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The ABSP has voted to adopt the set of rules established by WESPA, as these rules will be in use at all tournaments from 1st January 2011 they will also be used within the league from that date but I would hope that during 2011 some charitable flexibility will be employed if players err.

The match programme is now nearing completion. If any results have been lost in the post please let me know ASAP. **The key date is November 10**, all matches must be completed by then so the Playoffs can start.

It is very important that we don't loose any more teams otherwise the future of the League could be in peril. The League is a valuable asset to the Scrabble scene in the South, not only providing competitive but also providing social outings with likeminded people. The aim is to gain one or two teams, so try to recruit your friends.

It seems to be a difficult time for clubs in general with falling membership and less willingness to travel, but once lost a league would be very difficult to restart.

The League Arbitration Panel comprises myself tel: 01202 707148, Peter Sime tel: 01243 785413 and Alan Bailey tel: 023 8055 8013. If you have any urgent/last minute problems that need a clarification of the rules, please give one of us a call.

www.southerncountiesscrabbleleague.co.uk

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

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

Ruth Marsden



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POSTBAG

Dear Ruth,



Proposed new team competition

Unfortunately there was insufficient interest to make a one-day Knock-out competition viable.

Elisabeth Jardine

Dear Ruth,

IOW Tournament in November

It is with regret that we are unable to run the event this year, despite having booked the venue 18 months ago we have been let down. I am hoping to find a new venue so that we can go ahead in 2011.

Noel Turner

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

OBITUARIES

Sadly we have received notice of a death since our last issue.

Stella Wilkinson a one-time regular member of the Carshalton Scrabble Club died aged 97.5 years on 23 August 2010.

She will be remembered by some Southern Counties League players.

Pamela Windsor, Chairman, Carshalton SC

SCRABBLE NEWS ROUND UP

WESPA Dictionary Committee

A new word list is being compiled and the intended implementation date is quarter 2 2011, all seems to be on target.

WESPA RULES: These have been adopted at the AGM and will come into use on 1st January 2011. The most draconian is what happens if you accidentally end up with more than 7 tiles on your rack – you must show all to your opponent and let them choose which one goes back into the bag! So take care. Full details will be sent to ABSP members. I am sure we will all get used to the changes, and be more careful in counting tiles.

Re-Jig of the Rating system: The proposals put forward at the AGM have been adopted, instead of ratings being based on a history of 100 games they will now be calculated using players last 150 games.

Self-Adjudication at Tournaments...still much ongoing discussion, although not suitable for all venues. There has been a case of the dictionary being changed on a machine during the day so that a valid word was flagged as wrong! So if using this system check the Collins list is current.

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

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

Other Hats

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.

*Ed Breed, who seem's to be the Leagues most prolific poet has contributed **not one but two verses**. Many thanks Ed. Are there more poets out there?*

Now World Cup fever's all around,

Please try to verify the sound
That echoes round each foot ball ground:-
Vuvuzela!

Which devil spoils our breakfast toast?
Who brings the things we hate the most?
Black magic letters in the post:-
Ju-ju mailer!

What greets the matelot on the shore?
What always brings him back for more?
The call sign of the Pompey whore:-
Yoo-hoo, sailor!

Where each ghost and gremlin dances,
Music by 'Tom Hark' entrances,
There the evil zombie prances:-
Voodoo kwela!

Come join the ranks, the clans, the herds,
The anoraks and Scrabble nerds
Who glory in exotic words:-
Vuvuzela!

Not 'If' but 'When'

When you can treat all players just the same,
Miss out on both the blanks, yet win the game;
When Scrabble halls all echo with your name,
You'll climb the rankings, justify your fame.

You'll know you're playing in a purple patch
When Q and Z both come with vowels to match!
When, once ahead, you're very hard to catch
With strategies that keep you up to scratch.

When you can play the game, yet call it fun;
When all you had to do has all been done;
Then, simply punch the clock, its distance run:-
That's when you'll be a champion, my son!

(With acknowledgements to RK) EB 20.7.2010.

PUZZLE BY DAVID SUTTON

To stimulate the little grey cells!

Can that really be right?



Here is an anagram test on the theme of words that look like misspellings. You have first to find the solution for each, then convince yourself that it can indeed be spelt that way. Most of the words are obscure, but their more usual equivalents are not.

ADFFOOR
ACEEHITV
ACEGIRT
ACGILNRU
AEEHILRT
AEGLOSU
AEHMPRST
ADEGILOY
CDIIOTY
EIMOPRST
EGMNOOSU
ADEEPRSW
AACCELPT
CILLOPY
IOPRSTUU
AOPRRTUY
ANNOPTY
EEEEPRRV
CIOSSSY
BEILMRW

See page 6 for answers.

I think you will need really sharply honed grey cells for this one! Ruth

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

Brighton and Hove June 13

Run by Doj Graham. 6 rounds with 64 players on the day.

Prize Winners

Division	First	Second	Third
A	Gary Oliver	Kevin Synnott	Karen Game
B	Phyllis Fernandez	Ruth Marsden	Oliver Garner
C	Colin St Hill	Janet Vokes-Taylor	Sheila Anderson

Answer to David Sutton's puzzle on page 5

AFFOORD
 ATCHIEVE
 CIGARET
 CINGULAR
 ETHERIAL
 GEALOUS
 HAMPSTER
 IDEALOGY
 IDIOTCY
 IMPOSTER
 MUNGOOSE
 PERSWADE
 PLACCATE
 POLLICY
 POURSUIT
 POURTRAY
 POYNANT
 REPREEVE
 SYCOSIS
 WIMBREL

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 Sussex Round Robin	7 games	Contact Venue	Peter Hall 01903 775396 Maltravers Club, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 5NA
Sunday 26 September		Cost Registration First game Refreshments	M £13 / NM £15 09.00 10.00 Tea and coffee provided
Bournemouth Autumn	6 games	Contact Venue	Ruth Marsden 01202 707148 Roper Hall, 5 Victoria Park Road, Moordown, Bournemouth
Sunday 3 October		Cost Registration First game Refreshments	M £13.50 / NM £15.50 09.30 10.00 Finish 17.30 Tea and coffee provided
West Berks	7 games	Contact Venue	Ian Burn 0118 984 5045 The Barn, Beech Road, Purley-on-Thames.
Saturday 15 January		Cost Registration First Game Refreshments	M £13 / NM £15 09.30 10.00 Finish 18.30 Tea and coffee provided
West Sussex	6 games	Contact Venue	Peter Hall 01903 775396 The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue, Rustington, West Sussex, BN16 3HX
Sunday 30 January		Cost Registration First game Refreshments	M £13 / NM £15 10.00 10.20 Tea and coffee provided
11th Grand Hampshire Open	6 games	Contact Venue	Alan Bailey 02392 384360 Sports Hall, John Hanson School, Floral Way, Andover SP10 3PB
Sunday 20 February <i>No further details</i>			
East Sussex	6 games	Contact Venue	Ed Breed 01424 219334 Hailsham Community Hall, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham BN27 7AE
Sunday 11 March		Cost Registration First Game Refreshments	M £14 / NM £16 09.00 10.00 Tea and coffee provided
Bournemouth Spring RR	7 games	Contact Venue	Ruth Marsden 01202 707148 Roper Hall, 5 Victoria Park Road, Moordown, Bournemouth
Sunday 8 May		Cost Registration First game Refreshments	M £13.50 / NM £15.50 09.30 10.00 Finish 17.45 Tea and coffee provided

NOTABLE SCORING FEATS

Highest Word Score

Notified of High scores: Sheila Jolliffe of Newport Red played DISQUIET for 131 in their match against Bournemouth Magpies. Elisabeth Jardine of Bournemouth Magpies played BOOZIEST for 124 against Salisbury

Highest Team Score

Five scores 5000 or more:

5000 by Carshalton against Ramsgate
5049 by Bournemouth Magpies against Newport Red
5021 by Guildford against Southdown Scorpions
5112 by Brighton against Ramsgate.
5399 by Southampton Saints against Newport Blue

High Game Scores

Tim Lawrence of Brighton and Hove managed to **exceed 600 with a score of 606** against Ramsgate, the highest score this season. Tim also scored 571 when playing Dorking. Three other players have exceeded 550:

Colin Parker of Carshalton 584
Gary Oliver of Southampton Saints 590 and 553
Penny Downer of Newport Blue 554

Highest Win Ratios

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

Eastern Division

Amanda Sodny (100%), Tim Lawrence (87%) and Verity Cross (83%) all of Brighton
Maggie Lavington of Charshalton Curlews made 83%.

Central Division

Mavis Harding (83%) and Wanda de Poitiers (89%) both of East Berks.

Western Division

Bob Lynn of Salisbury achieved 83% wins.
Gary Oliver of Southampton Saints 83%.

MATCH RESULTS 2010**Western division**

Group one matches

1 March to 31 May

Bournemouth Magpies	4	8	Southampton Saints
Bournemouth Ospreys	7	5	Newport Red
Southampton Sinners			Bournemouth Magpies
Newport Red	4	8	Newport Blue
Salisbury	5	7	Bournemouth Ospreys
Newport Blue	5	7	Bournemouth Magpies
Newport Blue	7	5	Bournemouth Ospreys
Newport Red	6	6	Southampton Sinners
Southampton Saints	7	5	Salisbury

Group two matches

1 June to 31 August

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

Group three matches

1 September to 10 November

Southampton Saints			Bournemouth Ospreys
Salisbury			Southampton Sinners
Southampton Sinners			Southampton Saints
Newport Red	2	10	Bournemouth Magpies
Salisbury			Newport Blue

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Central division**Group one matches**

1 March to 31 May

Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers	4	8	Ryde Hornets
Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates	8	4	Reading
East Berks Rack Pack	3	9	Ryde Bees
Ryde Hornets	6	6	East Berks Rack Pack
Basingstoke			Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers
Basingstoke	2	10	East Berks Rack Pack
Ryde Bees	5	7	Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates
Reading			Basingstoke
Ryde Hornets	9	3	Ryde Bees

Group two matches

1 June to 31 August

Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers	3	9	East Berks Rack Pack
Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates	9	3	Basingstoke
East Berks Rack Pack	7	5	Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates
Ryde Bees	11	1	Reading
Reading			Ryde Hornets
Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates	6	6	Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers
Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers	4	8	Ryde Bees

Group three matches

1 September to 10 November

East Berks Rack Pack		Reading
Ryde Hornets		Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates
Ryde Bees		Basingstoke
Basingstoke		Ryde Hornets
Reading		Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers

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Eastern division**Group one matches**

1 March to 31 May

Carshalton Curlews	8	4	Rustington
Dorking	5.5	6.5	Guildford
Brighton & Hove Regents	11	1	Ramsgate
Rustington	6	6	Brighton & Hove Regents
Southdowns Scorpions	5	7	Carshalton Curlews
Southdowns Scorpions	4	8	Brighton & Hove Regents
Ramsgate	5	7	Dorking
Guildford	9	3	Southdowns Scorpions
Rustington	9	3	Ramsgate

Group two matches

1 June to 31 August

Carshalton Curlews	5	7	Brighton & Hove Regents
Dorking	5	7	Southdowns Scorpions
Brighton & Hove Regents	11	1	Dorking
Ramsgate	4	8	Guildford
Guildford	7	5	Rustington
Dorking	3	9	Carshalton Curlews
Carshalton Curlews	10	2	Ramsgate

Group three matches

1 September to 10 November

Brighton & Hove Regents	Guildford
Rustington	Dorking
Ramsgate	Southdowns Scorpions
Southdowns Scorpions	Rustington
Guildford	Carshalton Curlews

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LEAGUE POSITIONS 2010**Western division**

	Played	W	D	L	Games	Points
Bournemouth Magpies	5	4	0	1	40	12
Southampton Saints	4	4	0	0	34	12
Bournemouth Ospreys	5	3	0	2	31	9
Newport Blue	4	2	0	2	23	6
Newport Red	6	0	2	4	25	2
Salisbury	4	0	1	3	17	1
Southampton Sinners	2	0	1	1	10	1

Central division

E Berks Rack Pack	5	3	1	1	35	10
Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates	5	3	1	1	35	10
Ryde Bees	5	3	0	2	36	9
Ryde Hornets	3	2	1	0	23	7
Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers	4	0	1	3	17	1
Reading	2	0	0	2	5	0
Basingstoke	2	0	0	2	5	0

Eastern division

	Played	W	D	L	Games	Points
Brighton and Hove Regents	5	4	1	0	43	13
Carshalton Curlews	5	4	0	1	39	12
Guildford	4	4	0	0	30.5	12
Rustington	4	1	1	2	24	4
Dorking	5	1	4	0	21.5	3
Southdowns Scorpions	4	1	0	3	19	3
Ramsgate	5	0	0	5	15	0