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The first segment of the League season has passed with most matches being played.

Unfortunately two weeks into the season Ryde Hornets found that they were unable to find enough players to field a team and withdrew from the League. A great loss as the Ryde Club was one of the early entrants to the league fielding three teams only a few years ago.

I know some teams were disappointed at the smaller team size particularly those with well established groups of four players but I think without the downsizing we would have had more resignations.

The new Guildford North team led by David Lawton is doing very well having won all matches played.

Good luck all in the next segment.

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

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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PUZZLES to stimulate the little grey cells!

An Alphagram from David Sutton

Politics is much in the news as I write, so here are twenty single-solution alphagrams yielding mostly common but few not-so-common words associated with this topic.



Can you find the anagrams?

ACDEMORT
CDEIOPST
ACEORRTU
EEGHMNOY
ACEIOOPT
AGLNOSST
ADEHILNR
GIIJMNOS
ACDHINRY
ABCMOORT
ACFISST
AADFIINT
AILMOSTT
CIMNORSY
EEKNSST
AABEEHMR
AEGKLOT
AMNOOTUY
CMMOPSY
AEFIMNOST

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NOTABLE SCORING FEATS

Highest Word Score

Notified high scores: Verity Cross ATOMISED 158, Gary Oliver UPRATING 149,

Highest Team Score (now 9 games are being played per match instead of 12 change to **3750**)

Scores of 3750 or more: 4002 Saints against Salisbury, 3894 Saints against Magpies, 3842 Brighton against Salisbury, 3781 Guildford North against Newport..

High Game Scores

Players who have exceeded 500: Gary Oliver 537, 577, Brian Jones 518, Chris Finlay 514, Ebi Sosseh 509, Sheila Jolliffe 502, Bob Lynn 502

Highest Win Ratios

For those who have played in *more than one match* and achieved better than 80% wins

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.



Bournemouth Invitational Round Robin	7 games	Contact	Ruth Marsden 01202 707148
		Venue	Tuckton Social Club, 222 Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA
		Cost	M £14.00 / NM £16.00
Sunday 10 July		Registration	09.30
		First game	10.10 Finish 17.50
		Refreshments	Tea and coffee provided

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Portsmouth and Southsea 12th June
Run by Mark Smith, 7 rounds with 58 players

Prize Winners

Division	First	Second	Third
A	Gary Oliver	Ed Rossiter	Elizabeth Jardine
B	Kathrine Henry	Val Wright	Peter Hunt
C	Colin St Hill	Philip Turner	Marilyn Morgan

Brighton and Hove Nine Game Round Robin 19th June
Run by George Newman 9 rounds with 32 players.

Prize Winners

Division	First	Second
A	James Burley	Craig Solomons
B	David Lawton	Karen Game
C	Peter Bailey	Anne Cheesman

MATCH RESULTS FOR 2016 SEASON

Group one matches		1 March to 31 May	
Bournemouth Magpies	4	5	Southampton Saints
Guildford North			Bournemouth Magpies
Salisbury	7	2	Phoenix
Guildford North	6	3	Newport Purple
Newport Purple	3	6	Bournemouth Magpies
Guildford North	5	4	East Berks Smarties
East Berks Smarties			Southampton Saints
Salisbury	2	7	Southampton Saints
East Berks Smarties	0	9	Brighton and Hove Regents
Brighton and Hove Regents	6	3	Salisbury
Phoenix	3.5	5.5	Brighton and Hove Regents
Guildford South	2	7	Guildford North
Guildford South	5	4	Newport Purple

Group two matches		1 June to 31 August	
East Berks Smarties			Salisbury
Phoenix			Guildford North
Phoenix			Bournemouth Magpies
Phoenix			East Berks Smarties
Bournemouth Magpies	5	4	East Berks Smarties
Bournemouth Magpies			Salisbury
Southampton Saints			Newport Purple
Brighton and Hove Regents			Bournemouth Magpies
Brighton and Hove Regents			Newport Purple
Guildford South			Phoenix
Southampton Saints			Guildford South
Guildford South			Brighton and Hove Regents

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

LEAGUE POSITIONS 2016

	Played	W	D	L	Games	Points
Brighton and Hove Regents	3	3	0	0	20.5	9
Guildford North	3	3	0	0	18	9
Bournemouth Magpies	3	2	0	1	15	6
Southampton Saints	2	2	0	0	12	6
Salisbury	3	1	0	2	12	3
Guildford South	2	1	0	1	7	3
Newport Purple	3	0	0	3	10	0
East Berks Smarties	2	0	0	2	8	0
Phoenix	2	0	0	2	5.5	0

Solutions to puzzle on Page 3

DEMOCRAT
 DESPOTIC
 EUROCRAT
 HEGEMONY
 ECOTOPIA
 GLASNOST
 HARDLINE
 JINGOISM
 DINARCHY
 MOBOCRAT
 FASCISTS
 INTIFADA
 TOTALISM
 CRONYISM
 KNESSET
 HARAMBEE
 LEKGOTLA
 AUTONOMY
 COMSYMP
 MANIFESTO