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The match programme was finished in good time with Southampton Saints winning the Playoff against Brighton and Hove Regents, the result of a close contest was a 7/5 win for the Saints. This will be the seventh consecutive win for the Saints who can better them next year?

It is hoped that we will have a viable league next year and the current outline plan is for a smaller Eastern division where teams will play each other twice and a larger Western division where teams will play each other once, the IOW teams will be in the West. Amongst other difficulties travel to the IOW has been a major issue for some teams. We will unfortunately be losing at least one Portsmouth team due to various difficulties.

Until the entry forms are returned in January the new arrangements are provisional but we hope we shall have a worthwhile and viable League next year.

The ABSP has voted in an amended set of rules for Tournaments as well as a new dictionary. We seem to have had no problems in using the changed rules last year with teams showing flexibility in the application of the more draconian features which are more suitable for international tournaments, hopefully this tolerance will continue.

It is important we don't lose too many more teams, the League is a valuable asset to the Scrabble scene in the South

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Adoption of WESPA2 rules on 1/1/2012.

These modified rules are intended for use in National and International tournaments – not all are appropriate to adhere to rigorously in League games. They will be implemented, where appropriate, within the League and hopefully will not cause problems

WESPA Dictionary Committee

A new word list has been compiled and the implementation date is 1st January 2012. See UK- scrabble web site for the ongoing discussion on these and other topics. David Sutton has written an excellent booklet on the dictionary changes which can be downloaded from the WESPA web site www.wespa.org

Southern Counties Scrabble League is online at:
www.southerncountiesscrabbleleague.co.uk

You can download copies of the SCSL News on the site. I also offer a discount on League entry fees for those who do not require me to mail them the SCSL News and are willing to download instead.

Southern Counties Scrabble Club News needs to hear from you!

If you would like to share a thought or simply get something off your chest, write to or email SCSL News editor Ruth Marsden.

Ruth can't guarantee to publish all letters but will pick out the most pertinent, amusing or newsworthy items for each issue.

So get your pens or keyboards into action!

LEAGUE ARBITRATION PANEL

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

The panel members are:

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Other Hats

A poem from the most prolific of SCSL's poets Ed Breed from Southdowns

Destiny ?

I noticed just the other day,
The 'barcode' man had passed away.
Each product's history on the plastic –
Ends shopping's mystery – really drastic !

Strange foreboding in the remix: -
Celestial coding ? Double helix.
Does it mean, In handy star mode,
Each human gene contains a bar code ?

Is it worth investigation –
That theory of pre-destination ?
Even odder, does some printer
Say I'm a plodder, you're a sprinter ?

I sought a clue in Shakespeare's pages,
A chance to view Man's seven ages;
From mewling, puking, titfull sucking
To drooling, drooping, fitful plucking !

Are Fancy's flings completely thwarted
When everything's all ready sorted ?
This way, fun 'til late is tops;
"Display until" date, then it stops.

Though dates may show my "Best before's";
My gait's so slow, I'll rest indoors.
And "To Hell fast" may spell my fate,
'Cos I'm well past my "Sell by" date !

EB 25.6.2011

Note: Developer of the bar code – Alan Haberman 1929 – 2011.

PUZZLE BY DAVID SUTTON

To stimulate the little grey cells!



Supernatural Quiz

How well do you know your supernatural entities and mythical beings? Here are twenty alphagrams, the solution to each of which is the name of a ghost, god, monster etc. Some of the words are on the obscure side, but given the clue I would expect strong players to get most if not all of them.

ADEGINPU
ABEGGNU
BBDKUY
EGIKLNR
AEHKU
EEHMNNS
DEMNOOOP
AAHKRSS
AERSSSTY
EILNSSU
DEHILPSY
AEIKLRVY
AACDHNOW
AAIRUW
DEOOOSWW
EEEILNSU
BEIJMU
AADGRU
DEGIILNV
AALORST

See Page 13 for answers.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

Hove Actually Round Robin

Run by Doj Graham for the Brighton and Hove Club

9 games with 20 minutes per game, an innovative format which proved very successful.

Prize Winners

Division	First	Second	Third
A	James Rossiter	Rahn McKeown	Ed Rossiter
B	Tim Lawrence	Elizabeth Ramsey	Kevin Synnott
C	Peter Bailey	Carmen Dolan	Betty Simmonds

Bournemouth 16th Open

Glorious autumn sunshine welcomed players to this 6-game Swiss paired Tournament held on Sunday 2nd October 2011 at the Rooper Hall, home of the Bournemouth Society for the Visually Impaired (BSVI), in aid of whom this event was held. There were 74 players in three divisions, of which the winners were as follows:

Division	First	Second	Third
A	Stewart Houten	James Rossiter	Penny Downer
B	Ian Burn	Rita Todd	Mark Smith
C	Alan Everitt	Scott Bowman	Mel Maltz

The Challenge Shield in memory of the Bournemouth Club's late Chairman, Margaret Bright, was won by Alan Childs winning 5 games and placed 4th in Div B. There were only 3 high word scores listed during the day, and the clear leader was REBATOES for 140, played by Stewart Houten, (a rebato or rabato is a wide lace-edged collar).

A cheque for £550 was donated to the BSVI from entry fees. In addition, sales of home-made cakes and a raffle raised £161.

NOTABLE SCORING FEATS

Highest Word Score

Notified high scores: Chris Finlay of S'ton Saints 158 HIGHNESS. Jo Tebbutt 156 QUIZZES and Elizabeth Allen 126 UNGLAZED, both players are from the Newport Red team. Noel Turner from Newport Blue played REVIEWED for 135 and Bob Lynn from Salisbury played MESSIEST for 122. Tim Charlton of Guildford, 131 LUNARIST. Colin Parker of Carshalton 140 BAPTIZES. George Newman of Brighton, 131 ALTERNES and WHEELIER 140. Alan Childs of B'mth Ospreys, 149 BOUNDERS. Elisabeth Jardine of B'mth Magpies, 140 CALORIES. Wendy Lindridge of Salisbury, 149 READINGS.

An unchallenged phoney (!!!), 140 was scored by Alan Bailey of S'ton Sinners, for UNPLATED!!

Highest Team Score

Scores of 5000 or more:

5491 by Guildford against Dorking
 5322 by S'ton Saints against Newport Red
 5245 by Carshalton Curlews against Southdowns Scorpions
 5204 by Newport Blue against Newport Red
 5139 by B'mth Magpies against Salisbury
 5114 by S'ton Saints against Newport Blue
 5113 by Ryde Hornets against Guildford
 5107 by Brighton against Dorking
 5075 by S'ton Saints against S'ton Sinners
 5053 by Brighton Regents against Rustington
 5043 by Carshalton Curlews against East Berks Smarties
 5024 by Brighton Regents against Guildford
 5004 by B'mth Ospreys against S'ton Sinners

High Game Scores

Players who have exceeded 550: Brian Jones of S'ton Saints 582. Noel Turner of Newport Blue 570. Penny Downer of Newport Blue who managed not one, but three such scores: 558, 540 and 553. Stewart Solomons of Carshalton Curlews achieved 580 and Tim Charlton of Guildford 564. Gary Oliver of S'ton Saints 558. George Newman of Brighton 554. Andy Becher of East Berks 552.

Further high scores over 520: Elisabeth Jardine 549, Barbara Allen 548, Wendy Lindridge 545, Ralph Gibbs 542, Noel Turner 538, Angela Swain 536, Charlotte Ward 529, Bob Lynn 527 (twice!), Tim Charlton 529, 520, 529, Chris Finlay 525, Colin Parker 523, Penny Downer 520, 540. Elizabeth Ramsey 524.

Highest Win Ratios

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

Eastern Division

Carol Stanley of Guildford 89%, Tim Charlton of Guildford 89%, Stuart Solomons of Carshalton 87%, Pat Fenn of Southdowns 83%, Colin Parker of Carshalton 81%

Western Division

Gary Oliver of Southampton Saints 83%, Chris Finlay of Southampton Saints 81%.

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.



West Berks	7 games	Contact	Ian Burn 0118 984 5045
Saturday 21 January		Venue	The Barn, Beech Road, Purley-on-Thames, Berks
		Cost	M £13.00 / NM £15.00
		Registration	09.30
		First game	10.00 Finish 18.30
		Refreshments	Tea and coffee provided
West Sussex	6 games	Contact	Peter Hall 01903 775396
Sunday 27 January		Venue	The Woodland Centre, Woodlands Ave, Rustington, BN16 3HX
		Cost	M £14.00 / NM £16.00
		Registration	09.30
		First game	10.00 Finish: 7.00
		Refreshments	Tea and coffee provided
Southampton	6 games	Contact	Alan Bailey 02392 384360
Sunday 25 March		Venue	
		Cost	
		Registration	
		First game	
		Refreshments	Tea and coffee provided
Bournemouth Spring	7 games	Contact	Ruth Marsden 01202 707148
Sunday 13 May		Venue	Rooper Hall, 5 Victoria Park Road, Moordown, Bournemouth, BH9 2RB
		Cost	M £13.50 / NM £15.50
		Registration	09.30
		First game	10.10 Finish 18.10
		Refreshments	Tea and coffee provided
Brighton & Hove Actually	9 games	Contact	Doj Graham 01273 699811
Sunday 10 June		Venue	Avenue Bridge Club, Third Avenue, Hove BN3 2PB
		Cost	M £20.00 / NM £22.00
		Registration	09.00
		First game	09.45 Finish: not specified
		Refreshments	Tea and Coffee provided
Bournemouth Autumn	6 games	Contact	Ruth Marsden 01202 707148
Sunday 7 October		Venue	Rooper Hall, 5 Victoria Park Road, Moordown, Bournemouth, BH9 2RB
		Cost	M £13.50 / NM £15.50
		Registration	09.30
		First game	10.10 Finish 17.30
		Refreshments	Tea and coffee provided

MATCH RESULTS 2011**Eastern division**

Group one matches

1 March to 31 May

Rustington	4	8	Carshalton Curlews
Guildford	11	1	Dorking
Ryde Bees	3	9	Brighton & Hove Regents
Brighton & Hove Regents	11	1	Rustington
Carshalton Curlews	9	3	Southdowns Scorpions
Rustington	7	5	Ryde Hornets
Ryde Hornets	8	4	Guildford
Dorking	3	9	Ryde Hornets
East Berks Rack Pack	2	10	Carshalton Curlews
Southdowns Scorpions	5.5	6.5	East Berks Rack Pack
East Berks Smarties	3	9	East Berks Rack Pack
East Berks Smarties	3	9	Guildford
Brighton & Hove Regents	6	6	Southdowns Scorpions
Dorking	7	5	Ryde Bees
Ryde Bees	5	7	Rustington

Group two matches

1 June to 31 August

Brighton & Hove Regents	7	5	Carshalton Curlews
Southdowns Scorpions	6	6	Dorking
Southdowns Scorpions	2	10	Guildford
Ryde Hornets	5	7	Southdowns Scorpions
Brighton and Hove Regents	4	8	Ryde Hornets
Ryde Hornets	9	3	East Berks Smarties
Rustington	9	3	East Berks Smarties
East Berks Smarties	6	6	Southdowns Scorpions
Dorking	1	11	Brighton & Hove Regents
Guildford	9	3	Ryde Bees
Rustington	6	6	Guildford
Carshalton Curlews	8	4	Dorking
Ryde Bees	7	5	Carshalton Curlews (<i>Conceded</i>)

Group three matches

1 September to 10 November

Guildford	2	10	Brighton & Hove Regents
Carshalton Curlews	11	1	East Berks Smarties
Ryde Bees	4	8	East Berks Smarties
Ryde Hornets	9	3	Ryde Bees
East Berks Smarties	4.5	7.5	Brighton and Hove Regents
Carshalton Curlews	7	5	Ryde Hornets
Dorking	6	6	Rustington
East Berks Smarties	7	5	Dorking
Southdowns Scorpions	10	2	Ryde Bees
Rustington	7	5	Southdowns Scorpions
Carshalton Curlews	9	3	Guildford

Western division

Group one matches

1 March to 31 May

Southampton Saints	6	6	Bournemouth Magpies
Newport Red	7	5	Bournemouth Ospreys
Bournemouth Magpies	8	4	Southampton Sinners
Newport Blue	8	4	Newport Red
Bournemouth Ospreys	7	5	Salisbury
Bournemouth Magpies	7	5	Newport Blue
Bournemouth Ospreys	8	4	Newport Blue
Southampton Sinners	6	6	Newport Red
P&S Buccaneers	4	8	Salisbury
P&S Pirates	6	6	Southampton Sinners
Bournemouth Ospreys	9	3	P&S Buccaneers
Southampton Saints	9	3	P&S Pirates
Salisbury	4	8	Southampton Saints

Group two matches

1 June to 31 August

Salisbury	6	6	P&S Pirates
P&S Buccaneers	3	9	Bournemouth Magpies
Southampton Sinners	4	8	Bournemouth Ospreys
Newport Red	2	10	Salisbury
Southampton Saints	11	1	Newport Red
Newport Blue	8	4	Southampton Sinners
Bournemouth Magpies	8	4	Bournemouth Ospreys
P&S Pirates	3	9	Bournemouth Osprey
Newport Blue	9	3	P&S Buccaneers
Bournemouth Magpies	10	2	P&S Pirates
Southampton Sinners	5	7	P&S Buccaneers
Salisbury	3	9	Bournemouth Magpies
Newport Blue	4	8	Southampton Saints

Group three matches

1 September to 10 November

Bournemouth Ospreys	0	12	Southampton Saints
Southampton Sinners	4	8	Salisbury
P&S Buccaneers	6	6	Newport Red
Newport Red	9	3	P&S Pirates
P&S Buccaneers	2	10	Southampton Saints
P&S Pirates	5	7	Newport Blue
Southampton Saints	11	1	Southampton Sinners
Newport Red	1	11	Bournemouth Magpies
Salisbury	3	9	Newport Blue
P&S Pirates	9	3	P&S Buccaneers

Divisional Playoff

11 November 2011 to 10 January 2012

Brighton and Hove Regents	5	7	Southampton Saints
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LEAGUE POSITIONS 2011**Western division**

	Played	W	D	L	Games	Points
Southampton Saints	8	7	1	0	75	22
Bournemouth Magpies	8	7	1	0	68	22
Newport Blue	8	5	0	3	54	15
Bournemouth Ospreys	8	5	0	3	50	15
Salisbury	8	3	1	4	47	10
Newport Red	8	2	2	4	36	8
Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates	8	1	2	5	37	5
Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers	8	1	1	6	31	4
Southampton Sinners	8	0	2	6	34	2

Eastern division

	Played	W	D	L	Games	Points
Brighton and Hove Regents	8	6	1	1	65.5	19
Carshalton Curlews	8	6	0	2	62	18
Ryde Hornets	8	5	0	3	58	15
Rustington	8	4	2	2	47	14
Guildford	8	4	1	3	54	13
Southdowns Scorpions	8	2	3	3	45	9
East Berks Smarties	8	2	1	5	35.5	7
Dorking	8	1	2	5	33	5
Ryde Bees	8	1	0	7	32	3

Who Played for Whom?

Name	Team	Div.	%	Games	Wins
M Chamberlain	B'mth Magpies	W	75.00	24	18
Margaret Staunton	B'mth Magpies	W	37.50	24	9
Chris Downer	B'mth Magpies	W	62.50	24	15
Elisabeth Jardine	B'mth Magpies	W	75.00	24	18
Ruth Marsden	B'mth Osprey	W	62.50	24	15
Angela Swain	B'mth Osprey	W	60.00	15	9
Alan Childs	B'mth Osprey	W	28.57	21	6
Val Wright	B'mth Osprey	W	45.83	24	11
Ralph Gibbs	B'mth Osprey	W	75.00	12	9
Evan Terrett	N'port Blue	W	45.83	24	11
Barbara Kent	N'port Blue	W	29.17	24	7
Penny Downer	N'port Blue	W	77.78	18	14
David Reading	N'port Blue	W	33.33	6	2
Noel Turner	N'port Blue	W	61.90	21	13
Wendy Tiley	N'port Red	W	47.62	21	10
Sheila Jolliffe	N'port Red	W	37.50	24	9
Elizabeth Allen	N'port Red	W	20.83	24	5
Jean Robinson	N'port Red	W	0.00	3	0
Jo Tebbutt	N'port Red	W	25.00	24	6
Heather Roberts	Salisbury	W	50.00	18	9
Wendy Lindridge	Salisbury	W	44.44	18	8
Bob Lynn	Salisbury	W	50.00	24	12
David Holt	Salisbury	W	52.38	21	11
Joan Johns	Salisbury	W	0.00	3	0
Margaret Scamell	Salisbury	W	0.00	3	0
Rene Lawes	Salisbury	W	55.56	9	5
Gary Oliver	S'ton Saints	W	83.33	24	20
Frankie Mairey	S'ton Saints	W	66.67	3	2
Chris Finlay	S'ton Saints	W	80.95	21	17
Brian Jones	S'ton Saints	W	71.43	21	15
Brenda Margererson	S'ton Saints	W	45.83	24	11
Sylvia Meyrick	S'ton Saints	W	100.00	3	3
Sheila Wyatt	S'ton Sinners	W	25.00	12	3
Alan Bailey	S'ton Sinners	W	50.00	24	12
Janet Milford	S'ton Sinners	W	40.00	15	6
Pat Silence	S'ton Sinners	W	41.67	12	5
Tanya Robson	S'ton Sinners	W	40.00	15	6
Veronica Baker	S'ton Sinners	W	0.00	6	0
Frances Goulding	S'ton Sinners	W	0.00	9	0
Angie Jones	S'ton Sinners	W	0.00	3	0
Peter Sime	P&S Buccan.	W	41.67	24	10
Janet Vokes-Taylor	P&S Buccan.	W	0.00	3	0
Eileen Bradshaw	P&S Buccan.	W	33.33	21	7
Rita Todd	P&S Buccan.	W	20.83	24	5
Vera Sime	P&S Buccan.	W	29.17	24	7
Jean Shaw	P&S Pirates	W	46.67	15	7
Margaret Coleman	P&S Pirates	W	53.33	15	8
Malcolm Wearn	P&S Pirates	W	50.00	12	6
Michael Baxendale	P&S Pirates	W	33.33	24	8
Viv Newman	P&S Pirates	W	38.89	18	7
Fay Goble	P&S Pirates	W	8.33	12	1

Name	Team	Div.	%	Games	Wins
Ivan Swallow	Ryde Hornets	E	50.00	24	12
Peter Neaves	Ryde Hornets	E	66.67	24	16
Maureen Reynolds	Ryde Hornets	E	50.00	24	12
Pam Fairless	Ryde Hornets	E	37.50	24	9
Hazel Parker	Ryde Bees	E	22.22	18	4
Ian Caws	Ryde Bees	E	38.10	21	8
Joan Caws	Ryde Bees	E	27.78	18	5
Alan Everitt	Ryde Bees	E	23.81	21	5
Stanley Wilkinson	Ryde Bees	E	33.33	3	1
Carol Smith	Ryde Bees	E	33.33	6	2
Peter Hall	Rustington	E	45.83	24	11
Linda Beard	Rustington	E	25.00	24	6
Sally Twine	Rustington	E	46.67	15	7
Elizabeth Ramsey	Rustington	E	45.83	24	11
Anne Cheesman	Rustington	E	55.56	9	5
Ian Holmes	Carsalton Cur.	E	58.33	12	7
Barbara Allen	Carsalton Cur.	E	54.17	24	13
Colin Parker	Carsalton Cur.	E	80.95	21	17
Pam Windsor	Carsalton Cur.	E	58.33	24	14
Stuart Solomons	Carsalton Cur.	E	86.67	15	13
Tim Lawrence	Brighton	E	62.50	24	15
George Newman	Brighton	E	58.33	24	14
Mary Siggers	Brighton	E	50.00	24	12
Verity Cross	Brighton	E	60.42	24	14.5
Jill Zinzan	S'downs Scorpions	E	33.33	9	3
Shirley Angell	S'downs Scorpions	E	33.33	15	5
Martin Smith	S'downs Scorpions	E	16.67	6	1
Ed Breed	S'downs Scorpions	E	58.33	18	10.5
Renee Paine	S'downs Scorpions	E	33.33	9	3
Pat Fenn	S'downs Scorpions	E	83.33	18	15
Joy Coomer	S'downs Scorpions	E	33.33	27	9
Tim Charlton	Guildford	E	88.98	18	16
David Lawton	Guildford	E	72.22	18	13
Carol Stanley	Guildford	E	88.89	9	8
Margaret Firmiston	Guildford	E	55.56	18	10
Anne Connolly	Guildford	E	46.67	15	7
Lorna Foster	Guildford	E	0.00	3	0
Margaret Cooke	Guildford	E	0.00	3	0
Vera Allen	Guildford	E	0.00	3	0
John Hale	Dorking	E	0.00	3	0
Pricilla Munday	Dorking	E	29.17	24	7
Margaret Seabrook	Dorking	E	33.33	3	1
David Young	Dorking	E	20.83	24	5
Peter Baker	Dorking	E	25.00	12	3
Susan Thorne	Dorking	E	44.44	9	4
Ailsa Edwards	Dorking	E	50.00	18	9
Andy Becher	E.Berks Smarties	E	58.33	12	7
Maureen Barlow	E.Berks Smarties	E	37.50	24	9
Evelyn Wansbrough	E.Berks Smarties	E	29.17	24	7
Hepzi Rodrigues	E.Berks Smarties	E	26.67	15	4
Mavis Harding	E.Berks Smarties	E	50.00	12	6
JanBailey	E.Berks Smarties	E	58.33	6	3.5

Answers to David Sutton's Puzzle

- ANGUIPED (Lat.) of mythical giants etc., having feet or legs in the form of snakes.
 BUGGANE (Dial.) an evil spirit, a hobgoblin.
 DYBBUK (Yiddish) a dead person's soul inhabiting a living person > DYBBUKS, DYBBUKIM or DYBBUKKIM.
 ERLKING (Ger.) a spirit that does mischief or evil, esp. to children.
 KEHUA (Maori) a ghost or spirit > KEHUAS.
 MENSHEN (Chinese) a Chinese door god. No -S.
 MONOPODEA one-footed person of fabulous Ethiopian race, with foot large enough to be a sunshade.
 RAKSHAS (Sanskrit) in Hindu mythology, an evil spirit > RAKSHASES.
 SATYRESS A female satyr.
 SILENUS (Lat.) a satyr-like woodland god, an attendant of Bacchus > SILENI.
 SYLPHIDE A young sylph.
 VALKYRIE (ON) in Norse mythology, a chooser of the slain.
 WAHCONDA (Am. Ind.) a supernatural force in Sioux belief.
 WAIRUA (Maori) a spirit or soul > WAIRUAS.
 WOODWOSE A wild man of the woods, used in heraldry as a supporter.
 UNSEELIE Evil malevolent fairies. No -S.
 JUMBIE (W. Indian) a ghost or evil spirit.
 GARUDA (Sanskrit) a Hindu demigod, part man, part bird.
 DEVILING A young devil.
 ALASTOR (Greek) an avenging deity in Greek tragedy.