



# SOUTHERN COUNTIES SCRABBLE® LEAGUE

## NEWS

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Plus the  
**LEAGUE HANDBOOK**

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Congratulations to the 2009 champions, Southampton Saints and to the best players from each division: Eastern Tim Lawrence of Brighton, Central Ivan Swallow of Ryde and Western joint winners Penny Downer of Newport and James Rossiter of Southampton.

Welcome to the 2010 season. Matches will be played in the same three divisions as last year. Unfortunately no new teams have joined the League and we have lost three teams from clubs who can no longer support multiple teams. It is an unfortunate fact that the Club population is an aging one.

I have modified the rules (see page 17) to allow a player from one team to play for another team *once* during the season. This change is on a one year trial basis to ensure it is not abused. The two teams do not have to be in the same club provided the player concerned is a bona fides member of both clubs.

If any team can make amicable arrangements to play matches in an earlier session they may do so without consulting me.

The Web Site for the Southern Counties Scrabble League which I hope you will all look at-

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

is fully accessible. You can download copies of the SCSL News on the site. I offer a discount on League entry fees for those who do not require me to mail them the SCSL News but will be willing to download.



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## SCRABBLE NEWS ROUND UP

Southern Counties Scrabble Club News needs to hear from you!

If you would like to share a thought or simply get something off your chest, write to or email SCSL News editor Ruth Marsden. The next issue will be published in early June and Ruth is looking forward to a heavy postbag! The deadline for Issue 33 is 29 May 2010.

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 out and start writing!

### **WESPA Dictionary Committee**

A new word list is being compiled and the intended implementation date is quarter two 2011. Much discussion is involved to decide what will go out and what will stay in.

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

**The 5 Point Penalty** rule is again being championed by a minority group of players.

See UK- scrabble web-site for the ongoing discussion on these and other topics.

## **LEAGUE ARBITRATION PANEL**

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

The panel members are:

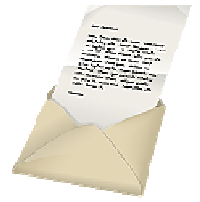
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## POSTBAG

*Dear Ruth,*



### **GARY OLIVER A GRAND MASTER**

Gary Oliver a regular player in the killer Southampton Saints team has been awarded the title of Grand Master after achieving five tournament ratings of 180+ during a five year period.

Seen below after being congratulated at the South Winds social tournament in Bournemouth on 25 January by Mollie Moran (left). Gary also won the A section of the tournament and the prizes for the best words using X and Q.



Picture by Brenda Margererson

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

## PUZZLE BY DAVID SUTTON

To stimulate the little grey cells!



### A Fishy Business

Here's one for ichthyologists: twenty alphagrams of mostly rather obscure words related to fish.

AAAAIMPR  
ABCINOR  
AEEEFLLR  
ACEHLHNOU  
AABGIMSU  
ADGINWY  
EHLMNOY  
AAKLMPU  
AACCDDEM  
ADEEHMNN  
DEEHORRS  
ACDNOORR  
ACDEIINS  
FINOPSU  
EGNORSTU  
ADILOQSU  
AELLRTVY  
AEHORUW  
BEEILLTU  
GHILNTW

Answers on page 8

## Other Hats

You said you wanted poems for the Scrabble News. Here is one written on 9/10/03 by Elisabeth Hull

### Love is a Bonus

Fifteen - seeking friends,  
Craving, needing, waiting,  
Cruises crowded parties,  
Beguiles thirsty tongues.

Sixteen - finding partner,  
Lustful figures embrace.  
Genuine passion ensures  
Radiant looking forward.

Maturer - married, progeny,  
Newborn, toddler, upwards,  
Teenage dangers presage,  
Stamina creates success.

Seventy - beloved failing,  
Certain gradual decline.  
Eternal mansion beckons,  
Anguish, sadness, closure.

Hundred - stately occasion,  
Candles flutter briefly.  
Greying wardens rejoice,  
Regrets? Nothing perfect.

*Elisabeth Hull contributed this poem, are there more out there?*

Does anyone else have other interests, other hats they wear, that they would like to share with fellow Scrabblers? Do you write, produce craftwork, paint etc for gain. We will be pleased to give you some publicity.

## TOURNAMENT REPORTS

Due to the cancellations of both the Isle of Wight and West Berks tournies on account of the weather we have nothing to report!

## CLUB VENUES

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



Club	Memb.	Venue	Times	Contact
<b>Basingstoke</b>	18	Richard Aldworth School, Western Way, Basingstoke	Mondays 19.30	Pat Williams 01256 770044
<b>Bournemouth</b>	27	Tuckon Social Club Bournemouth	Saturdays 13.00-17.00	Elizabeth Jardine 01202 419708
<b>Brighton and Hove</b>	24	St Leonard's Church Hall, Glebe Villas, Hove	Mondays and Fridays 18.30-22.30	George Newman 01273 230356
<b>Carshalton</b>	20	St Elpheges Centre, 118 Stafford Road, Wallington	Wednesdays 19.15-22.30	Pam Windsor 01883 347217
<b>Dorking</b>	16	Roy Currie Room, United Reform Church, Dorking	Wednesdays 19.30	Peter Baker 01737 842210
<b>East Berks</b>	21	St Sebastian's Pavilion, Nine Mile Ride, Crowthorne	Thursdays 19.30-22.30	Charlotte Ward 01344 484914
<b>Guildford</b>	16	The Riverside Centre, Friary Street, Guildford (through underpass next to Woolworths at bottom of North Street)	Wednesdays 19.30-23.00	Andrea Watson 01483 823624
<b>Newport</b>	25	Riverside Centre, Newport Quay, Isle of Wight	Tuesdays 19.30-22.30	Noel Turner 01983 614426
<b>Portsmouth and Southsea</b>	20	Southsea Community Centre, St Pauls Square, Southsea	Mondays 19.15-22.00 Thursdays 13.00-16.00	Malcolm Wearn 01489 895948
<b>Ramsgate</b>	12	Granville Theatre Ramsgate, Kent	Mondays 10.00-12.00	Georgina Cook 01843 853375
<b>Reading</b>	18	Beansheaf Community Centre, Charrington Road, Calcot Reading	Wednesdays 19.15-22.15	Keith Churcher 0118 947 3353
<b>Rustington</b>	36	Guide Hall, Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue, Rustington	Tuesdays 13.30-16.30	Pat Lawton 01903 726855
<b>Ryde</b>	48	George Street Centre, George Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight	Mondays 19.10	Margaret Webb 01983 611035 or 01983 812827
<b>Salisbury</b>	20	Salisbury Cycle Club, Salt Lane	Tuesdays 19.00-22.00 Thursdays 14.00-16.00	Joan Johns 01722 333731
<b>Southampton</b>	23	Hilldene Centre, West End, Southampton	Wednesdays 19.30-22.30	Alan Bailey 023 9238 4360
<b>South Downs</b>	15	Hampden Park Bowling Club, Park Avenue, Hampden Park, Eastbourne	Thursdays 18.45-22.00	Ed Breed 01424 219334

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## TOURNAMENT ACTIVITY

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



<b>West Sussex</b>	6 games	Contact	<b>Peter Hall</b> , 01903 775396 The Woodland Centre, Woodlands Avenue Rustington, BN16, 3HX
<b>Sunday 31 January</b>		Venue	
		Cost	M £13 / NM £15
		Registration	10.00
		First game	10.20
		Refreshments	Tea and coffee provided
<b>Grand Hampshire Open,</b>	6 games	Contact	<b>Alan Bailey</b> , 02392 384360 Sports Hall, John Hanson School, Floral Way Andover, SP10 3PB
<b>Andover</b>		Venue	
<b>Sunday 21 February</b>		Cost	M £13.50 / NM £15.50
		Registration	09.15
		First game	10.15
		Refreshments	Tea and coffee provided
<b>East Sussex</b>	6 games	Contact	<b>Ed Breed</b> , 01424 19334 Hailsham Community Hall, Vicarage Lane Hailsham BN27 7AE
<b>Sunday 13 March</b>		Venue	
		Cost	M £13 / NM £15
		Registration	09.00
		First game	10.00
		Refreshments	Tea and coffee provided
<b>Bournemouth Spring</b>	7 games	Contact	<b>Ruth Marsden</b> 01202 707148 Roper Hall, 5 Victoria Park Road, Moordown, Bournemouth
<b>Sunday 9 May</b>		Venue	
		Cost	M £13.50 / NM £15.50
		Registration	09.20
		First game	10.00
		Refreshments	Tea and coffee provided
<b>Southampton</b>	6 games	Contact	<b>Alan Bailey</b> , 02392 384360 Hedge End Village Hall, SO30 4AF
<b>Sunday 11 April</b>		Venue	
		Cost	M £13 / NM £15
		Registration	09.10
		First game	10.00
		Refreshments	Tea and coffee provided
<b>Brighton and Hove</b>	6 games	Contact	<b>Doj Graham</b> 01273 317565 The Woodland Centre, Woodlands Ave, Rustington West Sussex BN16 3HB
<b>Sunday 13 June</b>		Venue	
		Cost	M £13 / NM £15
		Registration	09.45
		First Game	10.15
		Refreshments	Tea and coffee provided
<b>Bournemouth Autumn</b>	6 games	Contact	<b>Ruth Marsden</b> 01202 707148 Roper Hall, 5 Victoria Park Road, Moordown, Bournemouth
<b>Sunday 3 October</b>		Venue	
		Cost	M £13.50 / NM £15.50
		Registration	09.20
		First game	10.00
		Refreshments	Tea and coffee provided
<b>Isle of Wight</b>	16 games	Contact	<b>Noel Turner</b> 01983 614426
<b>Friday 5 – Sunday 7 November</b>			

## Answers to David Sutton's Puzzle

Solutions to A Fishy Business:

ARAPAIMA  
CORBINA  
EELFARE  
EULACHON  
GAMBUSIA  
GWYNIAD  
HOMELYN  
LAMPUKA  
MEDACCA  
MENHADEN  
REDHORSE  
RONCADOR  
SCIAENID  
SOUPFIN  
STURGEON  
SQUALOID  
TREVALLY  
WAREHOU  
TULLIBEE  
WHITLING



# **SOUTHERN COUNTIES SCRABBLE® LEAGUE**

2010 LEAGUE HANDBOOK

**SOUTHERN COUNTIES SCRABBLE® LEAGUE 2010 DIVISIONS****Western division**

Bournemouth Magpies  
 Bournemouth Ospreys  
 Newport Blue  
 Newport Red  
 Salisbury  
 Southampton Saints  
 Southampton Sinners

**Central division**

Basingtoke  
 Guildford  
 Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers  
 Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates  
 Reading  
 Ryde Bees  
 Ryde Hornets

**Eastern division**

Brighton & Hove Regents  
 Carshalton Curlews  
 Dorking  
 East Berks Rack Pack  
 Ramsgate  
 Rustington  
 Southdowns Scorpions

**SOUTHERN COUNTIES SCRABBLE LEAGUE  
 Champions Board**

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

**FIXTURES FOR THE 2010 SEASON****Western division**

Group one matches

1 March to 31 May

Bournemouth Magpies	V	Southampton Saints
Bournemouth Ospreys	V	Newport Red
Southampton Sinners	V	Bournemouth Magpies
Newport Red	V	Newport Blue
Salisbury	V	Bournemouth Ospreys
Newport Blue	V	Bournemouth Magpies
Newport Blue	V	Bournemouth Ospreys
Newport Red	V	Southampton Sinners
Southampton Saints	V	Salisbury

Group two matches

1 June to 31 August

Bournemouth Ospreys	V	Southampton Sinners
Salisbury	V	Newport Red
Newport Red	V	Southampton Saints
Southampton Sinners	V	Newport Blue
Bournemouth Ospreys	V	Bournemouth Magpies
Bournemouth Magpies	V	Salisbury
Southampton Saints	V	Newport Blue

Group three matches

1 September to 10 November

Southampton Saints	V	Bournemouth Ospreys
Salisbury	V	Southampton Sinners
Southampton Sinners	V	Southampton Saints
Newport Red	V	Bournemouth Magpies
Salisbury	V	Newport Blue

Divisional Playoff

11 November 2010 to 10 January 2011

Central Division Winner	V	Eastern Division Winner
Western Division Winner	V	Central Division Winner
Eastern Division Winner	V	Western Division Winner

**Central division**

## Group one matches

1 March to 31 May

Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers	V	Ryde Hornets
Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates	V	Reading
Guildford	V	Ryde Bees
Guildford	V	Ryde Hornets
Basingstoke	V	Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers
Basingstoke	V	Guildford
Ryde Bees	V	Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates
Reading	V	Basingstoke
Ryde Hornets	V	Ryde Bees

## Group two matches

1 June to 31 August

Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers	V	Guildford
Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates	V	Basingstoke
Guildford	V	Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates
Ryde Bees	V	Reading
Reading	V	Ryde Hornets
Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates	V	Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers
Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers	V	Ryde Bees

## Group three matches

1 September to 10 November

Guildford	V	Reading
Ryde Hornets	V	Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates
Ryde Bees	V	Basingstoke
Basingstoke	V	Ryde Hornets
Reading	V	Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers

## Divisional Playoff

11 November 2010 to 10 January 2011

Central Division Winner	V	Eastern Division Winner
Western Division Winner	V	Central Division Winner
Eastern Division Winner	V	Western Division Winner

**Eastern division**

## Group one matches

1 March to 31 May

Carshalton Curlews	V	Rustington
Dorking	V	East Berks Rack Pack
Brighton & Hove Regents	V	Ramsgate
Brighton & Hove Regents	V	Rustington
Southdowns Scorpions	V	Carshalton Curlews
Southdowns Scorpions	V	Brighton & Hove Regents
Ramsgate	V	Dorking
East Berks Rack Pack	V	Southdowns Scorpions
Rustington	V	Ramsgate

## Group two matches

1 June to 31 August

Carshalton Curlews	V	Brighton & Hove Regents
Dorking	V	Southdowns Scorpions
Brighton & Hove Regents	V	Dorking
Ramsgate	V	East Berks Rack Pack
East Berks Rack Pack	V	Rustington
Dorking	V	Carshalton Curlews
Carshalton Curlews	V	Ramsgate

## Group three matches

1 September to 10 November

Brighton & Hove Regents	V	East Berks Rack Pack
Rustington	V	Dorking
Ramsgate	V	Southdowns Scorpions
Southdowns Scorpions	V	Rustington
East Berks Rack Pack	V	Carshalton Curlews

## Divisional Playoff

11 November 2010 to 10 January 2011

Central Division Winner	V	Eastern Division Winner
Western Division Winner	V	Central Division Winner
Eastern Division Winner	V	Western Division Winner



## TEAM DIRECTORY

<b>Basingstoke</b>	Judy Young	01256 477957	199 Old Worthing Road, Basingstoke, RG22 6NS	
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<b>Bournemouth Ospreys</b>	Ruth Marsden	01202 707148	27 Spencer Road, Canford Cliffs, Poole, Dorset, BH13 7ET	rtmrsdn@aol.com
	alt Val Wright	01202 314047		
<b>Brighton and Hove Regents</b>	George Newman	01273 230356	21 The Drive, Southwick, West Sussex, BH42 4RR	
	alt Verity Cross	01273 553615		
<b>Carshalton Curlews</b>	Pamela Windsor	01883 347217	9 Queen's Park Road, Caterham, Surrey, CR3 5RB	
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## MATCH ARRANGEMENT, SCORING AND TEAM RULES 2010

### Season and session dates

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

An extra, fourth session from **11 November to 10 January 2011** is for the playoffs between divisional winners to determine the League Champion.

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

### Arranging matches

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

### Team players and transfers

In a League match each team will consist of four players and a substitute may not be played once a match has commenced. A club team's players must be bona fide members of that club. Each player will be allocated a number (one to four indicating ability) for the match by their team captain and will play three games to a prearranged pattern. Thus twelve games constitute a match and the result depends on the number of games won. Six games each is deemed a draw regardless of the number of points scored by the two teams.

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

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

### Venue arrangement and necessary provisions

At the venue the home team shall provide **four Scrabble sets of Tournament standard** plus copies of the COLLINS SCRABBLE WORD LIST for challenges. A **clearly written challenge** shall be **adjudicated by a player of each team** at an adjacent table. Unlimited challenges are allowed without penalty. **COLLINS SCRABBLE WORD LIST – 2008 edition – is the approved authority in all League matches.** (**Comment** the complete book of words from two to fifteen letters should be available). Otherwise National Scrabble Club Rules and ABSP Games Rules apply.

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

### Use of clocks

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

When clocks are not used the **correct time** to challenge is **after your opponent has declared and written down their score but before you write down that score.** (**Comment** the writing down of the score was

chosen as the end of the turn as this represents clear evidence of each player's intentions whereas a spoken score might later be suggested to have only been an interim computation whilst seeking the best play.)

### **Match scoring**

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

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

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

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

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

### **Final League positions**

The Winner of the League will be decided by a playoff between the three winners of the Eastern, Central and Western Divisions.

### **Complaints, disputes and transgressions**

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