



SOUTHERN COUNTIES SCRABBLE® LEAGUE

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The necessary reorganisation of the League into two divisions, Eastern and Western, does not appear to have caused any problems - at least none have been brought to my notice!! Falling numbers in the League makes organisation difficult. All those who run tournaments in the South have and are experiencing a similar problem.

Where are the new young players??
Do newcomers prefer the internet??!!

If any team can make amicable arrangements to play matches in an earlier session, they may do so without consulting me. If player-availability allows, this can be a good strategy as it avoids a bottleneck at the end of the season.

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.

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SCRABBLE NEWS ROUND UP

Adoption of WESPA rules on 1/1/2011.

These are intended for use in National and International tournaments – not all are appropriate to adhere to rigorously in League games. The implementation, where appropriate, within the League seems to have gone without any major hiccups (at least none have been brought to my notice!!).

WESPA Dictionary Committee

A new word list has been compiled and the implementation date is quarter one 2012. The new word books are already on sale. The League will follow the ABSP's implementation date when this has been formally ratified.

Self-Adjudication at Tournaments is still open to much ongoing discussion and is increasingly being used in those tournaments with sufficient space for players to move about freely without disturbing others.

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.

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 deadline for Issue 38 is 30 August 2011.

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:

Alan Bailey 02392 384 360

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PUZZLE BY DAVID SUTTON

To stimulate the little grey cells!



Forename Quiz

The Scrabble lexicon is rich in eponyms, that is to say, words derived from personal names. Here is an anagram test featuring twenty forenames which can be used simply as they stand. Given the hint, you should find the test fairly easy, but you may like to reflect on how many of the words you would actually have been confident of playing.

BCDEEINT	ACDEILNU
AEHJNNOS	AADILMT
AELNNOOP	EHILLMOP
ACIIORTV	CIINPRS
ACEILLOP	ABEIJMNN
AEEGINU	AGHILOT
BEEEJLZ	HOPRSTU
EEIJLNU	CEHKLORS
HIMOTTY	ACEHLORTT
ACCEELNR	BEGILRT

Answers on page 7

LEAGUE WINNERS FOR 2010

For an unmatched sixth consecutive season



Southampton Saints Brenda Margerson, Chris Finlay, Brian Jones and Gary Oliver.

Presentation at the Andover tournament. In February.

Other Hats

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

Scrabble 2011.

Before the world discovered sex,
It's trials and tribula-a-tions;
Before Tyrannosaurus Rex
Had eaten his rela-a-tions;
Behold, a minor god'll
Come, create the Iguanodon
Which won't become a model
For a Scrabbling phenomenon!

Sitting at the Scrabble board
My future's looking glorious
Because of all the points I've scored
I ought to be victorious!
It would be such a doddle
If the winning just went on and on,
And I became the model
For a Scrabbling phenomenon !

I'll train my brain to ascertain
All analects and pentagrams,
And ,very soon, it will contain
All alphabets and anagrams;
All animals and vegetables
And many coloured minerals:
The kings and queens of England,
Brigadiers and major-generals

I'll DIY at B&Q
Ensuring all things practical.
Ask managers of football teams
For matters highly tactical :-
There's Keagan and Glen Hoddle,
And I'll become a model
Of a Scrabbling phenomenon !
(Don't forget Sven-Goran Ericsson)

12.3.2011 Ed Breed

From time to time, I ask myself
"How many words are 'fictionary' ?"
I look along the library shelf
At lexicon and dictionary;
The words are in my noddle,
But the mental search goes on and on,
Till I become a model
Of a Scrabbling phenomenon !

When going out to entertain
At café or trattoria,
I find it tricky to explain
My feelings of euphoria.
'Strategical rendition'
Isn't really quite the metaphor –
You juggle with your letters
And arrange them for a better score !

I wail," I'm getting older
And my brain is getting lazier."
The trail is getting colder
And I've nominal aphasia!
I can hardly waddle
For a metre, not a marathon !
I was the early model
For a Scrabbling phenomenon !

Now, Scrabble's spread around the world,
From Iceland to Australia.
The web of knowledge thus unfurled
Cannot be deemed a failure.
And ,one day soon,a bod'll
Come from somewhere up the Amazon,
She'll be the perfect model
For a Scrabbling phenomenon !!

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

Grand Hampshire Open, 20 February

Run by Alan Bailey

6 rounds 86 players on the day

Prize Winners

Division	First	Second	Third
A	Gary Oliver	James Rossiter	Ed Rossiter
B	Andy Gray	Ruth MacInerney	Wendy Lindridge
C	Elizabeth Ramsey	Iris Cornish	Anne Cheesman
D	Brian Beaumont	June Lindridge	Janet Vokes Taylor

East Sussex, 12 March

Cancelled

Southampton, 10 April

Run by Alan Bailey

6 rounds 92 players on the day

Prize Winners

Division	First	Second	Third
A	Ed Rossiter	David Sutton	Steve Perry
B	Victoria Kingham	Peter Hall	Kim Phipps
C	Evelyn Wansbrough	Judy Young	Janet Bonham
D	Yvonne Lambert	Jill Warren	Hannah Corbett

Bournemouth Spring RR, 8 May

Run by Ruth Marsden

7 rounds 62 players on the day.

Prize Winners

Division	First	Division	First
A	Ed Rossiter	E	Janet Bonham
B	Graham Bonham	F	Colin StHill
C	Karen Game	G	Fay Goble
D	Elizabeth Ramsey	H	Sheila Bromly

This charity event was held at the Bournemouth Society for the Visually Impaired's (BSVI) Roper Hall. As someone with sight impairment, Sheila Bromly who won Division H, is able to benefit from the BSVI. She concluded the final game with the word 'magic' to win against fellow Bournemouth Club member Chas Best.

Highest word score: Graham Bonham scored 114 for ENZONES.

A raffle raised £93 for the BSVI and sales of homemade cakes and chutney raised a further £47. We donated £550 from the entry fees, despite declining entries each year. Thus, the BSVI benefited by a total of £690.

Southern Regional NSC/NSCT 15 May

Run by Joesef Kollar for Philip Nelkon
7 rounds 32 players on the day.

Prize Winners

Division	First	Second	Third
A	Ed Rossiter	Gary Oliver	Penny Downer

Individual qualifiers for at the NSC semi-final:

Ed Rossiter, Gary Oliver, Penny Downer, Elizabeth Hull, Graham Bonham, Ebi Sosseh

Elizabeth Ramsey of Rustington won the ratings prize.

Team winners and NSCT Final qualifiers were Sainly Southampton with 17 wins 1439 spread. The Plate was won by Rustington.

Answers to David Sutton's Puzzle Solution

BENEDICT	A newly married husband, especially one formerly a confirmed bachelor.
DULCINEA	A mistress; a sweetheart.
JOHANNES	An obsolete Portuguese gold coin, named from the figure of King John which it bears.
MATILDA	(Aust.) a hobo's bundle.
NAPOLEON	(Fr.) an obsolete French gold coin of twenty francs > NAPOLEONS.
PHILOMEL	(Greek) a nightingale.
VICTORIA	A light open two-seater four-wheeled carriage, with raised driver's seat.
CRISPIN	A poetic name for a shoemaker.
CALLIOPE	(Greek) a keyboard instrument similar to an organ.
BENJAMIN	A kind of overcoat.
EUGENIA	A genus of myrtaceous plants, mostly of tropical countries, and including several aromatic trees and shrubs.
GOLIATH	A giant.
JEZEBEL	A wicked scheming woman.
HOTSPUR	A rash, hot-headed man.
JULIENNE	(Fr.) a kind of soup containing thin slices or shreds of carrots, onions, etc; (verb) to shred or cut into thin strips.
SHERLOCK	A detective.
TIMOTHY	A kind of grass.
CHARLOTTE	(Fr.) a kind of pie or pudding made by lining a dish with slices of bread, and filling it with bread soaked in milk, and baked.
CLARENCE	A four-wheeled carriage.
GILBERT	A unit of magnetomotive force.

NOTABLE SCORING FEATS

Highest Word Score

Notified high scores: 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.

Highest Team Score

Five scores of 5000 or more:

5053 by Brighton Regents against Rustington
5113 by Ryde Hornets against Guildford
5204 by Newport Blue against Newport Red
5245 by Carshalton Curlews against Southdowns Scorpions
5491 by Guildford against Dorking

Remarkably, in the game in which Guildford made 5491, four of the games were played out with scores above 500.

High Game Scores

Three players only have exceeded 550: Penny Downer of Newport Blue who managed not one, but two such scores: 540 and 553. Stewart Solomans of Carshalton Curlews achieved 580 and Tim Charlton of Guildford 564.

Further high scores: Elisabeth Jardine 549, Barbara Allen 548, Noel Turner 538, Charlotte Ward 529, Bob Lynn 527 (twice!), Tim Charlton 529, Jo Tebbutt 517, Pam Fairless 513, Carol Stanley 511, Frances Golding 510, Malcolm Wearn 509, Val Wright 507, Tim Charlton 505, Chris Downer 504, Peter Neeves 503, Brian Jones 503 David Lawton 502 and Alan Bailey 501.

Highest Win Ratios

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

Eastern Division

Ian Holmes of Carshalton Curlews 100%
Wanda de Poitier of East Berks Rack Pack 100%
Tim Charlton of Guildford 92%
Tim Lawrence of Brighton Regents 89%
Carol Stanley of Guildford 83%

Western Division

Gary Oliver of Southampton Saints 100%
Chris Finlay of Southampton Saints 83%
Alan Bailey of Southampton Sinners 83%

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.



Brighton & Hove	6 games	Contact	Doj Graham 01273 699811
		Venue	The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue, Rustington, West Sussex, BN16 3HX
Sunday 12 June		Cost	M £13.50 / NM £15.50
		Registration	09.30
		First game	10.15 Finish 17.30
		Refreshments	Tea and Coffee provided
Bournemouth Autumn	6 games	Contact	Ruth Marsden 01202 707148
		Venue	Roper Hall, 5 Victoria Park Road, Moordown, Bournemouth
Sunday 2 October		Cost	M £13.50 / NM £15.50
		Registration	09.30
		First game	10.10 Finish 17.00
		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		Carshalton Curlews	
Southdowns Scorpions		Dorking	
Southdowns Scorpions		Guildford	
Ryde Bees		East Berks Rack Pack	
Ryde Hornets		Southdowns Scorpions	
Brighton and Hove Regents		Ryde Hornets	
Ryde Hornets		East Berks Smarties	
Rustington		East Berks Smarties	
East Berks Rack Pack		Rustington	
East Berks Smarties		Southdowns Scorpions	
Dorking		Brighton & Hove Regents	
Guildford	9	3	Ryde Bees
Rustington		Guildford	
Carshalton Curlews		Dorking	
Ryde Bees		Carshalton Curlews	

Group three matches

1 September to 10 November

Guildford		Brighton & Hove Regents
Carshalton Curlews		East Berks Smarties
Ryde Bees		East Berks Smarties
Ryde Hornets		Ryde Bees
Ryde Hornets		East Berks Rack Pack
East Berks Rack Pack		Brighton and Hove Regents
East Berks Smarties		Brighton and Hove Regents
Carshalton Curlews		Ryde Hornets
Dorking		Rustington
East Berks Smarties		Dorking
East Berks Rack Pack		Dorking
Southdowns Scorpions		Ryde Bees
Rustington		Southdowns Scorpions
Guildford		East Berks Rack Pack
Carshalton Curlews		Guildford

Western division

Group one matches

1 March to 31 May

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

Group three matches

1 September to 10 November

Bournemouth Ospreys			Southampton Saints
Southampton Sinners			Salisbury
P&S Buccaneers			Newport Red
Newport Red			P&S Pirates
P&S Buccaneers			Southampton Saints
P&S Pirates			Newport Blue
Southampton Saints			Southampton Sinners
Newport Red			Bournemouth Magpies
Salisbury			Newport Blue y
P&S Pirates			P&S Buccaneers

Divisional Playoff

11 November 2011 to 10 January 2012

Eastern Division Winner	Western Division Winner
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LEAGUE POSITIONS 2011**Western division**

	Played	W	D	L	Games	Points
Bournemouth Ospreys	4	2	0	2	25	6
Southampton Saints	2	2	0	0	17	6
Newport Red	3	1	1	1	17	4
Salisbury	3	1	0	2	17	3
Bournemouth Magpies	1	1	0	0	8	3
Newport Blue	1	1	0	0	8	3
Southampton Sinners	2	0	2	0	12	2
Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates	2	0	1	1	9	1
Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers	2	0	0	2	7	0

Eastern division

	Played	W	D	L	Games	Points
Guildford	4	3	0	1	33	9
Carshalton Curlews	3	3	0	0	27	9
Brighton and Hove Regents	3	2	1	0	26	7
Ryde Hornets	3	2	0	1	22	6
Rustington	4	2	0	2	19	6
East Berks Rack Pack	3	2	0	1	17.5	6
Dorking	3	1	0	2	11	3
Southdowns Scorpions	3	0	1	2	14.5	1
Ryde Bees	4	0	0	4	16	0
East Berks Smarties	2	0	0	2	6	0