to take more of a back seat and just play the sport we love. He has given many years of invaluable service to the league and during his tenure has filled many roles including Internal Auditor, IT Support as well as Fixtures Secretary! His contribution to the league cannot be underestimated and we wish him well for the future. We still need more help on the Committee especially with such a big season for the league coming up, so if you think you might be able to help, please contact either Cathy, Nigel, Peter or Adam.

FIXTURES

As many of you will know we have decided not to produce fixture books this season; instead we have gone for a laminated credit card which will contain all the fixtures for each team. These will be issued to all team captains/clubs before the start of the season. We have also moved all of the advertising for the league online and will shortly be launching a brand new website. Listed below are the first few weeks' fixtures so Captains can start to plan for the season ahead:-

WEEK COMMENCING 29TH AUGUST 2011

FOUR PLAYER DIVISION

Newport A (Tues)	v	Newport Granta
Takeley Chipmunks (Wed)	v	Widdington Warriors
Sawston Flyers (Wed)	v	Sawston Jets
Newport B (Wed)	v	Newport Ex Cons

WEEK COMMENCING 5TH SEPTEMBER 2011

FOUR PLAYER DIVISION

Sawston Jets (Mon)	v	Newport A
Newport Granta (Mon)	v	Newport B
Widdington (Tues)	v	Sawston Flyers
Newport Ex Cons (Tues)	v	Takeley Chipmunks

THREE PLAYER DIVISION

Whittlesford Bandits (Mon)	v	BSRBL Rogues
Harlow War Memorial (Mon)	v	Snooker Pockets
BS Social Club (Tues)	v	Newport Wanderers
Snooker Swifts (Tues)	v	Snooker Cavaliers
BS Tornados (Tues)	v	Snooker Greens
BSRBL Rebels (Wed)	v	Snooker Spiders
(Free Week – Dunmow Club)		

NEW SPONSORS

As you will know every season we try to get as many tournaments as possible sponsored which, given the current climate, is not easy. This season we have nearly achieved this apart from the Memorial Cup which we continue to work towards. We would like to welcome the new sponsors as well as say a big thank you to the companies who have chosen to keep supporting the league. The current sponsors and the tournaments they are helping with are listed below:-

LEAGUE	-	DMC LEISURE
LEAGUE CUP	-	NMG ELECTRICS
WALDEN CHALLENGE	-	BUSHWOOD ACCOUNTANTS
PRESIDENTS CUP	-	BULLET BRICKWORK (UK) LTD
SCRATCH SINGLES	-	PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL
SCRATCH PLUS	-	HEXAGON CONSULTING
HANDICAP SINGLE	-	A LAMB ASSOCIATES
HANDICAP DOUBLE	-	M J HALLS BUILDERS
SIX REDS	-	GMS PLUMBING
MEMORIAL CUP	-	UNSPONSORED

NEW TOURNAMENT

As you can see from the above there is a new tournament this year, the new Six Reds Tournament. This will be a one day tournament limited to 32 players and will be held at Saffron Snooker Club. It is intended to hold this in March 2012. The format will be a round robin event where players will play 7 different opponents of half handicaps in single frame shoot out. This should be a fast and exciting event played under the rules of Six Reds snooker and the Committee hope this will be a great success and an enjoyable day for all who take part.

50th ANNIVERSARY SEASON

As many of you will be aware this is the 50th league season of the Saffron Walden & District Snooker League and as such the Committee are working very hard to put on some special events for you all to enjoy. One of these events is the new Six Reds Tournament and we are also trying to find out if putting on an exhibition night with a professional snooker player is viable as well as looking at various other options. However we need EVERYONE to help to make this season as special, so with that in mind we would like to ask all players to please support us! By this we would like your ideas of what you would like to see as a special event plus supporting the tournaments by entering as many as you can so we can try and make this season our most successful ever and hopefully one that players will look back on for many years to come.

HEXAGON INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

As many of you will know this is an external tournament (non-league) which is held at Saffron Snooker Club but involves many of the top players of the Saffron Walden & District Snooker League. This will be held on Sunday 9th October 2011. So far there will be three ex-professionals, two members of the England Amateur team and one player from the world Snooker PTC Events taking part, as well as five county players.

SAD DAY OF LOSS.....JOE CRAWLEY

For those of you who don't know at the end of last season Joe Crawley sadly passed away. Joe had played in the league almost from its inception and for the last few seasons he had been captain of the Snooker Swifts. His banter and sportsmanship will be sadly missed, come rain or shine Joe would always turn out to support every league event be it a one day tournament or the end of season AGM. He must also hold the record for being the oldest winner of the Handicap Singles winning it well into his 70's in the 2003-04 Season. Our thoughts are with his family, and the Committee hope to do something in memory of Joe this season.

NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS

This season we have a large amount of new and returning players, which is great to see, even more so when we look at the range of handicaps involved, it just shows how diverse our league is, the Committee would like to welcome all of the following players:-

J.Pegrum	-69	Harlow War Memorial Club
C.Day	-35	Snooker Cavaliers
C.Caldwell	+5	Snooker Spiders
J.Newman	-30	Newport Ex Cons
J.Jones	0	Newport Ex Cons
G.Jeffrey	+30	Newport Ex Cons
T.Richardson	+20	Newport Ex Cons
K.Calver	+40	Widdington Warriors
C.Belton	+45	Widdington Warriors
T.Hayward	+5	Newport Wanderers

W.Stringer	+25	BSRBL Rebels
A.Hardie	+6	BSRBL Rogues
S.Bursford	+25	Takeley Chipmunks
L.Ship	+32	Takeley Chipmunks

RULE CHANGE FROM WORLD SNOOKER

Section 3; Rule 14 b

If the striker, in making a stroke, fails to first hit a 'ball on' when there is a clear path in a straight line from the cue-ball to any part of any ball that is or could be on, the referee shall call FOUL AND A MISS, unless:

(i) the player needs penalty points before, or as a result of, the *stroke* being played

or (ii) before or after the *stroke*, the points available on the table are equal to the points difference excluding the value of the re-spotted black in both cases - and the referee is satisfied that the miss was not intentional.

ENGLISH ASSOCIATION OF SNOOKER AND BILLIARDS (EASB)

The list of events for the coming season and the dates when they will take place will be available shortly. Adam Ingram will again be acting as liaison between the SWDSL and the EASB so if you would like information on any event or would like to enter one then please contact Adam and he will advise you when the information pack arrives.

CUP DRAW

The cup will of course come out in full on the official draw sheet ,together with entry forms to all the league tournaments for the coming season. In the meantime below are the first round draws and match dates:

Monday 3rd October 2011
Dunmow Club v Snooker Cavaliers

Tuesday 4th October 2011
Snooker Pockets v BS Tornados
Snooker Swifts v BSRBL Rebels

Wednesday 5th October 2011
BSRBL Rogues v Takeley Chipmunks
Snooker Greens v Whittlesford Bandits

All other teams have a bye to the second round.

CAPTAINS MEETINGS

This season we hope to try and host at least two Captains Meetings, one in each half of the season. These are in place for you to give your thoughts and ideas to the

Committee as the season unfolds, as well as give you the chance to ask questions and try to resolve any problems that either you or your team may have. The Committee will announce the dates of these meetings well in advance and we hope to see you all there.

LEAGUE CONTACTS

If you have any queries during the league season, please could you ensure that you contact the relevant League Officer. Primarily this will be either:-

League Secretary - Cathy O'Neill

All matters concerning the general running of the league on a day-to-day basis, league match results, player registrations and handicaps, cancellation and/or rearranging of league matches. Any queries concerning league rules and regulations etc.

Tournament Secretary – Adam Ingram

All matters relating to all tournament and competition entries, results and draw sheets. Also any matters relating to the President's Cup, Memorial Cup, Saffron Walden Challenge or League Cup. Any matters relating to the EASB.

Treasurer / Website Administrator– Peter Saville

All matters relating to the finances of the league and the administration of the league website.

Many thanks and again may we wish you a very enjoyable season,

The Committee