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Introduction

Welcome to the New Season issue of *POOLSCENE*.

OCTOBER

NEWS IN BRIEF

- ❑ The majority of teams voted to continue with **Divisional Singles & Doubles** at the AGM, yet we have only received a couple of entry forms. Please make sure you all fill out & enter your forms at the paying-in-meeting in October!
- ❑ Look out for our great **NEW** features.

Charity - 8-Ballers

We have only had one organization put forward to receive the benefit of this season's donation so it has been agreed by the main Committee that the chosen Charity for 2001-02 will be '**Larkrise Community Farm**', on the West Ashton rd, Trowbridge. It is an organization for people with mental &/or physical disabilities.

Secretary's Comments

1. We've had a good start to the season with only one late scorecard from a team I didn't expect one from.
2. Don't forget all you home Captains the cut off point for all scorecards is 1pm Saturday afternoon unless I am contacted.
3. Good luck to all new and old teams for the forthcoming season.

A Word from the Chairman

Here we go again, another fresh season. Welcome to new teams: **Canal Tavern (B-o-A)**, **Southwick Social Club**, **Crown 'B'**, **Trowbridge RFC & Malt House**. **Carpenters 'X'** are an amalgamation of first Div players from other teams, **12 Bells 'C'** are Ex-Carpenters 'B' & **John Bull Allstars** were John Bull 'B' (or thereabouts).

We now have a Co-ordinator come trouble shooter as a trial for the second division, so if he contacts you about League matters, please give him as much help & respect as possible. His name is **Tony Oakes**, better known as **'Rambo'** (Captain of Wesley Renegades).

It's prediction time again.

In **Div 1**, the squad of last season's winners, the Pups, has been depleted but I still expect them to defend the title. Carpenters 'X' should also be there, judging by the names on their team registration, (only time will tell if this will come to fruition though in their first season together). My side, Dursley 'A' have also lost a couple of players from what was an oversized squad anyway but I expect us to make it a three horse race at the top. Carpenters 'A' have lost key players so it will be difficult for them to maintain last season's standards, Labour Club 'A' have always seemed to promise but not fulfil & with the number of County players in their team, they ought to do better. 12 Bells 'C' had a rude awakening to life in this division on their first fixture & it may take them time to acclimatise - I don't expect them to get relegated though. Dursley 'C' may struggle again, although following the result of their first match (a tough one), I may be proved wrong. Labour 'B' has been struggling consistently for a few seasons now but this year's team is probably their strongest for a while. Kings Arms 'B' are depleted & will probably find it difficult to stay up and I don't expect John Bull 'A', newly promoted, to pull any trees up. They shouldn't go straight back down again though.

I think the overall standard of the first Div is stronger this year & if my hand were forced, I would say **Dursley 'A'** to win (Dare I be so bold?), **Kings Arms 'A'** & **Black Horse 'B'** for the drop.

Top of **Div 2** could be won by **Crown 'A'**, followed by the **Castle & 12 Bells 'A'**, with **Renegades** in attendance. **Black Swan**, **Ship 'A'** & **Growlers** risk the drop, although it will be interesting to hear what Tony Oaks, **Div 2 Co-ordinator**, has to say as he should have his finger on the pulse.

I expect **John Bull Allstars** to compete for top place in **Div 3**, but also, **Southwick Social** will be thereabouts & possibly **Canal Tavern**. **Malt House** to struggle along with **Kings Arms 'B'**, although there's nowhere to go but up in this Div.

Be assured, these are my personal predictions, based on my knowledge of the teams & the League, & I wish every team well (except when they play us of course).

Best of luck to you all.

Russ

Divisional Team K.O. Draw (Amended v 2.0)

(First team drawn at home, First to 4 wins, Teams not listed in round 1 have byes)

Div 1

Round 1 (Mon 8th Oct)

Match

A	Kings Arms A	v	Carpenters X
B	Labour Club A	v	12 Bells C
C	Greyhound Pups	v	Labour Club B

Quarter Finals (Mon 22nd Oct)

Match

1	Winner of #B	v	Winner of #A
2	John Bull A	v	Winner of #C
3	Carpenters A	v	Dursley C
4	Dursley A	v	Black Horse B

Div 2

Round 1 (Mon 8th Oct)

Match

A	Kings Arms (H)	v	Black Horse A
B	Ship A	v	Anchor & Hope
C	Crown A	v	Castle (B-o-A)

Quarter Finals (Mon 22nd Oct)

Match

1	Winner of #B	v	Greyhound Growlers
2	Rising Sun A	v	Winner of #A
3	Black Swan	v	Wesley Renegades
4	Winner of #C	v	12 Bells A

Div 3

Round 1 (Mon 8th Oct)

Match

A	Malt House	v	Kings Arms B
B	Stallards	v	Riverside (B-o-A)

Quarter Finals (Mon 22nd Oct)

Match

1	Southwick Social	v	John Bull Allstars
2	Wych Inn	v	Winner of #B
3	Winner of #A	v	Crown B
4	Canal Tavern (B-o-A)	v	Trowbridge R.F.C.

In case of a home conflict in subsequent rounds, the second match on the list will be reversed, if this also creates a home conflict, the second match will be played at a neutral venue.

League Tables

Only one fixture has been played prior to printing so it is hardly worth compiling tables 'till next month.

Outstanding Matches (\$) / Missing Results (*)

<u>Match #</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Rearranged Date</u>	<u>Must be pld by date</u>
1	<i>Pups</i> v Dursley C		*

Team(s) responsible for rearranging match is/are shown *in italics*. If date has not yet been set, date by which match should be played according to League rules is shown.

League Averages

As for League Tables

Presentation Evening

This was a great success & many people have been of the opinion that it was the best to date. I couldn't fault the help given by the Wesley road Club staff especially during the day leading up to it.

The Club has again put a bid in for this season's bash & so have Southwick Club. This will be addressed by the Committee in due course and if any other venue, preferably a League member, is interested in holding it, now is the time to put your bids in.

There was however one disappointment, we didn't get a mention in the Wiltshire Times. I did call them to find out why & was told it would be in the following week, which it wasn't. Unfortunately we have no control over this. I will try & obtain the photo proofs that were taken though.

Clash of the Month **NEW**

This section will indicate what, in my opinion, will be the highlights of each Division in the coming weeks along with a predicted score.

<u>Div</u>	<u>Match #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Score ?</u>
1	5	5 th Nov	Pups v Carpenters X	(3-6)
2	4	29 th Oct	Renegades v Castle	(3-6)
3	K.O.	8 th Oct	Malt House v Kings Arms B	(2-4)

Captain of the Month Award **NEW**

There will be no prize for this, it's just intended to add interest. Awarded monthly to the Captains, of the teams in each Division, which achieve the best run of results. Takes into account all team events & then late scorecards & attendance of meetings.

Woolly Glove Award **NEW**

Similar to the above, but awarded to the Captains who have achieved such a catastrophic run of results as if their teams had been playing in a pair of woolen mittens probably attached through the arms of an anorak by a short piece of elastic.

Referee



You should all be aware that **EPA World Rules** will be coming in next season. It is your duty to the League to ensure that a copy of these rules is posted in your venue for reference (preferably somewhere away from this season's rules to avoid confusion). We will all be in at the deep end next year else. We are looking at ways of providing opportunities for us all to have a chance to learn these rules, which at first glance seem very involved, but as with anything, when you get proficient, it becomes easier.

We must also stress that this season, match referees on League nights, i.e. the home side, are being encouraged to warn players for repeatedly taking *in excess of a minute* to play a shot. There is however to be no foul called as yet.

For those who weren't at the **AGM**, the official line as to why we will be progressing to **World Rules** is that the ones we use now are being phased out & the Committee believes we should follow suit of the biggest governing body in England, namely **EPA**. This was not a choice to suit individuals but was regarded as the way forward for our League. Some individuals may have, & are quite entitled to, differing opinions, but you as members should be made aware that not everyone has looked in depth at the situation in order to evaluate the true facts; your Committee has! It will be an upheaval, we know that, but with most major Leagues & Competitions already playing to these rules, it has to be the right way forward.

It is definitely worth visiting Website www.epa.org.co.uk

For the remainder of the season, key points of **World Rules** will be addressed from month to month on a question & answer basis. Here's an easy one to start us off:

NEW

Q. How should the balls be racked & what is the minimum requirement to constitute a legal break in World Rules?

Answer in next month's *POOLSCENE*.

Division 2 Co-ordinator says... **NEW**

1. To help with the smooth running of the League and to lighten the workload of other Committee members, I, Tony Oakes of the Wesley Renegades have been appointed Division 2 Co-ordinator.
2. Any queries concerning Division 2 Matches should be directed through myself.
3. My predictions for Division 2 Winners should come from Crown A, 12 Bells A and the Black Horse.

Outstanding Debts

It was agreed at the AGM to write off the debts from season 1999-2000 although the bans on players involved still stands.

Outstanding debts will appear in next months issue.

Sponsors

As far as I am aware, sponsors remain the same as last season, namely **Moles** – Main League Sponsor, **Trowbridge Windows** – League Doubles Sponsor, **A-1 Entertainments** – League Singles Sponsor, **Colborne Trophies** – Captains & Landlords Sponsors, **Corsham H & D** – Mixed Doubles Sponsor, **Eric R.Brown** – Flowers, **Lawrence Fairfield Electrical & Emergi-Lite**. Thanks again to all of them.

County Pool

BAPTO

In our last match away to Berkshire, an under strength **Men's 'A'** were well beaten 17-10, a pretty strong **'B'** side narrowly lost by a few frames & **Ladies** lost on the last frame. However, both **Men's 'A' & 'B'** are still in with a chance of reaching the finals. The Ladies may now struggle to do so though.

Our next match is away to Oxford for both Men's sides; the Ladies have no game.

You should be aware if you don't already know, there is also an **EPA** County Structure based in Swindon (World Rules of course) & there is no restriction as to which structure you play for, although I don't think you can play both, officially anyway.

Dates for your Diary

- **Divisional Team K.O. (Rnd 1)**
(See draw p3) **Monday 8th October**
- **County Trials**
(Foresters Arms) **Sunday 14th October (1pm)**
- **County Match**
(Away v Oxford, Men's A & B) **Sunday 21st October (1pm)**
- **Divisional Team K.O. (Quarter-finals)**
(See draw p3) **Monday 22nd October**
- **Next Paying-in-Mtg**
(Dursley Arms) **Wednesday 7th November (8pm)**

Useful Contact Numbers

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Tommy '8-Ball' Tucker

Tommy says, 'I'll have to get me woolly mits out ready for t'winter'



Next Issue

Issue 27 of *POOLSCENE* should be available at the November paying-in-meeting.