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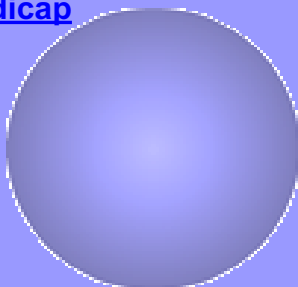
Click to see the video of his final with Daniel Moses, in the Berks Closed  
*All photos and videos are by Didier Garçon.*

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*Jonah Lomu was the 6 ft 5 in 18-stone sprinting wing from the All Blacks, who is credited with single-handedly changing the face of world rugby, in the mid-90s. (Usain Bolt is also 6 ft 5 ins - but only 15 stones.)*

*Martin Gunn - well, I don't know if he plays rugby but he made quite an impression at the Berks Closed, beating everyone including Daniel Moses - with a hard bat!*

*And made a lot of friends along the way.*

*Martin is a recent newcomer to Kingfisher 'A', and this year has only been beaten in the League by Martin Adams.*

*But I delay, and it's time for the feast! Our divisional Santas have all been working hard, filling their sacks with goodies to delight you. And even now they are waiting in their grottoes with a broad smile and a sprig of mistletoe to see your merry faces!*

*Merry Christmas to all!*

Derek



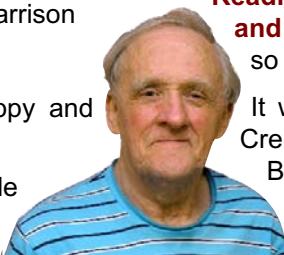
**Notes from our Chairman**

by Derek Harrison

Hello everybody

I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2016.

I hope that you are all enjoying your table tennis win or lose and I can see that there is all to play for in the second half of the season so depending on team selection there could still be a few surprise results.



I am sure you have seen on the website details of the **Reading Closed** championship on **13-14 Feb (seniors) and 20-21 Feb (Juniors)** and the **Individual Handicap** so please **enter** in good time if you can.

It would be remiss of me not to mention that John Creighton of Kingfisher and Kyrill Dissanayake of the BBC club have passed away. Our thoughts go to their families and friends and also to their team mates.

All the best

Derek Harrison

**Ping Pong Pageant - Reading - 2016**

by **Peter Bradley**

As your Development Officer, and with the permission of your committee, I have started work to bring the above named project into fruition. I am working with a small team from **Reading Borough Council, Table Tennis England** and **Get Berkshire Active** to apply to **Sport England** for a grant to put table tennis tables at various locations in the town centre for anyone to use. A draft funding application is in the final stages of preparation to be submitted to Sport England by the end of 2015. If this venture is successful I am hoping that RBC will apply to Table Tennis England to become a **Ping Town in 2017**. I had started this project earlier this year to run in 2015 but I met some difficulties with the siting of the tables and withdrew that application for funding as a result. By starting earlier I hope to have everything in place prior to submitting to Sport England.

At present I have the following agreements in place:

The plan is for the project to start on the weekend of 16th/17th July 2016 with an **opening ceremony in Broad Street** where three roll-away tables will be used. Two of these tables will then be placed in Broad Street Mall for a further two weeks whilst the third will be a 'roving ambassador' for the Pageant. Northgate Vehicle Hire will provide the transport for this as sponsorship. Two fixed tables are to be placed in the Forbury Gardens from 16th July until 3rd September 2016. These will then be transferred to Christchurch Meadows and taken over by RBC for contin-

ued use throughout the year. Two further roll-away tables will be placed in St. David's Square and Pocket Park with the kind permission of the site owners. The cafes at these locations will look after the tables and, hopefully, will continue to use them after the Pageant finishes. Hence the funding application will be for two fixed and 5 roll-away tables plus all the equipment as required.

In order to gain such funding it will be necessary for the project to continue, after the initial launch weeks, throughout the rest of the season up to June 2017 when, hopefully, RBC will have applied to be part of Ping! RBC and I will be looking to donate the three remaining roll-away tables to businesses for continued use. I will require clubs, if possible, to open their doors for social table tennis, as some of you already do, so that we can guide participants of the event to continue playing throughout the year. This may also encourage some players to wish to join your club for competitive league play.

Obviously **I will need a lot of volunteers** from the RDTTA membership and other organisations to assist in the summer event with **monitoring, demonstrations** etc. **Will your club like to organise an event at one of the table locations in town?** If so, I would be pleased to hear from you. The ongoing legacy for this would have to be that this will bring our sport before the general public, encourage more to participate and grow our membership with younger adult players. **Hopefully, if I am successful in obtaining the funding (and it will be subject to getting this), I can count on you all to support this event.**

**In Memory of John Creighton** d. 23 November

by Allan Bruton

John Creighton was 75 years of age and originated in Newport, Isle of Wight. He was a long standing player in the Reading and Bracknell leagues. Reference to John can be seen as far back as the 1972/73 season when he won the Reading league division 2 championship.

John started playing table tennis in the late 50's following a broken leg while playing football which ended that sporting career.

John played for the N.I.R.D.club for many years before

joining the Kingfisher club in its early years and had been an ever present player since those very early years some 40 + years ago. John did appear to have a brittle nature at times on the table but this side of him was never aimed at his opponents, but at himself, as he always set himself high standards and if those dropped he was very hard on himself.

He will be missed.



# THE BERKSHIRE CLOSED

by Derek Wavell

The turnout for the Berkshire Closed on 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> December was a bit down this year because of competing events in the County Senior League; but as usual, all competitors had two days' enjoyable table tennis, organized by **Allan Bruton**.

Photographs are by Didier Garcon - some of them on this page - but most are scattered throughout the Newsletter, in the reports of the players' own Divisions. And you can see videos of four of the finals.

See the separate panel for the table of winners. **Martin Gunn** (who is further described on the front page) won both the Veterans and Men's singles. He uses short pimples without sponge on both sides of his bat - the rubber is Dr Evil - and his very direct style is well caught on the video.



IAN WU



ANAYA PATEL



SUE TURTON

MARTIN GUNN



CELIA HOOKER

In the **veteran's singles**, the runner-up was **Allan Bruton** - who is shown overleaf presenting one of the prizes.

## THE WINNERS

Men's Singles	Winner	Martin Gunn	Runner up	Daniel Moses
Ladies Singles	Winner	Celia Hooker	Runner up	Scarlett Jones
Veterans Singles	Winner	Martin Gunn	Runner up	Allan Bruton
Graded Singles	Winner	Yonatan Slobodskoy	Runner up	Anaya Patel
Under 21	Winner	Yonatan Slobodskoy	Runner up	Thomas Perkins
Mixed Doubles	Winners	Daniel Moses & Wendy Porter		
	Runners up	Martin Gunn & Gwynne Penny		
Men's Doubles	Winners	Daniel McTiernan & Daniel Moses		
	Runners up	Martin Gunn & Allan Bruton		
Ladies Doubles	Winners	Katie Shepherd & Anaya Patel		
	Runners up	Sue Purton & Wendy Porter		

### Men's Singles:

The quarter-finalists included the "Two Daniels" - Moses and McTiernan.

In the final, **Martin Gunn won in four games** against **Daniel Moses**, who did succeed in winning the second game.

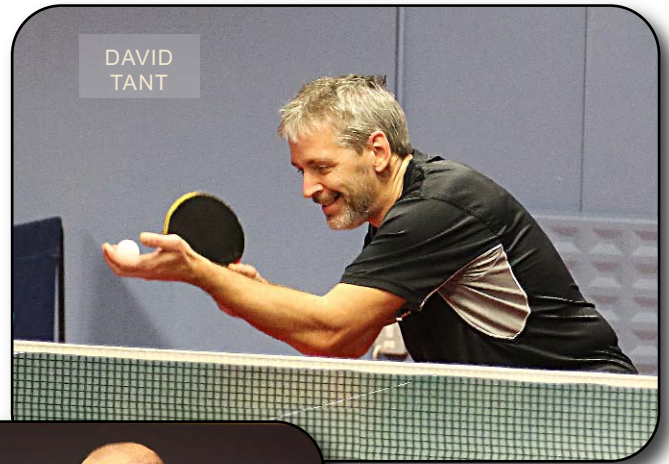
### Junior Girls

Among the other events, junior girl players put up some outstanding performances - against adult players as well as their own age. In particular **Scarlett Jones** and **Katie Shepherd**, whom we already knew well from past triumphs, but also a new face, hard-hitting **Anaya Patel**. And among the **boys**, fast improver **Yonatan Slobodskoy** has; now made his mark in the hall of fame.





JENNY TANNER



DAVID TANT

Nine players of all ages competed for the **Ladies Singles** title - and in the end veteran defending champion **Celia Hooker** managed to defeat junior **Scarlett Jones**.

**Graded Singles**

- in a field of 17, two juniors came forward to contest the final - and **Yonatan Slobodskoy** managed to prevail over **Anaya Patel**.

**Yonatan** also managed to win the **Under 21 Singles** - **Thomas Perkins** was the runner up.

**Mixed Doubles** - This attracted 8 pairs with 2 seeds! The winners **Wendy Porter** and **Daniel Moses** proved too strong for **Gwynne Penny** and **Martin Gunn**.



ALLAN BRUTON

MARTIN GUNN

**Ladies doubles**

The final ended up with the repeat of a first round match between **Sue Purton** and **Wendy Porter** facing **Katie Shepherd** and **Anaya Patel**, but in the final the two talented juniors turned the tables on the senior pairing and **Katie** and **Anaya** were the winners.

**Men's Doubles** - some hard-fought matches took

place, ending with the eventual winners **Daniel McTiernan** and **Daniel Moses** overcoming **Martin Gunn** and **Allan Bruton**.



WENDY PORTER

BILL BAVISTER



KATIE SHEPHERD

SCARLETT JONES

# Team Handicap Competition 2015-16

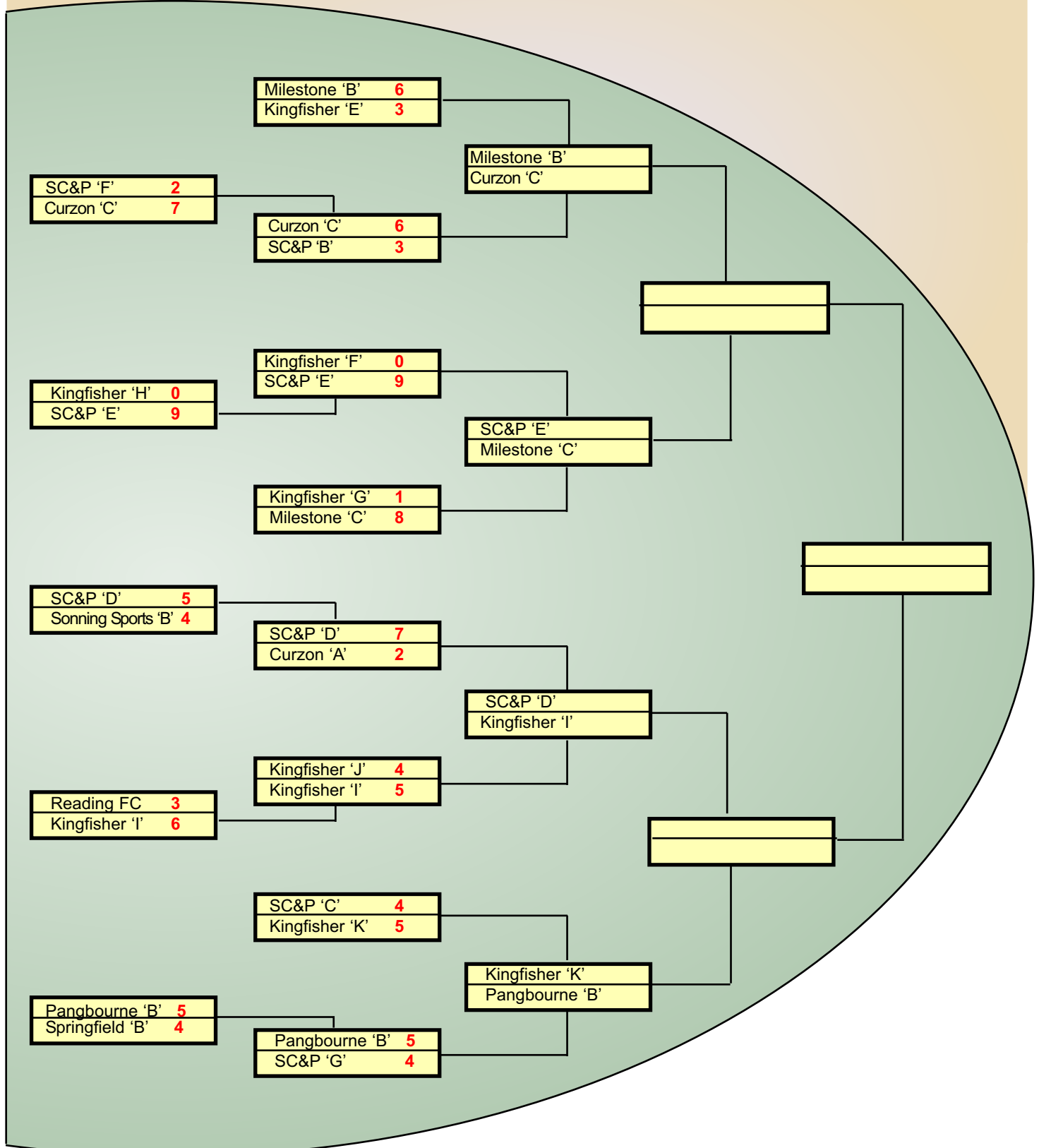
organised by Duncan Abbott

The Team Handicap is a knockout competition open to all teams in the Reading & District League. All players are given handicaps by the RDTTA Handicap Committee based on their recent results. In a Team Handicap match the three players from one team play all players from the other team, 21-up, taking into account the relevant handicaps. There is no doubles contest. Corresponding rounds must be played by week commencing:

26 Oct

23 Nov

15 Feb







# DIVISION ONE

by Mark Banks

Hi guys. And a very warm welcome to the now legendary festive edition of the wonderful RDTTA Newsletter. All your favourites, they're all back, the MVP, Banksy's Christmas Crackers – the lot. Hope you're all looking forward to the Christmas break. I'd like to say I was but ever since Ramesh moved to Dubai I've had to pay for my own Christmas Trees. £60 nicker. Jeez. Come back to Reading soon buddy. All is forgiven. Actually No – Don't!! haha. Before I get onto the action - an apology. Hands up, my fault but I actually wrote 2 versions of my last piece (one where I predicted that OLOP 'A' would be Champions and one where I predicted my own Kingfisher 'A' would be victorious). I obviously sent the wrong version off to



DANIEL MOSES of OLOP 'A'

Derek and before I realised my mistake it was too late. I'm sorry – it happens. Please don't beat me up over it. Ouch! We learn and we move on ;-). So what's been happening then in this very disjointed stop, start and stop some more kind of season? Well there's still some very good stuff being played, along with some very ordinary stuff in other places. If I'm honest it's all been a bit predictable. I hope you're all still enjoying it though and here's wishing you and your families a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Have a good-en!

*Love and Peace x*

So, super stuff from Champions elect **OLOP 'A'** who made me look an absolute muppet by really turning on the style in taking out us - their nearest and most bitter rivals - 9 -1 on the night. Yes we can look to the unfortunate situation in Egypt with the plane bombing meaning that Martin's holiday was unexpectedly extended but take nothing away from OLOP, they were way too good and I fully expect them to win the title at a canter now. Haha. I'm kinda hoping that by saying that and in line with my other predictions they now fail massively!! So the two Daniels have been brilliant, Krasi has been brilliant, Gus has been brilliant, Trung Tran has been brilliant, Norman Swift has been brilliant, Liam has been brilliant, Michael Childs has been brilliant, Tony Duffield has been brilliant, Ian Cole has been brilliant. They're all brilliant and I hate the lot of them! Merry blimmin' Christmas ;-)

### MVP Daniel Moses

**Banksy's Xmas Cracker: Why does Ed Miliband like advent calendars? He gets to open the door to number 10**



DANIEL McTIERNAN of OLOP 'A'

	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OLOP A	8	8	0	0	69	11	16
Kingfisher A	7	6	0	1	55	15	12
OLOP B	8	3	3	2	41	39	9
Kingfisher C	8	3	2	3	38	42	8
Tidmarsh A	8	3	1	4	38	42	7
Kingfisher B	6	3	1	2	35	25	7
Kingfisher D	8	3	1	4	34	46	7
SC&P A	8	2	2	4	29	51	6
Reading YMCA	7	2	0	5	28	42	4
Curzon Club A	8	0	0	8	13	67	0



MARTIN GUNN OF KINGFISHER 'A'

So we in **Kingfisher 'A'** literally pretty much thrash everybody else in this Division but when it comes to THE one big game we end up getting thrashed ourselves. I knew it was all gonna go wrong when Dan McTiernan said to me I saw what you wrote about me and Duncan Groves!! Always gonna be a loser after that little speech. Where do we go from here then? Well, Martin has just beaten Moses in the Berks final. If he can reproduce that in the return match, Fed can pull his finger out, Hari or me stop moaning about how old we're getting then it's not inconceivable that we can win the return leg at their place and snatch the title away from them. Banksy, er, have you been on the mulled wine again I hear you say? Yep, you're right, you're right. 2nd place again it is then. Sigh

**MVP Martin Gunn**

**Banksy's Xmas Cracker: I told my Grandad to go to Amazon for his Christmas Shopping. He phoned me 2 days later from Brazil.**

Such a shame for **Tidmarsh 'A'** who just as it looked as if they were going to be a force to be reckoned with, they go and lose the services of one of their rising stars to a shoulder injury (one of the Ricks twins – I'm not sure which) and it's a major blow to their hopes of possibly finishing 4th or higher. Squirrel has been saving his nuts up for Christmas as he does every year. Always plays well this time of year too does our Squirrel. Csaba Pall has been a real find for this team. Playing really really well. Duncan, after his great win earlier this season has not quite recreated that sort of form since but is obviously capable and the one remaining Ricks

twin with no shoulder injury has done a good job when available ;-). Merry Xmas guys. Have a good one!

**MVP Csaba Pall**

**Banksy's Xmas Cracker: Why were Jeremy Clarkson's colleagues excited to try his mulled wine? Because they'd been floored by his punch**

Steady as she goes then for **Kingfisher 'C'** who have recently seen one of their favourite sons return in Ed Callinan. Unfortunately for them he hasn't quite found the form of seasons gone by and has struggled in the few appearances that he's made. Phil still leads the way though. A class act and one of the stars of this Division. Richard, as I said before, is having one of his best ever seasons at this level and Yuan too has improved his game massively. Sadly for my dear old buddy Trevor he's not quite done it yet. Brilliant in the knock up – but can't quite put that great knock up play into his games. A shame and I'm hoping he manages to get going in the New Year. Merry Christmas guys.

**MVP Phil Zeng**

**Banksy's Xmas Cracker: How does Darth Vader like his Christmas turkey? On the dark side**

Wow! Look at **OLOP 'B'** go. A team where every player is the same level and they are seriously playing well. I've never received so many comments about one player and some of them have even been nice. Henryk – unplayable somebody called it. And they were right. Having a great season. OK so he dodged us and therefore his average is slightly inflated but a good player nevertheless. His best mate Djordje too. Also playing some good stuff. Unfortunately Steve has taken time out otherwise they'd be even higher. And Sir Clive. What can we say. Still clings onto his same level speech despite seemingly falling behind his team mates. Playing well in Maidenhead though when he's selected. Haha. Sorry buddy ;-). Have a great Xmas guys.

**MVP Henryk**

**Banksy's Xmas Cracker: Why did Santa pour lemsip into the Chimney? He was coming down with the flu**



DJORDJE MILOVANOVIC



We're going along quite nicely and then all of a sudden Whammo! **Sonning Common & Peppard 'A'** only went and lost to YM and all of a sudden things aren't looking as rosy for them anymore. Admittedly star signing Gary Morgan wasn't available for that crunch match and I still think with him playing regularly they'll be fine but they will just be looking over their shoulders a little bit as we go into the 2nd half of the season. You always know what you're gonna get with the rest of them. A lot of jokes, some of them even funny and win lose or draw a smile on their faces. So have a good one guys. See you all in the New Year.

**MVP Gary Morgan**

**Banksy's Xmas Cracker: Why don't Volkswagen hold Christmas Services? They get the readings wrong**

I've not spoken to them about it so I wouldn't know but there may well have been an element of "We'll show them" from **KFD** after being demoted from the coveted **KFC** name by the Kingfisher Club for this season. And show them they did. What a win that was over **KFC** for them. Simply super stuff. Parks in particular was a superstar on the night and with back up from Tony and Murgy really did a job on their successors. Brilliant guys. Nice to see that Lisa has had her baby and wishing them all well for baby's first Christmas. Niall too. Have a great one guys.

**MVP Andrew Parker**

**Banksy's Xmas Cracker: Why is there no champagne at the Chelsea Xmas party? Because Mourinho got rid of the Fizzy - o**

Still struggling a bit with injuries and unavailability issues are **Kingfisher 'B'** but with Martin in stunning form they will no doubt still finish 3rd. Simply amazing comeback in the

**LEADING AVERAGES**

Player	Team	PL	W	%
Daniel Moses	OLOP A	24	23	95.83
Martin Adams	Kingfisher B	16	15	93.75
Martin Gunn	Kingfisher A	12	11	91.67
Krasimir Ivanov	OLOP A	24	21	87.50
Philip Zeng	Kingfisher C	20	17	85.00
Hari Gehlot	Kingfisher A	18	15	83.33
Daniel Mctieman	OLOP A	12	10	83.33
Henryk Ciechanowicz	OLOP B	20	16	80.00
Gus Thomis	OLOP A	9	7	77.78
Mark Banks	Kingfisher A	15	11	73.33
Neil Hurford	Reading YMCA	15	10	66.67
Stuart Williams	Kingfisher A	9	6	66.67
Federico Viterbo	Kingfisher A	9	6	66.67

match vs Gunn. Readings greatest 2 down and seemingly going nowhere against the newly tuned hardbat skills of Gunn. He dug as deep as he's ever dug before to see it out and claim a famous victory. Super stuff and one of those "Glad I was there" moments. Elsewhere it's good to see Justin Mead Back. Still the joker in the pack. Richard too. Had a few beers with him a couple of weeks back. Nice guy off the table. Just a shame Ian hasn't played much. Have a good one!!

**MVP Martin Adams**

**Banksy's Xmas Cracker: Why was the turkey at the Talk Talk Xmas Party such a mess? Because it had been hacked**



KRASI IVANOV



Sooooo is there actually a chink of light for everybody's favourite 2nd team **YMCA**? Season going nowhere fast and then all of a sudden Booooooom!! 2 points from literally nowhere and now they have given themselves a chance. I'm his greatest fan and what a great performance that was from Neil. Just when his team really needed him he turned on the style and then some. Brilliant from Peter too. All that practice I've been given him down the KF Club clearly paying off. Simply superb stuff. Such a shame we haven't been able to see much of Dave Streak but on the flip side always a pleasure to have an evening with Gilham and Halfpenny. Nice work guys. Have a good one.

**MVP Neil Hurford**

**Banksy's Xmas Cracker: Who is Rudolph's favourite pop**

**star? Beyon-sleigh**

You have to feel for **Curzon Club 'A'**. They are actually playing pretty well but it's in patches rather than collectively and I'm afraid to say that as predicted I think they are pretty much already. Phil has had a few good wins and Andy too. And with John recently getting close on more than 2 or 3 occasions they really are trying hard. Not to be though, I'm afraid. Hope their fortunes improve in the New Year. Merry Christmas.

**MVP Phil Mead**

**Banksy's Xmas Cracker: What do Wikileaks staff have with their Christmas Turkey? An anonymous sauce**

# ▶ **DIVISION TWO** by Barry Carter

**A**s we approach the second half of the season it is still looking good for OLOP 'C' and Sonning C & P 'B' in their bid to reach the promised land of division one. Pangbourne WMC 'A' and Sonning C & P 'C' are still in with a chance if the top two slip up during the second half of the season. At the bottom Sonning C & P 'D' have

to get the 5 – 5. In the 2nd v 4th showdown OLOP 'C' took the honours with a 7 – 3 win over Sonning C & P 'C' thanks to three from Yonatan, two from Harry (yes, he lost again...but this time to Danny Dockree) and Ziko picked up a good win over Jon Abbott. Their most recent result was a 8 – 2 win over strugglers Kingfisher 'G'.



**Sonning Common & Peppard 'B'** find themselves only two points behind the leaders but with two matches in hand so are in a really strong position going into the second half. They have won three and drawn one of their last four matches. In the match against Kingfisher 'G' they won 8 – 2 but Nigel Maltby had to concede his last two matches through injury (hope you recover soon Nigel). In the game Nigel did play he defeated Willis Ma 14-12, 8-11, 11-8, 9-11, 11-8. Brian Meheux for the second week in a row and Simon Berry won maximums. Next up were Kingfisher 'E' but they had to settle for a point, Simon won all three, Jeremy Willis made his first appearance in a month

	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SC&P B	9	8	1	0	69	21	17
OLOP C	10	7	2	1	70	30	16
Pangbourne WMC A	10	5	4	1	59	41	14
SC&P C	11	5	3	3	56	54	13
Tidmarsh B	11	5	2	4	62	48	12
Kingfisher F	9	4	3	2	48	42	11
Kingfisher E	10	4	2	4	50	50	10
Tidmarsh C	9	2	3	4	44	46	7
SC&P E	11	2	0	9	40	70	4
Kingfisher G	11	1	2	8	35	75	4
SC&P D	11	2	0	9	27	83	4

won two matches out of the last four to give themselves hope of avoiding relegation whilst Kingfisher 'G' are in a poor run, now having lost eight in a row (sounds a bit like the Royals ;-). Sorry no stats this edition but they will be back in the spring edition.

**Our Lady of Peace 'C'** lead the way but they have only won two of the last four and drawn the other two. In the draw with Pangbourne they were missing the 100% Harry Munro but **Yonatan** claimed his first maximum in three matches to steer them towards the point but it was left to Ziko Jerzmanski to defeat Denise Weller in five to clinch the point. The second draw came against Tidmarsh 'C' where they needed to come back from 3 – 5 down to get a point. Earlier Harry Munro lost his 100% record after 21 sets to someone who will remain nameless until later. Harry defeated Dave Reynolds 14-12, 11-9, 11-9 and then Yonatan came back from 0 – 1 down to beat me 6-11, 15-13, 11-5, 11-6



YONATAN SLOBODSKOY v THOMAS PERKINS

and won two key games against Colin Dyke and John Morris whilst Brian had his worst night of the season and lost all three. In their latest match they went to Tidmarsh 'B', Matthew Faulkner played only his second match of the season and won for the sixth time. Jeremy won two and Brian a single.

**Pangbourne WMC 'A'** have also won two and drawn two since the last newsletter so didn't appear to have missed John Simmonds who was off swanning to the other side of the planet ;-). In the first match against Kingfisher 'F' they benefited from playing a two-man team and the trio of Ray Webb, George White and Denise Weller all won one each and then George & Denise teamed up to win the doubles. They also benefited from playing a Harry Munro-less OLOP 'C' team and picked up a worthy point thanks to two from Simon Hopkins and Ray plus a single from Denise. Denise was the outstanding player on the night in the match against Tidmarsh 'B' as she won all three comfortably, Ray and Simon picked up wins against Chris Webb to get another draw. Denise made it six from six with wins over Mark Jones,



ALLEN PACK

**Derek Wavell** and Anthony Reeve in the 7 – 3 win over improving Sonning C & P 'D'. It was a good return for John Simmonds as he won two and Simon chipped in with a single.

**Sonning Common & Peppard 'C'** have been a bit inconsistent in recent weeks with two wins and two defeats, although the two defeats have come against the top two so I think they will finish either third or fourth come March. They did give their club-mates from the 'B' team a bit of a scare as Matt Stone beat both Nigel Maltby and Simon Berry 11-5, 13-11, 11-8 and 12-10, 14-12, 13-11 respectively but unfortunately only Tim Raby could pick up one more and that was a win against Nigel. Danny Dockree also took Nigel to four but lost 9-11 and they succumbed to a 3 – 7 defeat. Both Danny and Sonning C & P 'C' got back to winning ways in their next match against another variety of club-mates, this time the 'E' team. Danny won two against Eric Walker and Joe Barraclough but came up just short against Thomas Perkins as he lost 5-11 in the fifth. Matt also won two and also narrowly lost in five to Thomas and Jon overcame Eric. Danny saved his best performance for Harry Munro as he won a

tight encounter 6-11, 2-11, 11-9, 11-9, 14-12, Matt was the only other winner in the 3 – 7 defeat to OLOP 'C'. In their most recent match they defeated two-man Tidmarsh 'C' 6 – 4.

**Kingfisher 'F'** are currently in fifth and have won two, drawn one and lost one of their last four matches. The two wins have been in their most recent matches and were an 8 – 2 win over

Sonning C & P 'D' and a 6 – 4 win over Sonning C & P 'E'. In the match against Sonning C & P 'D', skipper Allan Bruton returned his third maximum of the season with three-straight games wins over Alan Mollett, Derek Wavell and Anthony Reeve, Allen Pack had two really tight five-gamers with Alan and Derek and won them both and Ivor also won three. Peter Bennett won his first two matches of the season at the tenth attempt as he defeated both Eric Walker and Angus Jones in the 6 – 4 win over Sonning C & P 'E', Michael Houghton picked up a win over Angus and Ivor won two as well. The draw came against Tidmarsh 'B' as Allan won two against Francois Durand and Dave Wise, Michael and Ivor also had success on the night. They could only field two players on the night against Pangbourne 'A' and despite a valiant attempt to salvage a point they lost 3 – 7.

Tidmarsh 'B' are ensconced in mid-table at the moment with 10 points from 10 matches after their recent record of one win five. The two draws were against Kingfisher 'F' and Pangbourne WMC 'A' and the two subsequent 3 – 7 losses were against two Sonning teams, the 'D' and 'B' teams. The only win came at the beginning of November as they ran out 6 – 4 winners against Kingfisher 'E' thanks to a great treble



MICHAEL HOUGHTON



ALLAN BRUTON



by John Golding, a brace from Francois Durand and a single from Mike Aistrop. Mike recorded an impressive maximum in the 5 – 5 draw with Kingfisher 'F' as he beat Allan Bruton, Michael Houghton and Ivor Hardman, Dave Wise won a crucial match with Michael too. Francois and on



ANGUS JONES

debut John Goodyer both won two and then teamed up to win the doubles to clinch a point against Pangbourne. Rob Jones became the eighth player to play for Tidmarsh 'B' this season in the 3 – 7 defeat by Sonning C & P 'D' as he did well to win against Mark Jones and Anthony Reeve. Francois picked up the other set. In their most recent match they lost 3 – 7 to promotion favourites Sonning C & P 'B'.

**Kingfisher 'E'** are in seventh place and on an unbeaten run of three matches, having won twice and drawn once, they did start November with the defeat to Tidmarsh 'B' mentioned above. The trio of Colin Dyke, Roger Woolven-Allen and Luca Bianchi all managed to win one set each and were close on three other occasions that could have swung the match in their favour. Colin won all three in the relatively comfortable 8 – 2 win over Sonning C & P 'D', he was well supported by Roger and Grant Wheatley who both won two each. John Morris made his season debut in the battle with the leaders Sonning C & P 'B' and won a single against Brian Meheux 11-5, 11-6, 11-9 but it was left to Grant and Colin to win the other four, which they shared out two each with victories over Brian and Jeremy Willis, however, they both slipped to three-game defeats to Simon Berry. In the

first match of December they went to Sonning C & P 'E' and came away with all the points as two each from Colin, Grant and Luca Bianchi earned them a 6 – 4 win.

**Tidmarsh 'C'** would probably have thought that they would be slightly higher in the table than the eighth place they currently find themselves. We have had as long an injury list as Arsenal have but that's just excuses J. We did win our first match at the fifth time of asking when we defeated Sonning C & P 'E' 8 – 2 as Dave Reynolds won all three and Steve Ricks and I chipped in with two each. We probably produced our best result of the season when we drew with OLOP 'C'. As alluded to above I had a good win over Harry Munro which was his first loss of the season, it was a close match 9-11, 12-10, 11-6, 9-11, 11-8 and at the doubles we led 4 – 2 but Yonatan and Harry just got the better of Dave and me to win 12-10 in the fifth. We did lead 5 – 3 but were pegged back as Dave lost to Harry and I lost in set ten to Yonatan. Our most recent match saw our injury list exceed the amount of players we had so we played with two at Sonning C & P 'C' and nearly came away with a point as Dave and me both won two each and we lost the doubles to Tim and Matt 12-10 in the fifth (a bit of a recurring theme happening J).

**Sonning Common & Peppard 'E'** find themselves just above the relegation trapdoor but only on sets difference, they have won only once in the last and that was in a potential relegation four-pointer against Kingfisher 'G'. Thomas Perkins and Joe Barraclough won six of the seven sets as they went home with maximums. Joe won his match against Jazz Dhillon 20-18 in the fourth, 13-11 in the fifth against Dave Gostelow whilst Thomas won 11-8 in the fifth against Willis Ma. Eric Walker was the other winner with a 11-9. 11-9, 11-8 win over Dave Gostelow. Thomas won all three in the 4 – 6 defeat to Sonning C & P 'C' which included fine wins over Matt Stone and Danny Dockree in five. Angus Jones won 11-5, 8-11, 14-12, 4-11, 11-5 against Steve Ricks and Joe won 13-11, 10-12, 12-10, 2-11, 11-9 against me in the 2 – 8 defeat to Tidmarsh 'C'. In their last two matches they have been so close to points as they lost both matches by the 4 – 6 scoreline. Angus and Joe won two each against Kingfisher 'E' whilst Eric had two good wins against Ivor Hardman and Michael Houghton in the defeat to Kingfisher 'F'.



DEREK WAVELL

them off the bottom of the table and within touching distance of safety. The match that kick-started their season came against fellow bottom half team Kingfisher 'G'. Mark Jones won a brace for the first time this season with his wins over Rick Leachman and Dave Gostelow, Anthony Reeve also won two with wins over Rick and Dave whilst

## LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
Mathew Faulkner	SC&P B	6	6	100.00
Harry Munro	OLOP C	27	25	92.59
Simon Berry	SC&P B	24	22	91.67
Andy Stephens	Tidmarsh C	9	8	88.89
Allan Bruton	Kingfisher F	18	15	83.33
Yonatan Slobodskoy	OLOP C	30	24	80.00
Denise Weller	Pangbourne A	23	18	78.26
John Golding	Tidmarsh B	18	14	77.78
Jeremy Willis	SC&P B	18	14	77.78
Allen Pack	Kingfisher F	15	11	73.33
Ivor Hardman	Kingfisher F	18	13	72.22
Matt Stone	SC&P C	26	18	69.23

Derek Wavell won one against Dave. The doubles proved as crucial as Anthony and Mark overcame Willis and Rick 11-8, 7-11, 11-6, 11-4. Kingfisher 'E' proved too strong for them although Alan Mollett defeated Roger Woolven-Allen 8-11, 11-7, 11-7, 16-14 and Anthony beat Grant 11-9, 11-8, 11-7 as they lost 2 – 8. A sense of déjà vu occurred in the next match against Kingfisher 'F' as they lost 2 – 8 with Anthony winning the only singles with an 11-7, 10-12, 12-10, 11-9 win over Allen Pack, the other came courtesy of an Anthony & Alan doubles win over Ivor and Allan. The second win of the season was an impressive 7 – 3 result against Tidmarsh 'B' as Alan Mollett won his and his teams first maximum of the season against Rob Jones, Chris Webb and Francois Durand. Anthony had good wins over Chris and Francois whilst Mark only had a win against Chris. This result must give them hope of survival at the end of the season. Their most recent match saw them lose against third place Pangbourne 3 – 7 with Mark Jones being the star turn with

a brace.

**Kingfisher 'G'** have had a bit of a tough time since the first two weeks of the season as they have slumped to a record as bad as Aston Villa, having now lost eight in a row, although tonight they entertain us who they beat back in September so they could well do the double. Willis Ma won all three in the 4 – 6 defeat to Sonning C & P 'D' and Rick Leachman was the only other winner with an 11-1, 11-9, 11-9 win over Derek Wavell. The evening out to Sonning C & P 'B' turned out to be a 2 – 8 defeat although Willis lost two of his three in five to Nigel Maltby and Brian Meheux, they did come away with two sets as Nigel had to retire due to injury but in the Jazz v Nigel match Jazz was 2 – 1 up in games. Willis and Jazz got one and a half of the three sets they won against Sonning C & P 'E' as they both beat Eric Walker, Dave looked unlucky to lose in five to Joe Barraclough. In their most recent match they took on the leaders, OLOP 'C' but they lost 2 – 8 thanks to one win by Jazz over Ziko Jerzmanski 11-3, 14-12, 9-11, 11-4 and Roger Pritchard's win over Ziko 11-7, 11-5, 11-5.

That's the end of this latest editions of Barry's ramblings... perhaps there might be space for a few general stats as it's Christmas after all.

38.5% of the results have been either 5 – 5 or 6 – 4 which means 61.5% of the results have been less close. There have been 22 home wins, 21 away wins and 9 draws so does that prove home conditions don't have that much influence after all. There have been 182 occasions or 39.5% where the set result was 3 – 0, 154 or 33.5% for 3 – 1 and 124 or 27% for 3 – 2.

...and finally I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and the very best of wishes for 2016.



## DIVISION THREE

by Derek Harrison

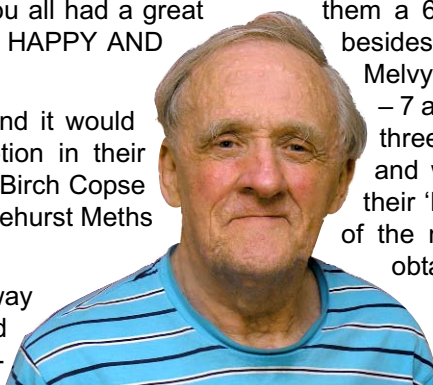


ello everybody. I hope that you all had a great Christmas and wish you all a HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2016.

At the halfway stage Kingfisher 'J' and it would seem Tilehurst Meths 'A' have promotion in their grasp. At the bottom I do not think that Birch Copse 'A' can survive, with Kingfisher 'I' and Tilehurst Meths 'B' trying to avoid the other spot.

**Kingfisher 'J'** carry on their merry way by winning 1 – 9 at Curzon 'B' with David Joyce and Luca Bianci both hitting trebles. For David they were all 3 straight.

David Upham playing in his first match of the season won two. At Tilehurst Meths 'B' they were easy 2 – 8 winners. Luca & Melvyn both gained doubles, as did David who also won two out of two, but didn't play his third due to the illness of Ian Cockling. At home to a spirited OLOP 'D' they had to rely on a tenth set win for David over Mark Bullion to give



them a 6 – 4 victory. This completed his hat-trick, besides teaming up with Melvyn to win the doubles. Melvyn and Luca won one each. They then won 3 – 7 at Pangbourne 'B' with again David winning all three. Krys Szczygiel came back into the side and won two as did Luca. In the derby against their 'H' team they won 8 – 2 with Luca the player of the match winning three, as did Dave. Melvyn obtained a single.

**Kingfisher 'H'** had a very easy 8 – 2 win over Kingfisher 'I'. Eric Holmes won all three and Carol Byers and Steve Woolnough gave him good support by winning two each. In the battle of the top two they lost 6 – 4 at Tilehurst Meths 'A'. Carol had two great wins by beating Paul Treadgold 11-9, 9-11, 11-5, 8-11, 6-11 and Phil Jones 10-12, 11-6, 8-11, 12-10, 4-11. Mick Mitcham and Eric also beat Paul. At home to Milestone 'A' it took a set ten win for Eric to win the





MICK MITCHAM OF KINGFISHER 'H'

match 6 – 4. Eric beat John Crosfield 12-10, 11-3, 11-9, which completed a double for him, as did Steve who also teamed up with Eric to win the doubles. Mick gained a vital single by also beating John 12-10 in the fifth end. They then lost ground by losing 7 – 3 at Springfield 'A'. Eric and Steve won one each by beating Des. They also teamed up to win the doubles. At Kingfisher 'J' their promotion hopes were dented when they lost 8 – 2 with Dave and Steve both beating Melvyn.

**Tilehurst Meths 'A'** had a close 4 – 6 win at Pangbourne 'B' with Phil Jones winning all three. Nigel Rowland gained a double and Cath Venning hit a vital single by beating Roger Stevens. At home to Kingfisher 'H' Cath hit a superb maximum to help them win 6 – 4. Phil won two besides teaming up with Cath to win the doubles three straight. At home to bottom side Birch Copse 'A' Nigel and Cath both gained trebles. For Cath they were all three straight. Paul Treadgold obtained a single. Cath and Nigel also won the doubles. At the time of writing they went three points clear of the third place team by beating a weak Kingfisher 'I' team 9 – 1 who were without their best two players. Paul took advantage by gaining his first hat trick of the season. Phil also won all three and Cath gained a double. In an entertaining match against Curzon 'B' they won 6 – 4 with Cath and Phil both winning two besides teaming up to win the doubles. Nigel played his part by beating Jim Brent. I have to congratulate Cath on her sportsmanship in her set against Mike Maynard when she had lots of nets and edges against her but did not complain.

**Springfield 'A'** went to Tilehurst Meths 'B' and came

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kingfisher J	10	9	1	0	74	26	19
Tilehurst Meths A	9	8	0	1	57	33	16
Springfield A	10	5	3	2	59	41	13
Kingfisher H	10	5	1	4	53	47	11
Milestone A	9	5	1	3	48	42	11
Curzon B	10	5	0	5	50	50	10
Pangbourne B	10	3	3	4	47	53	9
OLOP D	10	3	2	5	44	56	8
Tilehurst Meths B	10	3	1	6	44	56	7
Kingfisher I	10	2	0	8	36	64	4
Birch Copse A	10	0	0	10	28	72	0

away with a point thanks to a treble from Phil Burke and a single from Seth Martin. Seth and Phil also teamed up to win the doubles. In a match brought forward they just got home 6 – 4 against Kingfisher 'I' with Phil gaining yet another maximum. Des played his part by winning two and also teaming up with Phil to win the doubles. At home to OLOP 'D' they lost 3 – 7 with Phil being the only singles scorer by beating Alistair and Dave. Des and Phil did win the doubles. I have to mention that six sets went to five games and they lost the lot. How unlucky. In a mid table clash with Pangbourne 'B' Phil hit his usual maximum and with Seth and Ludo Couillard both beating Roger Stevens this gained them a draw. At home to Kingfisher 'H' both Phil and Ludo obtained maximums. For Ludo I feel it was a player of the match performance. Des won the other set by beating Mick. At Birch Copse 'A' Phil hit a three straight maximum to help them win 3 – 7. Seth won two while Ludo managed a single.

**Milestone 'A'** beat OLOP 'D' 4 – 6 with Arun Rajagopal hitting a good treble besides teaming up with Chris Collins who won two to also win the doubles. They then drew with Pangbourne 'B' with John Crosfield winning two and Arun and reserve John Evans both picking up singles. Despite a



KRYSZ SZCZYGIEL OF KINGFISHER 'J'

great hat-trick from Chris Collins they lost at Kingfisher 'H' 6 – 4. Arun won the other set by beating Mick Mitcham. Two days later they beat Birch Copse 'A' 6 – 4 with Arun, John and reserve Ollie Bonser, who was player of the match, all winning two each. They then won 2 – 8 at struggling Kingfisher 'I' with Chris winning all three. John and reserve Sachin Mundra both gained doubles.

**Pangbourne 'B'** fought hard against Tilehurst Meths 'A' and only lost 4 – 6. Ray Webb did well by beating Nigel and Cath and also teamed up to win the doubles with Clive Taylor. Clive himself won one by also beating Cath. At Milestone 'A' Clive hit his first hat trick of the season with Ray winning two which helped them to a point. At home to Springfield 'A' Clive and Ray both won two each. They also won the doubles 11-5 in the fifth end to gain them a draw. At home to Kingfisher 'J' Ray and Clive both gained singles in a 3 – 7 defeat. They also teamed up to win the doubles against David and Melvyn. It then took a set ten win for Ray, who beat John Virgo, to complete his hat-trick which helped them beat Tilehurst Meths 'B' 4 – 6.

Clive played his part by winning two.

**Tilehurst Meths 'B'** shared the spoils with Springfield 'A' with Ian Cockling and Masoud Ghabachi both gaining doubles. Reserve Martin Wetherell hit a vital single by beating Des Hele. At home to leaders Kingfisher 'J' John Virgo beat Melvyn and Nick Barnes beat Luca in their 2 – 8 defeat. At Curzon singles from Ian, John and Masoud who all beat me (but then everyone beats me) and a great doubles win for Ian and John over Mike and Nick were not enough as they lost 6 – 4. Masoud beat me 9-11, 10-12, 11-13 after being 10-4 down in that third game. At home to Birch Copse 'A' they came back to winning form by beating them 7 – 3 with John hitting his first treble of the season. Ian won two and Masoud won one by beating Roy Hull. At OLOP they just got touched off 6 – 4 with John and Nick both winning two each. The two of them were very unlucky in the doubles against Mark and Alistair, only going down 12-14, 11-8, 11-9, 3-11, 11-9. At home to Pangbourne 'B' they just went down 4 – 6 with Nick winning two and Masoud and John both picking up singles.



ARUN RAJAGOPAL

**Curzon Club 'B'** won only their second match of the season by beating bottom side Birch Copse 'A' 2 – 8. It was great to welcome Mike Maynard back to the fold because he had not played in a match since last season. Mike responded with a very good hat-trick as did Nick Lean. They also teamed up to win the doubles. Geoff Johnson weighed in with a single. We then came down to earth by losing 1 – 9 to Kingfisher 'J' with Nick beating John Upham. At Kingfisher 'I' Mike came back into the team and gained a very good hat-trick. Nick had a good night by winning two and with Mike won a fine doubles. Jim Brent had a nice win over Joaquin which gave us a 3 – 7 victory. Trebles from Mike and Nick gave us a 6 – 4 victory over Tilehurst Meths 'B'. For Nick they were all three straight by

beating Masoud 11-7, 11-5, 11-5 Ian 11-8, 11-7, 11-3 and John 11-9, 11-9, 14-12. At Tilehurst Meths 'A' despite a great performance from Mike we lost 6 – 4. Geoff won the other set by beating Nigel Rowland. For the first time since September 2006 we recorded a 10 – 0 victory by beating OLOP 'D'. Geoff, Mike and Derek were the hat-trick men. For me it was my first maximum since I won all three against Curzon 'C' in Jan 2013 and indeed it broke my duck for the season.

**OLOP 'D'** lost a close match with Milestone 'A' 4 – 6. Dave Godfrey won two and Alistair Richardson and reserve Jan Polnik both picked up singles. They then had a fine 3 – 7 away win at Springfield 'A' with Giuliano Ghidini hitting a great maximum which included Phil Burke who he beat 13-15, 6-11, 11-9, 11-7, 9-11. Alistair and Dave both gained good doubles. Wendy Porter and Giuliano both gained doubles by beating Melvyn and Luca of Kingfisher 'J' in their very close 6 – 4 defeat. By beating Tilehurst Meths 'B' 6 – 4 they moved well clear of the bottom two. Alistair and Mark Bullion won two each besides teaming up to win the doubles. Dave won a vital single by beating Masoud. At Curzon 'B' they crashed to a 10 – 0 defeat but I have to say they were hard done by with that scoreline.

Nils Wedi and Joaquin Sabater both gained singles for **Kingfisher 'I'** in their 8 – 2 defeat at Kingfisher 'H'. At Springfield 'A' Nils hit two and Joaquin and Gabor Radnoti both gained singles in a 6 – 4 defeat. They then went down 3 – 7 to Curzon 'B' with Nils, Joaquin and Gabor all winning one each. At Tilehurst Meths 'A' Joaquin had a great 12-10, 11-6, 8-11, 4-11, 7-11 win over Cath Venning in a 9 – 1 defeat. At home to Milestone they lost 2 – 8 with reserve David Wells winning one by beating John Crosfield. Gabor also won one by beating Sachin Mundra. Jean-Noel Thepaut came back into the side and promptly won all three besides teaming up with Nils, who won two, to give them both points by beating Birch Copse 'A' 6 – 4.

**Birch Copse 'A'** lost for the fifth time when going down 8 – 2 at home to Curzon 'B'. Mike Williams and Jes Eassom were the scorers by beating Geoff Johnson. Also at home to Tilehurst Meths 'A' they lost 2 – 8 with Roy Hull and Jes both beating Paul Treadgold. At Milestone 'A' they only lost 6 – 4. Jes hit a double and Roy gained a single by beating John Crosfield. At Tilehurst Meths 'B' they led 1 – 2 but still lost 7 – 3. Jes had two good wins and Mike gained a single. They then lost 3 – 7 to Springfield 'A' with Roy, Mike and Jes all winning one each. At Kingfisher 'I' Jes won two and Roy and Mike both picked up singles in a 6 – 4 defeat.

Finally I must remind you we have a no postponement rule in place. However if you do have a problem in playing a fixture please speak to me for advice first before contacting the opposition captain.

Cheers,  
Derek

### LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
David Joyce	Kingfisher J	29	29	100.0%
Mick Maynard	Curzon B	15	15	100.0%
Phil Burke	Springfield A	27	25	92.6%
Jean-Noel Thepaut	Kingfisher I	9	8	88.9%
Chris Collins	Milestone A	18	15	83.3%
Giuliano Ghidini	OLOP D	12	9	75.0%
Nigel Rowland	Tilehurst Meths A	15	11	73.3%
Phil Jones	Tilehurst Meths A	24	17	70.8%
Eric Holmes	Kingfisher H	27	19	70.4%
Luca Bianchi	Kingfisher J	27	19	70.4%
Cath Venning	Tilehurst Meths A	24	16	66.7%
Clive Taylor	Pangbourne B	27	17	63.0%
Arun Rajagopal	Milestone A	21	13	61.9%
Dave Godfrey	OLOP D	18	11	61.1%
Ray Webb	Pangbourne B	30	18	60.0%
Nick Barnes	Tilehurst Meths B	15	9	60.0%





# DIVISION FOUR

by Nigel Rowland

**A** warm welcome to all teams as yet another Christmas and New Year looms upon us. The division is split in two halves, the results between teams at the top and bottom show the gulf between the teams. Congratulations go to Tidmarsh 'E' remaining unbeaten at the top of the table, it's going to take an exceptional performance to take any points off them. Tidmarsh 'D' have done brilliantly to push up the table into second spot. Along with Sonning Sports 'A' they are both neck and neck, vying for the second promotion spot. Sorry to say the loss of Terry Spice will have an impact to Curzon 'C' having a say in the promotion spots.



I understand from Linda King that Terry Spice is making progress and she is badly missing her doubles partner. I have had word from Terry he is going to be out of action for some time yet. It is good to see Bob Woodmansee of Sonning Sports 'A' back in action.

At the bottom Tilehurst Meths 'C', Kingfisher 'K', SC&P 'F' and Milestone 'B' have all picked up points but all remain vulnerable to the drop zone.

**Tidmarsh 'E'** A treble from Dave Sheppard with doubles from Theresa Watson and Steve Andrews as they continue their quest for promotion as champions with an 8 – 2 win over Milestone 'B'. In a stern test, doubles from Dave and Simon with a single from Theresa gave them a close 6 – 4 win over promotion hopefuls Sonning Sports 'A'. Simon had two five game wins over Bob Snellgrove and Keith Machin, Theresa and Dave just lost in five to Keith Machin. Chris Webb starred with a treble supported with doubles from Simon and Theresa to defeat OLOP 'E' 2 – 8. Simon had a close five game win over Laurence Croix and Chris Webb the same over Felix Thomis. Simon, Chris and Dave inflicted a 1 – 9 win over Curzon 'C'. Dave lost in four to Linda King.

**Curzon 'C'** Linda King fought her way to a treble as Terry Spice suffered an injury after winning one game as they drew with Kingfisher 'K'. Mike Gillard just lost in five to Ania Pytka. As Terry is likely to be out for some time, Linda and John Walker recorded a double with brilliant support from Oli Lister to win 6 – 4 against OLOP 'E'. John got the all important final game win over Jan Polnik and Oli won a close five game win over Rumen Rangelov. Linda managed doubles in their 8 – 2 loss to a resurgent Tilehurst Meths 'C'. Mike managed a game win over in form Chris Taylor. As the team succumbed to Xmas snacks, John could only win a double with a single from Linda as they went down 7 – 3 to promotion contenders Tidmarsh 'D'. John had a close five game win over Terry Hardie coming back from 6-10 down and Linda just lost in five to Dave Smith. Linda had the only win in their 1 – 9 loss to table toppers Tidmarsh 'E'. Oli and Mike tried hard but despite close game results could not quite convert them into wins.

**Sonning Sports 'A'** Bob Snellgrove and Nigel Goodman trebles with a double from Dave Chard as they romped to a 1 – 9 win over OLOP 'E'. Nigel Goodman had a close five game win over Rumen Rangelov. In a close match between two promotion contenders, doubles from Nigel and Keith Machin resulted in a close 6 – 4 loss to leaders Tidmarsh 'E'. Bob S and Keith just lost in five to Simon Barter; had either if these games been won, Tidmarsh 'E' would have lost their 100% record. Bob S, Bob W and Dave showed no mercy in their 10 – 0 drubbing of SC&P 'F'. Springfield 'B' were the next team to be taken to the sword winning 1 – 9 with a Bob W, Bob S treble and a double from Dave. Bob S had two five game victories over Dan Mortimer and John Burke, apparently it's only taken fifty years (or is it now only 35 years) to get the win over John and it was worth the hug at the end! The two Bobs and

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tidmarsh E	9	9	0	0	72	18	18
Sonning Sports A	10	7	2	1	75	25	16
Tidmarsh D	9	7	1	1	56	34	15
OLOP E	10	5	1	4	48	52	11
Curzon Club C	10	4	3	3	48	52	11
Springfield B	9	4	0	5	38	52	8
Tilehurst Meths C	9	2	1	6	38	52	5
Kingfisher K	10	1	3	6	36	64	5
SC&P F	8	1	1	6	27	53	3
Milestone B	10	0	2	8	32	68	2

Not only Springfield received votes for a good cup of tea and biscuit, Tilehurst, Tidmarsh and Curzon have also had mentions, cakes and all.

Bob Woodmansee of Sonning Sports 'A' has taken over at the top of the averages with Felix Thomis of OLOP 'E' sitting second. Dave Sheppard and Simon Barter sit at the top of the doubles league with four out of four wins. A special mention goes to Andrew Mutlow who played 24 sets this season and I hope his New Years wish comes true by recording his first triumph.

For those of you who are unaware, a new category called 'Player of the Match' is calculated by the system. However, if you comment on a player's performance and wish to nominate them this can be changed during the results entry. Dave Sheppard currently leads with five awards.

Dave showed their class by inflicting a 10 – 0 win over Kingfisher 'K' to continue with their quest for a promotion spot.

**OLOP 'E'** Jan Polnik got the only win over Dave Chard in their 1 – 9 loss to Sonning Sports 'A'. A Chris Bunn treble with a single from Jan resulted in a 6 – 4 loss to Curzon 'C'. Rumen Rangelov just lost in five to Oli Lister. Felix Thomis came away with a double in their 2 – 8 loss to table toppers Tidmarsh 'E'. Both Chris and Lawrence had close game losses, most were 9-11/10-12. Had they been able to convert these to wins the result would have been closer. A double from Chris along with singles from Lawrence and Jan gave them a point against SC&P 'F'. Lawrence snatched a point in the final set with a five game win over Oliver Sayer. Felix starred with a treble along with doubles from guest Mahajlo Ralic and Chris to defeat Springfield 'B' 7 – 3. Chris just lost in five to Adam Sheen.

**Springfield 'B'** Adam Sheen treble with doubles from Chris Speight and Dan Mortimer gave them a good 8 – 2 win over Tilehurst Meths 'C'. Adam had a close five game win over Mal Collis coming back from two down. Due to the opposition lacing them with cakes Dan only managed a double and single from John Burke in their 6 – 4 loss to promotion contenders Tidmarsh 'D'. Alan Gould managed a game win against John Liddle. Doubles from Adam and John with an Alan single returned them back to winning ways defeating Milestone 'B' 6 – 4. Adam was the hero of the evening with a close last set five game win over Zoltan Kelemen to seal the points. John was the only winner in their match with Sonning Sports 'A' going down 1 – 9 in the process. Had Dan or John converted their five game losses into wins they may have achieved a closer result. An Adam double was all they had to show in their 7 – 3 loss to OLOP 'E'. Adam just lost in five to Felix Thomis and Chris had tight contests in all his three sets but could not find a win in any of them. Adam and Alan had a close doubles win.

**Tidmarsh 'D'** Doubles from John Liddle, Terry Hardie and Dave Edwards gave them a hard earned 4 – 6 win over SC&P 'E'. John got the final set win over Jamie Legg to win the match. In an evening of hitting and counter hitting John, Dave E and Dave Smith all scored doubles in a great team effort to win 6 – 4 against Springfield 'B'. Dave S was given the man of the match award for his win over John Burke. A John treble with a double from Terry and single from Dave S earned them a 3 – 7 win over Kingfisher 'K'. John had a close five game win over David Wells. Storm Barney nearly prevented the match from starting due to a power cut.



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Fortunately the match was able to start with John, Dave E and Dave S all weighed in with doubles to secure a 6 – 4 close win over a resurgent Tilehurst Meths 'C'. John won the match with a final set win over Patrick O'Sullivan to maintain the second promotion spot. By plying Curzon 'C' with Xmas snacks they won 7 – 3 thanks to doubles from Dave E, Dave S and Terry. Dave S won the man of the match award by defeating Linda King in five. The consistency of John, Terry and Dave S gave them a 3 – 7 win over Milestone 'B'. John almost beat Zoltan Kelemen but

eventually went down in five

**Kingfisher 'K'** Gwynne Penny, Ania Pytka and David Wells all had important wins to grab a point in their match with Curzon 'C'. Gwynne had a close five game loss to Linda King. Ruben Hernandez and Ken Robb doubles helped them to a point against Tilehurst Meths 'C'. Ruben had a great five game win over Martin Wetherell and Ken five game wins over Patrick O'Sullivan and Sam Will. A David double and Gwynne single resulted in a 3 – 7 loss to Tidmarsh 'D'. Gwynne had a great five game win over Dave Smith and Adam McTiernan managed game wins only. Ruben was the hero of the night to snatch a point against Milestone 'B'. Ruben and Gwynne recorded doubles with a Ruben and Adam five game doubles win on the night. Ruben, Ania and Gill Bennett tried hard but ended up with a 10 – 0 defeat against Sonning Sports 'A'. Ruben came closest with game wins only.

**SC&P 'F'** Nicholas Nowak scored a brilliant treble and partnered Jamie Legg in a doubles win in their 4 – 6 loss to promotion hopefuls Tidmarsh 'D'. Nicholas had a great five game win over Dave Edwards. Marko Madzar scored a double with wins from Oli Sayer and Jamie Legg to squeeze a tight 4 – 6 win over Milestone 'B'. Oli returned from injury and Jamie had great wins over Andi Mutlow. Oli, Jamie and Phil Turton were on the wrong end of a 10 – 0 drubbing, mustering game wins only. Nicholas hit top form with a treble along with support from Oli and Marko to take a point against OLOP 'E'. Oli just lost in five to Lawrence Croix in the final game.

**Tilehurst Meths 'C'** Martin Wetherell worked hard for his double in their 8 – 2 loss to Springfield 'B'. Patrick O'Sullivan lost all his sets in four. Doubles from Martin and Patrick including a heroic five game win for guest Sam Will over Ania Pytka resulting in a share of the points against Kingfisher 'K'. Sam and Pat just lost in five to Ken Robb. Buoyed from their last match, Chris Taylor hit top form with a treble, supported by doubles from Martin and guest Steve Dopson to romp to an 8 – 2 win over Curzon 'C'. This earns



them a precious two points in their attempt to climb away from the relegation places. Martin was in great form to record a treble but they still ended up 6 – 4 losers against promotion chasers Tidmarsh 'D'. Unbelievably Chris lost all his sets in five having recorded a treble in his last outing. In a bottom of the table clash Patrick hit top form with a treble with support from Chris and Martin to win 7 – 3 against lowly Milestone 'B'. Patrick had a close five game win over Sachin Mundra.

**Milestone 'B'** A double from Sachin Mundra was all they had to show in their 8 – 2 loss to top of the table Tidmarsh 'E'. Zolten Keleman starred with a treble in their 4 – 6 loss to SC&P 'F'. Andy Mutlow managed a game win over Jamie Legg, and had Vivak Pandey not retired with injury the result may have been different. In a close match a John Evans treble with a single from Zoltan meant they lost 6 – 4

<b>DIV 4 LEADING AVERAGES</b>				
<b>Player</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>%</b>
Felix Thomis	OLOP E	12	11	91.67 %
Bob Woodmansee	Sonning Sports A	21	19	90.48 %
David Sheppard	Tidmarsh E	21	18	85.71 %
Terry Spice	Curzon Club C	14	12	85.71 %
Chris Webb	Tidmarsh E	18	15	83.33 %
Simon Barter	Tidmarsh E	18	15	83.33 %
Nicolas Nowak	SC&P F	12	10	83.33 %
Adam Sheen	Springfield B	12	10	83.33 %
Nigel Goodman	Sonning Sports A	6	5	83.33 %
Keith Machin	Sonning Sports A	6	5	83.33 %

to Springfield 'B'. John had a close five game win over veteran John Burke. Zoltan and Sachin excelled with a double and treble to gain a precious point against Kingfisher 'K'. Zoltan won in five against Gwynne Penny and Andy had close game losses to Gwynne as well which could have given them both points. Sachin and Zoltan got the only wins along with a combined doubles win as they went down 7 – 3 against Tilehurst

Meths 'C'. Sachin had a commendable close win over Martin Wetherell and Zoltan against Chris Taylor. Zolton Kelemen starred with a treble in their 3 – 7 loss to promotion hopefuls Tidmarsh 'D'. Tony Hayden managed a game win only against Dave Smith.

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## **Lower Divisions Cup by Duncan Abbott**

The Lower Divisions Knockout Cup is open to all teams registered in Divisions 4 and 5.

This tournament follows last season's format, with all 9 sets in each match being doubles sets featuring three players on each side. Please note that each set will be best of 3 games (not 5) with games being up to 11 points as in the league.

A total of 12 teams have entered this season's competition. There will be three groups of four teams each, with the three winners and best runner-up progressing to the final.

**Group A**  
Milestone B  
Springfield C  
SC & P F  
OLOP F

**Group B**  
Springfield B  
SC & P G  
Birch Copse B  
Milestone C

**Group C**  
Kingfisher K  
Curzon C  
OLOP G  
Reading FC

**W/C 26 October 2015**  
Milestone B **8** v Springfield C **1**  
SC&P F **6** v OLOP F **3**  
Springfield B **8** v SC & P G **1**  
Birch Copse B **4** v Milestone C **5**  
Kingfisher K **3** v Curzon C **6**  
OLOP G **3** v Reading FC **6**

**W/C 23 November 2015**  
Springfield C **6** v SC&P F **3**  
OLOP F **0** v Milestone B **9**  
SC & P G v Birch Copse B  
Milestone C **2** v Springfield B **7**  
Curzon C **7** v OLOP G **2**  
Reading FC **6** v Kingfisher K **3**

**W/C 21 December 2014**  
SC&P F v Milestone B  
OLOP F **7** v Springfield C **2**  
Birch Copse B v Springfield B  
Milestone C v SC & P G  
OLOP G v Kingfisher K  
Reading FC v Curzon C



# DIVISION FIVE

by Duncan Abbott

**B**efore I commence the latest report it is my sad duty to report the passing of Kyrill Dissanayake and John Creighton. Kyrill was in his early forties so although he had yet to appear for BBC Club this season his untimely death came as something of a shock. In the same way John, who was unbeaten and had dropped only one game all season, was still in fine form for Kingfisher 'L' so his death was totally out of the blue. My sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of both Kyrill and John.



**Reading FC** continue to lead the way in this division, winning four and losing one of their latest round of matches. Ironically their only defeat (4 – 6) was at the hands of Kingfisher 'L' in what proved to be John Creighton's last ever appearance. Both John and Ken Robb inflicted upon Mark Edwards his only losses to date. Other than that Mark scored maximums in the wins against OLOP 'G' (6 – 4), Tidmarsh 'F' (8 – 2) and Sonning Common & Peppard 'G' (8 – 2). Their other success was a 9 – 1 win against Sonning Sports 'B' which featured Joe Bull's only appearance to date. Captain Richard Witt played in all five matches – he scored maximums against OLOP, Sonning Sports and Sonning Common; a brace against Tidmarsh and a single against Kingfisher. Keith Greene scored singles against OLOP, Tidmarsh and Kingfisher. Paul Brown scored a maximum against Sonning Sports and a single against Sonning Common. Joe's only appearance against Sonning Sports gave him a brace. Closest wins have been Mark's win over Mihajlo Ralic (11-9 in the fifth), and Mark & Richard's wins over Tidmarsh's Isaac Davies (12-10 in the fifth) and Bob Sunerton (11-9 in the fifth)

have shared with Sonning Common & Peppard 'G' and OLOP 'G'. Captain Steve Dopson has led by example with full scores against Sonning Common and OLOP 'F' while his colours were lowered by John Scott of BBC and Mihajlo Ralic of OLOP 'G'. Rob James has blown hot and cold with excellent trebles against BBC and OLOP 'F' and then singles against all the other teams. Steve Wood notched braces against Birch Copse, BBC and Tidmarsh and singles against Sonning Common and OLOP 'G' while Sam Will scored braces against Birch Copse and Tidmarsh and a single against OLOP 'G'. Closest win was Steve Dopson's win over Dave Aust of Sonning Common (12-10 in the fifth).

Down to third place are **Kingfisher 'L'** who will now be much weaker without John Creighton. They have won four matches in this round of matches; 9 – 1 against Tidmarsh 'F', 7 – 3 against Sonning Sports 'B', 8 – 2 against Sonning Common & Peppard 'G' and 6 – 4 against previously unbeaten leaders Reading FC. John scored maximums in all these matches whilst Ken Robb also registered three full scores but had his colours lowered for the first time by Mike Casserley from a two-man Sonning Common team. Ken also played in their two losses, 4 – 6 against Milestone 'C' and 2 – 8 against Springfield 'C' scoring a brace on each occasion. Captain Derek Crombie scored braces against Tidmarsh and Sonning Common whilst a first appearance of the season against Milestone earned David O'Keefe a single win. Colin Mercer failed to win any sets in his three appearances since the last report. Closest wins have been Derek's win over Mike Bundy of Tidmarsh (12-10 in the fifth) and Ken's win over Aidan Simmons of Springfield (11-9 in the fifth).

**OLOP 'F'** currently lie fourth in the table. Since the last report they have beaten Milestone 'C' (8 – 2), Springfield 'C' (6 – 4), BBC Club (6 – 4) and Sonning Common & Peppard 'G' (7 – 3). In the midst of those matches they suffered two defeats on the bounce against Birch Copse 'B' and Tilehurst Methodists 'D', both by a 3 – 7 margin. Key to success has been a well balanced team, with only Steve Shaw against BBC and Steve & Balazs Horanyi against a two-man Milestone team getting a full score. Steve also scored braces against Springfield and Sonning Common but failed to score against Tilehurst Methodists. Balazs scored braces against Birch Copse and Sonning Common and a single against Tilehurst Methodists. Rao Burgula scored braces against Springfield and Sonning Common and a single against Tilehurst Methodists. David Holt scored a brace against Springfield and a single against BBC, Gordon Munns finally got his first win of the season beating Phil Peat and captain Cedric Dias made a rare appearance against Birch Copse, failing to score. Closest wins were David's win over Robert Atack of Springfield (13-11 in the fifth) and Steve's win over Dave Aust of Sonning Common (12-10 in the fifth).

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading FC	11	10	0	1	83	27	20
Tilehurst Meths D	11	7	2	2	71	39	16
Kingfisher L	11	8	0	3	64	46	16
OLOP F	11	6	1	4	59	51	13
SC&P G	10	6	1	3	53	47	13
OLOP G	11	5	1	5	59	51	11
Tidmarsh F	11	5	1	5	52	58	11
Birch Copse B	11	5	0	6	55	55	10
Sonning Sports B	11	4	0	7	47	63	8
Milestone C	11	3	0	8	38	72	6
Springfield C	11	2	0	9	41	69	4
BBC Club	10	1	0	9	28	72	2

respectively.

**\*\*\* STOP PRESS\*\*\* Reading FC beat Milestone 'C' 8 – 2 , Richard gaining a maximum and two each for Keith and Joe.**

Unbeaten since the last report are **Tilehurst Methodists 'D'** who have won four and drawn two of their last six matches. Wins came against Birch Copse 'B' (6 – 4), BBC Club (8 – 2), OLOP 'F' (7 – 3) and Tidmarsh 'F' (6 – 4) while the spoils





TONY HAYDEN

**Sonning Common & Peppard 'G'** have plummeted down the table to fifth place after amassing only three points from the last five matches. After a 6 – 4 win over Sonning Sports 'B' and a draw against Tilehurst Methodists 'D', they have suffered three defeats on the bounce, against Kingfisher 'L' (2 – 8), Reading FC (2 – 8) and OLOP 'F' (3 – 7). Mike Casserley has played in all five matches hitting a brace in all fixtures apart from Reading FC where he gained a single. Dave Aust hit a brace in the first two fixtures and a single in the final two, but crucially missed the match against Kingfisher where the team were able to field only two players. Julian James hit a single in the opening match against Sonning Sports and the final fixture against OLOP 'F', but Derek Maltby was the other player in each of the other three fixtures and he failed to score in any of them. Captain Pete Harman did not make an appearance, and the team did not win any "five gamers".

**OLOP 'G'** have jumped three places to sixth because they have played eight matches since the last report. They started with a narrow defeat to leaders Reading FC, then put together three straight wins against Milestone 'C', Springfield 'C' (both 6 – 4) and Birch Copse 'B' (7 – 3). Then it was back down to earth with defeats against Sonning Sports 'B' (3 – 7) and Tidmarsh 'F' (4 – 6), then after a draw against Tilehurst Methodists 'D' they comprehensively beat BBC Club (9 – 1). Also during this period they strengthened the team by adding Carlo Cafaro.

To summarise, the records of all players over this period are as follows:

Mihajlo Ralic (capt) – Trebles against Springfield, Tilehurst Methodists and BBC; a brace against Milestone and a single against Reading FC.

Anthony Alleyne – Treble against Milestone; braces against Reading FC, Birch Copse, Sonning Sports and Tilehurst Methodists and a single against Tidmarsh.

Carlo Cafaro – Trebles against Birch Copse and BBC; a brace against Tidmarsh; singles against Springfield and

Sonning Sports; no score against Reading FC.

James Griffith – Treble against BBC, singles against Birch Copse and Springfield and no score against Sonning Sports.

Mariusz Paluszkiewicz – Failed to score against Milestone or Tilehurst Methodists.

Closest wins were for Tony against Richard Witt of Reading FC (11-9 in the fifth), Mihajlo against Keith Greene of Reading FC (14-12 in the fifth), James against Tom Berryman of Springfield (11-9 in the fifth), John Scott of BBC (13-11 in the fifth) and Phil Peat of BBC (11-9 in the fifth), and Carlo against Colin Chalkley of Sonning Sports (11-9 in the fifth).

**Tidmarsh 'F'** have won three and lost four of the seven matches they have played since the last report. They enjoyed a purple patch in the middle beating Milestone 'C' (7 – 3), Springfield 'C' and OLOP 'G' (6 – 4), but this was flanked by defeats against Kingfisher 'L' (1 – 9), Reading FC (2 – 8) and then Birch Copse 'B' (3 – 7) and Tilehurst Methodists 'D' (4 – 6). Captain Bob Sunerton is in a lean spell having won only three sets out of the last five matches. Leading player Pete Sinclair has added braces against Milestone and OLOP 'G' to his previous full score. Steve Andrews has remembered which team he is playing for (he played up for the 'E' team in the previous three fixtures) and scored braces against Springfield and Tilehurst Methodists plus a single against Birch Copse. Isaac Davies scored a nice treble against OLOP 'G' and braces against Milestone and Tilehurst Methodists, but failed to score against Reading FC. The evergreen John Harland scored a brace against Springfield and singles against Kingfisher and Birch Copse. Mike Bundy scored twice against Milestone and once against Springfield and Reading FC. Closest wins were for

### LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
John Creighton	Kingfisher L	18	18	100.00 %
Mark Edwards	Reading FC	24	22	91.67 %
J. Chmielowiec	Birch Copse B	24	22	91.67 %
Kenneth Robb	Kingfisher L	27	24	88.89 %
Steve Dopson	Tilehurst Meths D	18	16	88.89 %
Peter Sinclair	Tidmarsh F	9	7	77.78 %
Mihajlo Ralic	OLOP G	21	16	76.19 %
Cris Reynolds	Sonning Sports B	24	18	75.00 %
Oliver Bonser	Milestone C	12	9	75.00 %
Richard Witt	Reading FC	27	20	74.07 %
Mike Casserley	SC&P G	30	22	73.33 %

Mike against Tony Hayden of Milestone (12-10 in the fifth) and Isaac against Tony Alleyne of OLOP 'G' (15-13 in the fifth).

**Birch Copse 'B'** have won three and lost three of the six matches since the last report. Wins have come against OLOP 'F' (7 – 3), Tidmarsh 'F' (7 – 3) and Sonning Sports 'B' (6 – 4) and losses against Tilehurst Methodists 'D' (4 – 6),

BBC Club (4 – 6) and OLOP 'G' (3 – 7). Star man this season has undoubtedly been Jarek Chmielowiec. Since the last report he has won an incredible 14 sets out of 15, losing out only to John Scott of BBC. Andrew Adair is not far behind winning 6 sets out of 9, gaining a single against BBC, a brace against OLOP 'F' and his maiden treble against Tidmarsh. After drawing a blank against Tilehurst Methodists, Melanie Griffiths picked up braces against the two OLOP teams. Yours truly gained a single against Tilehurst Methodists and a brace against Sonning Sports. Elizabeth Hull failed to score against OLOP 'G', Tidmarsh and Sonning Sports and Trevor Davis picked up his only win in two matches with a hard fought victory over James Griffith of OLOP 'G' (11-9 in the fifth). Andrew also had a close run win over Steve Andrews of Tidmarsh (12-10 in the fifth).

**Sonning Sports 'B'** have won three and lost four of the seven matches since the last report. In captain Cris Reynolds, Colin Chalkley and Mike Gautrey they have a much more solid look about them now. And with valuable contributions from Meriel Low and Mo Cole they have a more mid table appearance. Cris has recorded 10 wins out of 15 including a brace against Springfield 'C'. Colin Chalkley has been the epitome of consistency, recording five braces in his last five matches. After failing to record a win against Reading FC, Mike Gautrey recorded a brace against OLOP 'G' and then single wins against Milestone 'C' and Birch Copse 'B'. Mo Cole has recorded three wins in the last five matches, Meriel Low had single wins against Reading FC and Kingfisher 'L' and Suzanne Brownhill has not played since the last report. Closest wins have been for Cris against Mike Casserley of SC&P 'G' (11-9 in the fifth), Colin against Julian James of Sonning Common and Tony Alleyne of OLOP 'G' (both 11-9 in the fifth).

**Milestone 'C'** have won only two matches since the last report, against fellow strugglers BBC Club and Kingfisher 'L'. Defeats have come against the two OLOP clubs, Tidmarsh 'F', Sonning Sports 'B' and Reading FC. Captain Tony Hayden scored a brace against BBC and singles against each of the OLOP clubs and Kingfisher. Oliver Bonser has recorded 7 wins from 9 including two against Reading FC. Bill Hayden's brace came against the BBC. John Evans has been consistent only in his inconsistency, scoring trebles against Tidmarsh and Kingfisher, one against Sonning Sports and none against Reading FC. Debutant Carl Edlind is proving a very plucky customer averaging 26%. Closest win was for John Evans against Kingfisher (11-8 in the fifth).

Shock result of the season so far was to the benefit of **Springfield 'C'** who beat high flying Kingfisher 'L' 8 – 2. OK the Woodley club were without John Creighton but as they say you can only beat what is in front of you. In that match the Twyford side went on the Attack (if you'll pardon the pun Colin) with Robert scoring a treble and brother Andrew and Aidan Simmons scoring braces. The other win was against BBC 7 – 3 thanks to a treble from Aidan, two from captain Colin Jones and a single from Tom Berryman. All the losses

have been by a 4 – 6 margin (including an apparently unpredictable match against OLOP 'F') which goes to show Colin's side are not that far away! Apart from the five star show against Kingfisher, Andrew's only other score during the period was against OLOP 'F's David Holt and Robert's was against Steve Shaw of OLOP G. Colin's braces were against Sonning Sports, Tidmarsh and BBC and apart from the Kingfisher match Aidan scored twice against Tidmarsh and OLOP 'G'. Colin had a close run thing against Jack Mitchell of BBC (11-9 in the fifth). Tim Carr has not played since the last report.

Apart from a slightly surprising 6 – 4 win against Birch Copse 'B', the season has so far been something of a disaster for **BBC Club**. Defeats have come against Springfield 'C', Milestone 'C', Tilehurst Methodists 'D' and the two OLOP



JOHN EVANS

clubs. Best player has been John Scott who is the only player in the team so far to score a treble. He also scored braces against Springfield, Tilehurst Methodists but failed to score against OLOP 'G'. Jack Mitchell has played three times since the last report, winning twice against Milestone and hitting singles against Springfield 'C' and OLOP 'F'. John Lancashire scored a brace against OLOP 'F', a single against Birch Copse but failed to score against Springfield. Captain Phil Peat hit a brace against Milestone and a single against OLOP 'F' but apart from the two he won against Birch Copse Dave Pearson has not managed to trouble the scorers. Dave scraped a narrow win against Andrew Adair of Birch Copse (11-9 in the fifth).

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# YOUTH DIVISION

by Emma Barraclough

The league has continued to have some great play over the last six weeks with several teams jockeying for position as we approached the separation into two divisions after Christmas. In the October half term week the first part of the League's annual Grouping Tournament was staged, with the finals played at the Christmas party on December 4th. The Tournament was divided into 3 age bands – one containing the oldest five players, the second the middle six and the third, the youngest five. The top two players in each group went on to the main event while the third and fourth placed players went into the consolation event. In the oldest age band Bill Hayden topped the group with Adam Winterbottom in second and Daniel Knott and Sachin Dougall going into the Consolation. In the middle age band Keyan Ghods won the group with Lukas Dahmann in second and Daniel Follant and Daniel Houten going through to the Consolation and in the youngest age band Nathan Munns was the winner with Dylan Cook in second and Ryan Griffiths and Sarth Kavdikar going on to the Consolation.



members of the Raiders winning 2 games each. The Trojans won comprehensively against the Panthers 9-1 with Arran Reeve and Jamie Barlow winning all their games and Alex Reeve winning 2 out of 3. In the fourth match the Strikers defeated the Tigers 6-4.

The evening of the 13th November saw four close matches with the Attackers defeating the Raiders 6-4 with Sachin Dougall winning all his games and the Jaguars defeating the Panthers 7-3 with Bill Hayden and Daniel Knott winning all their games. The Tigers and Spartans had an extremely close match ending 5-5 while the Strikers defeated the Trojans 7-3 with Adam Winterbottom and Rory Walder winning all three games.

On November 20th the Attackers won 10-0 against the Panthers, the Jaguars defeated the Trojans 7-3, the Raiders beat Tigers 6-3 and the Strikers with only

## LEADING AVERAGES

Player	P	W	%
Adam Winterbottom	26	26	100.00 %
Bill Hayden	20	19	95.00 %
Rory Walder	14	13	92.86 %
Sachin Dougall	12	11	91.67 %
Daniel Knott	17	14	82.35 %
Nathan Munns	23	18	78.26 %
Camran Nesari	9	7	77.78 %
Joseph Brooks	18	13	72.22 %
Dylan Cook	18	11	61.11 %
Ryan Griffiths	20	12	60.00 %
Jamie Barlow	21	12	57.14 %
Daniel Houten	15	8	53.33 %

## TEAM PLACINGS

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Jaguars	7	5	1	1	50	20	50
2 Raiders	7	5	0	2	46	23	46
3 Strikers	7	6	0	1	45	25	45
4 Tigers	7	3	1	3	37	32	37
5 Attackers	7	3	1	3	34	36	34
6 Trojans	7	1	1	5	30	40	30
7 Spartans	7	2	2	3	28	42	28
8 Panthers	7	0	0	7	9	61	9

The finals were played on the evening of the Christmas Party and in great spirits. The Group 1 final was extremely close, ending with victory for Bill Hayden against Adam Winterbottom 11-7, 11-8, 5-11, 7-11, 11-7 while the Group 2 final saw a win for Lukas Dahmann against Keyan Ghods in another close match 11-7, 6-11, 9-11, 11-8, 11-9. In the Group 3 final Nathan Munns played Dylan Cook in another good game with a win for Nathan 11-4, 10-12, 11-5, 11-5. In the three Consolation matches the Group 1 match was played between Sachin Dougall and Daniel Knott with a win for Sachin 11-9, 11-9, 7-11, 12-10. In the Group 2 match Daniel Follant played Daniel Houten finishing with a win for Daniel Follant 8-11, 11-13, 11-4, 13-11, 11-9 and in Group 3 match Ryan Griffiths played Sarth Kavdikar ending with a win for Ryan 11-6, 12-10, 11-3. Great play all round.

In the League matches, the evening of the 6th November saw wins for the Spartans, Raiders, a very comprehensive win for the Trojans and a victory for the Strikers. The Spartans defeated the Attackers 6-4 with 3 wins for Camran Nesari. The Raiders defeated the Jaguars 6-4 with all three

two players defeated the Spartans 6-4. The final league matches of the season were played on the 27th November with everything to play for as we approached the split into two divisions. The Attackers and Jaguars played a very close match ending in a draw with excellent play on both sides. The Tigers won comprehensively against the Panthers 9-1 and the Strikers defeated the Raiders 7-3. A second draw of the evening between the Trojans and the Spartans ended the matches on a high.

This left the Jaguars topping the Division with 50 points, the Raiders in second with 46 points and the Strikers in third with 45 points. With the Tigers in fourth on 37 points these team will form Division One with the Attackers (34 points), Trojans (30 points), Spartans (28 points) and Panthers (9 points) forming Division Two. We're looking forward to more great play after the Christmas break.

Next season begins with a new innovation – an informal doubles tournament involving parents and young players! Many thanks as always to Wendy.

