



# SOUTHERN COUNTIES SCRABBLE® LEAGUE

## NEWS

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## JUNE 2009

We are now into the second part of the league programme. Most of the Group 1 matches have been completed but where I have not received results I have left a gap in the Match Results table (see page 12) so if perchance any results have been lost in the post please let me know ASAP. Some Group 1 matches have been rescheduled for later, this is quite acceptable.

**The key date is November 10**, all matches must be completed by then so the Playoffs can start.

The League Arbitration Panel comprises myself tel: 01202 707148, Peter Sime tel: 01243 785413 and Alan Bailey tel: 023 9238 4360. If you have any urgent/last minute problems that need a clarification of the rules, please give one of us a call. Such an event happened recently just as the East Berks Rack Pack were due to leave for their match against the Southdowns Scorpions. One of their players withdrew due to illness and the only possible replacement was someone who had already played for the Beavers. The Captain contacted Alan Bailey who gave permission for the substitution rather than spoil seven peoples' day of scrabble. This was strictly against the rules and should not be taken as setting a precedent for such substitutions. It was a ruling to cope with an exceptional and urgent situation and the match stands.

[www.southerncountiesscrabbleleague.co.uk](http://www.southerncountiesscrabbleleague.co.uk)

The web site is now fully accessible and we would be pleased to receive your thoughts and suggestions. A useful feature is the ability to download copies of the SCSL News. In 2010 I am intending to 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.

As the individual Match results come in during the session, they will be posted on the web site so you will be able to see how everyone is doing! The web site can now also be accessed via a link from the ABSP site.

*Ruth Marsden*



## IN THIS ISSUE

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## POSTBAG



*Dear Ruth,*

Please could I ask for a little space in the next Southern Counties League News for Club opinions, along the following lines?

### **3/4 or 6/7?**

I would like to seek Club views on the 2 following issues.

**3 or 4:** League matches currently involve 4 team players in 3 games each. Should we  
(a) increase each match to 4 games so that we all play each other, but over a longer time?  
(b) keep at 3 games per contest but reduce the team sizes to 3 also?  
(c) continue as at present?  
(d) adopt a different set-up altogether (if you say yes to this one, you had better specify!)?

**6 or 7:** Do those of your Club members who attend tournaments hope that in future they play 7 games rather than 6, without the day being necessarily any longer?  
Specifically here I have Andover 2010 in mind. At Andover 2008 I issued a questionnaire which over half the participants answered, with a majority favouring 6. Nearly as many wanted 7, which is now becoming the norm. Some players are saying that they will not travel for less than 7. There are also players reluctant to play more than 6 at one session. Perhaps in these days of more numerous tournaments there need to be both, for consumer choice.  
(NB Andover in future will provide no lunch; we bring our own).  
What does your Club think?

Feedback would be most useful, including the voting figures of any polls run within your Club.

Thank you.

*Alan Bailey*



### **Best Second Division Player in 2009**

Elizabeth Hull of Reading.

Receiving her trophy at the local Club meeting.

Sent by Peter Sime.

Picture by Keith Churcher

Get in touch before the next issue, Southern Counties Scrabble Club News needs to hear from you!

## SCRABBLE NEWS ROUND UP

### **WESPA Dictionary Committee**

A new word list is being compiled and the intended implementation date is quarter 2 2011.

The Last Word June 2009

See UK- scrabble web-site for the ongoing discussion.

**Self-Adjudication at Tournaments** also much open to ongoing discussion.

Why not send *your* views to this magazine by email or snail mail.

## PUZZLE BY DAVID SUTTON

To stimulate the little grey cells!



### The A-Z Hook Challenge

You are given a box of 26 letters from A to Z and the following set of words. Your task is to dispose of the 26 letters by adding them to one of the words in the set, as either a front or a back hook. Each letter in the box and each word in the set may be used once only.

DUNS  
ARGON  
GUNNER  
EMBED  
SORAS  
INCITES  
UNROUND  
YAFF  
UNDERDO  
TARS  
THALLI  
EROSSES  
SUBMEN  
REPLUM  
HITHERTO  
STOWN  
ADWOMAN  
VIGILANT  
OXYGEN  
UEY  
SANK  
PONTOONS  
IBEX  
MOLTEN  
INDIGO  
DOF

Answer on Page 12

## **OBITUARIES**

Sadly we have received notice of two deaths since our last issue, both ladies were long time members of teams within the Southern League and I am sure are remembered by many.

### **Gertie Roberts died 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009**

Gertie was an early member of Carshalton Scrabble Club and played in Southern Counties League matches.

She enjoyed going to weekend and day tournaments and then when she found that she could join the London League she threw herself into that and hosted many of the fixtures she played in.

Gertie was a former medical secretary at Epsom Hospital and often used her knowledge to play some words unknown to her opponents.

Gertie was a loving mother to Adrian (sadly deceased last year) and to Nick and grandmother to Natasha.

Gertie will be much missed by her scrabble friends.

Pamela Windsor

### **Anette Finch**

A long time member of Southampton Scrabble Club, she did not go in much for tournaments but some of you will remember her appearances as a Southampton Sinner in the Southern Counties League.

Anette was a multi talented lady. She was recruited from Newnham College to spend WWII at Bletchley Park code-breaking in Japanese. She had many other capabilities: artist, craftswoman, gardener, designer, and motorcycle mechanic to mention but a few.

Her intellectual capacity, tenacity and determination saw her through to the end. Deteriorating physical health culminated in cancer of the liver and she died a few days after her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was characteristic of her that she insisted on Club members celebrating her birthday despite her being too ill to be with us. We are the poorer for her passing.

Alan Bailey

## TOURNAMENT REPORTS

### Andover, February 22

School pupils provided the runners, and two pairs of them alternated as adjudicators under the guidance of Ruth Marsden on computer.

There is no evidence of over or frivolous challenges. The pluralising S featured on most of the interesting ones. NETIZENS was of course allowed, implying that the player is more up with modern communications than the challenger. Other plurals included BREEDINGS, INBOARDS, JUGALS, MEASINGS, PERVINGS, SEARINGS, SNEERINGS, SUPPLES & SWEATINGS, two of which were correctly disallowed.

This tournament would not run at all, let alone successfully, but for the tremendous practical support of the School Association. Whether or not they read this, it is important for players, actual and potential, to know it. If things go badly here, blame the director. If they go well thank Ruth Marsden the computer whizz and the John Hanson parents who set out the furniture, dispense refreshments, and turn themselves into auxiliary runners in their empty moments.

*Alan Bailey*

### Prize Winners

Division	First	Second	Third
A	Penny Downer	Chris Finlay	Steve Perry
B	Brenda Margereson	Michael Baxendale	Norman Smith
C	Paul Harding	Margaret Seabrook	Pricilla Munday
D	Fay Goble	Shirley Cave	June Lindridge

Ralph Obemeasor won the T. Hollington trophy for best performance above rating.

### East Sussex, March 14

Run by Ed Breed

6 rounds with 54 players on the day.

### Prize Winners

Division	First	Second	Third
A	Gary Fox	George Grunner	Doj Graham
B	Margaret Seabrook	Joy Fox	Kim Hands
C	Peggy Moore	Malcolm Davis	Margaret Coleman

**Southampton, March 29**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Southampton tourney. With 94 players on the day, £635 in all was raised for the local Countess Mountbatten Hospice.

**Prize Winners**

Division	First	Second	Third
A	Ed Rossiter	David Sutton	Phil Appleby
B	David Lawton	Wendy Lindridge	David Shenkin
C	Viv Newman	Jean Robinson	Maureen Barlow
D	June Lindridge	Janet Vokes-Taylor	Colin St Hill

**Bournemouth, May 10**

A 7 round Round Robin with 62 players divided into 8 divisions.

**Prize Winners**

Division	First	Division	First
A	Steve Perry	E	Janet Bonham
B	Karl Kwiatkowski	F	Cecilia Cotton
C	Brian Jones	G	Janet Milford
D	Wendy Lindridge	H	Gordon Lamb

The highest word score was a tie between Wendy Lindridge and Ed Rossiter each with 140 for BERATING and RETAILING respectively.

The day raised a total of £691.90 for BSVI.

**NSC/NSCT South Region, May 17**

36 players from the South took part. Some controversy, still continuing, was created when the TD Josef Kollar played when a no-show made the numbers odd!

This event selects the South's representatives at the NSC and also a team to represent the South at NSCT.

The winning team was MBE from Bournemouth Elisabeth Jardine, Margaret Staunton and Bob Lynn.

The Plate Competition for the best B rated team was won by South Winds of Bournemouth.

The individual competition was won by Chris Finlay of Southampton with Noel Turner 2<sup>nd</sup> and Elisabeth Jardine 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Individuals who will go to the NSC Semi-finals are: Elizabeth Hull, Elisabeth Jardine, Bob Lynn, Gary Oliver, Anthony Pinnel, Ed Rossiter, Margaret Staunton and Noel Turner.

## 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.



<b>Brighton &amp; Hove</b>	6 Games	Contact Venue	<b>Jim Lyes or Theresa Hill</b> 07791 723968 The Woodland Centre, Woodlands Avenue, Rustington, West Sussex BN16 3HB
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>		Cost Registration First game Refreshments	M £13 / NM £15 09.45 10.15 Tea and coffee provided Finish 17.25
<b>West Sussex Round Robin</b>	7 games	Contact Venue	<b>Peter Hall</b> 01903 775396 Maltravers Club, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 5NA
<b>Sunday 16 August</b>		Cost Registration First game Refreshments	M £13 / NM £15 09.00 10.00 Tea and coffee provided Finish 17.45
<b>Bournemouth</b>	7 games	Contact Venue	<b>Ruth Marsden</b> 01202 707148 Roper Hall, 5 Victoria Park Road, Moordown, Bournemouth
<b>Sunday 4 October</b>		Cost Registration First game Refreshments	M £13 / NM £15 09.30 10.00 Tea and coffee provided Finish 17.45
<b>Salisbury</b>	7 games	Contact Venue	<b>Bob Lynn</b> , 01722 325623 Winterbourne Glebe Hall, Vicarage Lane, Winterbourne Earls, Salisbury SP4 6HA
<b>Sunday 11 October</b>		Cost Registration First game Refreshments	M £14 / NM £16 09.00 10.00 Tea and coffee provided Finish 17.50
<b>Vectis / Isle of Wight</b>	5 games/ 11 games	Contact	<b>Noel Turner</b> , 01983 614426
<b>Friday 13 – Sunday 15 Nov</b>			

Dates for several tournies in Spring 2010 are already booked, look out for these in the next issue.

## NOTABLE SCORING FEATS

### Highest Word Score

I have only been notified of one High score: Sheila Tutt, of Southdowns Scorpions, played OVERLAID for 149 in their match against Carshalton Curlews.

### Highest Team Score

5432 by Southampton Saints in their match against Salisbury. In the same match Gary Oliver bettered 500 to win each of his games with scores of 520, 539 and 505.

### High Game Scores

No one has managed to better 600 as yet this season but four players have exceeded 550:

Ivan Swallow of Ryde Hornets	596
Ed Breed of Southdowns Scorpions	578
James Rossiter of Southampton Saints	564
Alan Childs of Bournemouth Ospreys	554

### Highest Win Ratio

#### Eastern Division

The only division with a 100% achiever: Barbara Allen of Carshalton Curlews. Barbara only played in one match but how well she did!

Joy Coomer of Southdowns Scorpions was on 83% and Colin Parker of Charshalton Curlews made 72%.

#### Central Division

Eileen Bradshaw of Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers had the best win rate in this division with 78%. 11 others tied to come in next with 67%.

#### Western Division

The top three players achieved over 80% wins:

James Rossiter Southampton Saints	87%
Gary Oliver Southampton Saints	83%
Alan Childs Bournemouth Ospreys	83%



## MATCH RESULTS JUNE 2009

### Western division

Group one matches

1 March to 31 May

Southampton Saints	6	6	Bournemouth Magpies
Newport Red	5	7	Bournemouth Ospreys
Salisbury			Basingstoke
Southampton Saints	8	4	Basingstoke
Bournemouth Magpies	10	2	Southampton Sinners
Basingstoke	6	6	Southampton Sinners
Newport Blue			Newport Red
Bournemouth Ospreys	9	3	Salisbury
Bournemouth Magpies	7	5	Newport Blue
Bournemouth Ospreys	4	8	Newport Blue
Southampton Sinners	5	7	Newport Red
Salisbury	1	11	Southampton Saints

### Central division

Group one matches

1 March to 31 May

Ryde Hornets	9	3	Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers
Reading Whiteknights	2	10	Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates
Ryde Bees	6	6	Guildford
Ryde Hornets	5	7	Guildford
Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers	9	3	Ryde Ladybirds
Guildford			Ryde Ladybirds
Reading Oaks			Reading Whiteknights
Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates	2	10	Ryde Bees
Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers	10	2	Reading Oaks
Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates	10	2	Reading Oaks
Ryde Ladybirds	7	5	Reading Whiteknights
Ryde Bees	6	6	Ryde Hornets
G2 Ryde Hornets	9	3	Reading Whiteknights

### Eastern division

Group one matches

1 March to 31 May

Rustington	4	8	Carshalton Curlews
East Berks Rack Pack	6	6	Dorking
Ramsgate	1	11	Brighton & Hove Regents
Rustington			Brighton & Hove Regents
Carshalton Curlews	7.5	4.5	Southdowns Scorpions
Brighton and Hove Regents	8	4	Southdowns Scorpions
East Berks Beavers	2	10	East Berks Rack Pack
Dorking	5	7	Ramsgate
Carshalton Curlews	5.5	6.5	East Berks Beavers
Dorking	4	8	East Berks Beavers
Southdowns Scorpions	8	4	East Berks Rack Pack
Ramsgate	3	9	Rustington

**Note:** Blanks indicate no results received. It has been agreed that some matches will be transferred to Group 2. Please check that nothing has gone missing in the post.

**LEAGUE POSITIONS JUNE 2009****Western division**

	<b>Played</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Games</b>	<b>Points</b>
Southampton Saints	3	2	1	0	25	7
Bournemouth Magpies	3	2	1	0	23	7
Bournemouth Ospreys	3	2	0	1	20	6
Newport Blue	2	1	0	1	13	3
Newport Red	2	1	0	1	12	3
Southampton Sinners	3	0	1	2	13	1
Basingstoke	2	0	1	1	10	1
Salisbury	2	0	0	2	4	0

**Central division**

	<b>Played</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Games</b>	<b>Points</b>
Ryde Hornets	4	2	1	1	29	7
Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers	3	2	0	1	22	6
Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates	3	2	0	1	22	6
Ryde Bees	3	1	2	0	22	5
Guildford	2	1	1	0	13	4
Ryde Ladybirds	2	1	0	1	10	3
Reading Whiteknights	3	0	0	3	10	0
Reading Oaks	2	0	0	2	4	0

**Eastern division**

	<b>Played</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Games</b>	<b>Points</b>
Carshalton Curlews	3	2	0	1	20	6
Brighton and Hove Regents	2	2	0	0	19	6
East Berks Beavers	3	2	0	1	16.5	6
East Berks Rack Pack	3	1	1	1	20	4
Southdowns Scorpions	3	1	0	2	16.5	3
Rustington	2	1	0	1	13	3
Ramsgate	3	1	0	2	11	3
Dorking	3	0	1	2	15	1

## Erratum

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Page 5 Club Venues: Carshalton meet at **Stafford** Road not Safford

Page 12 Team Directory: Bournemouth Ospreys **alt** should read **Val Wright** 1202 314047

Page 14 Salisbury see revised details in addendum below

Page 15 Please delete the sentence: "They may however subsequently play one League match for another of their club's teams in a higher division" from the second para of **Team players and transfers**. This provision is no longer applicable.

## Addendum

For Issue 28 February 2009

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Captains please note Bob Lynn has been appointed as the Match Liaison officer for Salisbury and he should always be contacted when arranging matches.

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## Answer to David Sutton's puzzle Solution to The A-Z Hook Challenge

GUNNER-a	j-ARGON	s-PONTOONS
REPLUM-b	k-EMBED	t-HITHERTO
THALLI-c	l-OXYGEN	SUBMEN-u
STOWN-d	m-ADWOMAN	v-IBEX
VIGILANT-e	n-YAFF	w-INDIGO
DOF-f	SANK-o	x-EROSSES
UNDERDO-g	p-SORAS	y-MOLTEN
DUNS-h	q-UEY	z-INCITES
TARS-i	r-UNROUND	