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Plus the
LEAGUE HANDBOOK

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome to the 2016 season, the 32nd for the League.

This year the League will be playing in three man teams.

As a result we are pleased to welcome a new team from Guildford, the original team under Tim Charlton will become Guildford South and a second team captained by David Lawson will be Guildford North.

We will be playing in a single division of ten teams. Helped by the reduction in team size all of last year's teams have entered again. I noticed that all but one club, of those who provided figures, are reporting reduced membership, which is unfortunately a sign of the times.

I hope you all have a good season and that the new format proves successful.

If any team can make amicable arrangements to play matches in an earlier session they may do so without consulting me. If available players permit, this can be a good strategy as it avoids a bottleneck at the end of the season.

The Web Site for the Southern Counties Scrabble League - www.southerncountiesscrabbleleague.co.uk is fully accessible. You can download copies of the SCSL News on the site. I offer a discount on League entry fees for those who do not require me to mail them the SCSL News but will be willing to download.

Ruth Marsden



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Southern Counties Scrabble Club News needs to hear from you!

If you would like to share a thought or simply get something off your chest, write to or email SCSL News editor Ruth Marsden. The next issue will be published in early June and I am looking forward to a heavy postbag!

So get your pens or keyboards into action!

LEAGUE ARBITRATION PANEL

Remember if you have any problems your Arbitration panel is there to help - particularly if you have any urgent/last minute issue which need a clarification of the rules.

The panel members are:

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CLUB VENUES



Many clubs welcome visitors from other clubs. It's a great way to meet new people, enjoy a friendly game and perhaps get some ideas for your own club. So why not call the contact, check they are meeting that week and arrange a visit.

Club	Memb.	Venue	Times	Contact
Bournemouth	9	Tuckon Social Club, 222 Tucton Rd, Bournemouth BH6 3AA	Saturdays 13.00-17.00	Elizabeth Jardine 01202 419708
Brighton and Hove	14	Avenue Bridge Club, 15 Third Ave, Hove BN3 2PB	Fridays 18.30-22.30	George Newman 01273 230356
East Berks	18	St Sebastian's Cricket Pavilion, St.Seb's Close, Crowthorne	Thursdays 19.30-10.30	Tricia Walker 0118 934 0813
Guildford South & North	16	Shalford Village Hall, Shalford, Surrey	Wednesdays 19.30-23.00	Janet Gibson 01252 521891
Newport	20	Riverside Centre, Newport Quay, Isle of Wight	Tuesdays 18.45-22.30	Penny Downer 01983 716425
Ryde	31	George Street Centre, George Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight	Mondays 18.30-22.00	Temp.Contact: 01983 563739
Salisbury	14	Salisbury Cycle Club, Salt Lane, Salisbury	Tuesdays 19.00-22.00 Thursdays 14.00-16.00	Sue Butterworth 01722 327663
Southampton	16	Hilldene Centre, West End High Street, Southampton	Wednesdays 19.00-22.30	Brian Jones 023 80435911
South Winds	8	27 Spencer Road, Canford Cliffs, Poole BH13 7ET	Monday 12.30-17.00	Ruth Marsden 01202 707148

All clubs welcome visitors.

TOURNAMENT ACTIVITY

Get out and about over the weeks to come and participate in these Southern Counties tournaments. If you have a fixture you would like included in the next edition, let Ruth Marsden have the details – contact info on page one.



IOW Weekend	18 games	Contact	Penny Downer 01983 716425
		Venue	Trouville Hotel, Sandown Bay
Friday 19 – Sunday 21 February		Cost	Reservation £50, costs vary depending on no. sharing and length of stay. Details from Penny.
		First game	Friday 7.30pm Finish Sunday 5pm
Note: Limited space, book early.			
Southampton	7 games	Contact	Kate Sweetlove 279 Fair Oak Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, SO50 8JU
		Venue	Hedge End Village Hall, SO30 4AF
Sunday 17 April		Cost	M £14.00 / NM £16.00
		Registration	09.10
		First game	10.00 Finish 17.45
		Refreshments	Tea and coffee provided
Portsmouth and Southsea	7 games	Contact	Mark Smith 02392 367659
		Venue	Horndean Tech College, Barton Cross, PO8 9PQ
Sunday 12 June		Cost	M £14.00 / NM £16.00
		Registration	09.30
		First game	10.10 Finish 17.50
		Refreshments	Tea and coffee provided
Brighton & Hove RR	9 games	Contact	George Newman 01273 230356
		Venue	Avenue Bridge Club, 15 3 rd Ave, Hove BN3 2PB
Sunday 19 June		Cost	
		Registration	09.30
		First game	10.15 Finish 18.00
		Refreshments	Tea and Coffee provided



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Ten teams playing in one division:

Bournemouth Magpies
 Brighton & Hove Regents
 East Berks Smarties
 Guildford North
 Guildford South
 Newport Purple
 Ryde Hornets
 Salisbury
 Southampton Saints
 South Winds Phoenix

**SOUTHERN COUNTIES SCRABBLE LEAGUE
 Champions Board**

1985	Croydon Red	1995	East Berks Z	2005	Southampton Saints
1986	Croydon Red	1996	Richmond	2006	Southampton Saints
1987	Reading	1997	East Berks Z	2007	Southampton Saints
1988	East Berks Z	1998	East Berks Z	2008	Southampton Saints
1989	Oxford	1999	Richmond	2009	Southampton Saints
1990	Oxford	2000	East Berks Z	2010	Southampton Saints
1991	Oxford	2001	East Berks Z	2011	Southampton Saints
1992	Oxford	2002	Brighton and Hove Regents	2012	South Winds Phoenix
1993	East Berks Z	2003	East Berks Z	2013	Brighton and Hove Regents
1994	Croydon Red	2004	Brighton and Hove Regents	2014	Southampton Saints
				2015	Southampton Saints

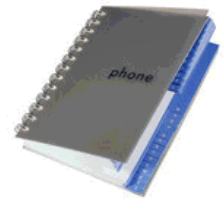
FIXTURES FOR THE 2016 SEASON

Group one matches		1 March to 31 May
Bournemouth Magpies	V	Southampton Saints
Guildford North	V	Bournemouth Magpies
Salisbury	V	Phoenix
Guildford North	V	Newport Purple
Newport Purple	V	Bournemouth Magpies
Salisbury	V	Ryde Hornets
Guildford North	V	East Berks Smarties
Ryde Hornets	V	Phoenix
East Berks Smarties	V	Southampton Saints
Salisbury	V	Southampton Saints
East Berks Smarties	V	Brighton and Hove Regents
Brighton and Hove Regents	V	Salisbury
Phoenix	V	Brighton and Hove Regents
Ryde Hornets	V	Guildford South
Guildford South	V	Guildford North
Guildford South	V	Newport Purple

Group two matches		1 June to 31 August
East Berks Smarties	V	Salisbury
Bournemouth Magpies	V	Ryde Hornets
Phoenix	V	Guildford North
Phoenix	V	Bournemouth Magpies
Phoenix	V	East Berks Smarties
Newport Purple	V	Ryde Hornets
Bournemouth Magpies	V	East Berks Smarties
Ryde Hornets	V	Guildford North
Bournemouth Magpies	V	Salisbury
Southampton Saints	V	Newport Purple
Brighton and Hove Regents	V	Bournemouth Magpies
Brighton and Hove Regents	V	Newport Purple
Guildford South	V	Phoenix
Southampton Saints	V	Guildford South
Guildford South	V	Brighton and Hove Regents

Group three matches		1 September to 30 November
Southampton Saints	V	Phoenix
Newport Purple	V	Phoenix
Salisbury	V	Guildford North
Southampton Saints	V	Ryde Hornets
Newport Purple	V	East Berks Smarties
Guildford North	V	Southampton Saints
Newport Purple	V	Salisbury
East Berks Smarties	V	Ryde Hornets
East Berks Smarties	V	Guildford South
Brighton and Hove Regents	V	Guildford North
Southampton Saints	V	Brighton and Hove Regents
Salisbury	V	Guildford South
Guildford South	V	Bournemouth Magpies
Ryde Hornets	V	Brighton and Hove Regents

TEAM DIRECTORY



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MATCH ARRANGEMENT, SCORING AND TEAM RULES 2016

Season and session dates

The main season will run from **1 March to 10 November** and will be divided into three sessions
1 March to 31 May 1 June to 31 August 1 September to 30 November.

In general a team will play either two or three matches in each session. Any variation must be agreed by both teams and the League. (**Comment** Matches may be played earlier or later if both teams and the League agree but all fixtures must be completed by 10 November.)

Arranging matches

The home captain should contact the away team by the **15th day of each session** offering three or more dates for matches due to be played. These should include Saturdays and Sundays and cover a reasonable spread of time. Midweek matches are allowable if mutually agreeable. The away team then has **ten days** in which to select one of these dates otherwise the **home captain** will select one of them which will be deemed binding. If the home team does not offer dates by the required time they may lose their home advantage. The **away team** may choose a date and venue to suit themselves and inform the home team. The league will arbitrate if contacts seem unreasonably delayed or withheld. (**Comment** this rule is rarely invoked as most teams manage to mutually agree dates in a friendly manner within the spirit of the League.)

Team players and transfers

In a League match each team will consist of **three players** and a substitute may not be played once a match has commenced. A club team's players must be bona fide members of that club. Each player will be allocated a number (one to **three** indicating ability) for the match by their team captain and will play three games to a prearranged pattern. Thus **nine** games constitute a match and the result depends on the number of games won. **An equal no of games points, wins/draws, is deemed a match drawn** regardless of the number of games points scored by the two teams.

A team may use as many players as it wishes throughout a season but once a player has played **one League match** they are deemed 'registered' to that team for the season. Transfer of a player's team registration during the season might be considered by the League in special circumstances. (**Comment** to ensure that a fixture is played the League may agree some latitude here.)

A player may play **once** for another team provided they are a bona fides member of the club, this provision should only be used if no alternative is possible.

Venue arrangement and necessary provisions

At the venue the home team shall provide **four Scrabble sets of Tournament standard** plus copies of the COLLINS SCRABBLE WORD LIST for challenges. A **clearly written challenge** shall be **adjudicated by a player of each team** at an adjacent table. Unlimited challenges are allowed without penalty.

COLLINS SCRABBLE WORD LIST – 2015 edition – is the Currently Approved authority for all League matches. (**Comment**, the complete book of words from two to fifteen letters should be available). Hand held electronic devices maybe used for checking if both team captains agree. Otherwise National Scrabble Club Rules and ABSP Games Rules apply.

The game ends when one player plays the final tile on their rack or if both players pass three times in succession, a successfully challenged word counting as a pass. **The three games shall be played in one room.** Tables should be adequate size and height. Coffee tables are generally not suitable. The away team may choose where they sit for each game. The official score sheet should be completed at the end of the match, signed by both captains and posted promptly by the home team to the address shown.

Use of clocks

Clocks may be used in League matches if the **away team makes the request** at least two weeks before the match is due to be played. The requesting team must then provide **three** clocks of approved standard.

When clocks are not used the **correct time** to challenge is **after your opponent has declared and written down their score but before you write down that score.** (**Comment** the writing down of the score was chosen as the end of the turn as this represents clear evidence of each player's intentions whereas a spoken score might later be suggested to have only been an interim computation whilst seeking the best play.)

Match scoring

The match should commence reasonably close to the agreed time unless both captains agree on a justifiable delay. If a team player is short for a part or all of a match that player's games will be credited as a win to the nominated opponents for the purpose of the match and League records. A score of 375 and/or a spread of 75 may be used as appropriate. The match is deemed to have been won by the team which wins the most games.

The **League points scoring** is based on the match result

- Three points to the winning team
- One point to each team in a drawn match
- No points to the losing team

A team having a walk-over will be awarded three League points and between 6.5 and 12 game wins on their record depending on the League's view of the circumstances. Teams who cancel fixtures could have points deducted should the League decide the reason was unsound.

At the end of the season where teams are equal on points the team with the most game wins will gain the higher position in the League table. Total points scored or highest game scores may then be used should game wins be equal.

Complaints, disputes and transgressions

All complaints, disputes and transgressions will be considered by the League Arbitration Panel. Their ruling will be final.