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Falling numbers in the League makes organisation difficult. All those who run tournaments in the South have and are experiencing a similar problem.

Travel and the expense involved seem to be a major problem.

Suggestions for next year include compact geographical divisions eg a Surrey / Sussex division from George Newman and a mail shot to recruit more clubs at a more social level, David Young of Dorking is mailing all clubs in his area.

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 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. The new word books are already on sale currently in hardback form but I understand that a paperback will be published. The League will follow the ABSP's implementation date. A list of modifications is available on the WESPA web site and I have been told it is planned to include a booklet of changes with a future copy of ONBOARD.

Self-Adjudication at Tournaments is still open to much ongoing discussion and is increasingly being used in those tournaments with a lack of runners and 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 39 is 30 November 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:

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Other Hats

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

The Lawyer's Jerusalem.

And did those Tweets in modern times
Burst upon England's legal scene ,
With several sheets of cultural crimes
Purveyed by men like Charlie Sheen ?
And who would countenance a fine
By setting forth those tabloid thrills,
When I can get injunctions here
Instead of parliamentary bills ?

When in the know, I'm earning gold;
Bring me some barristers for hire :-
And then, in court, with crowds untold,
I see my fee has just got higher !
I shall not cease from courtroom strife,
From Lincoln's Inn down to The Strand,
While I can get injunctions here
In England's now unpleasant land !

EB 1.06.2011.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

Brighton & Hove June 12

Run by Doj Graham

6 rounds 46 players on the day

Prize Winners

Division	First	Second	Third
A	Gary Oliver	Rik Kennedy	Penny Downer
B	Elizabeth Ramsey	Heather Laird	Philip Turner
C	Betty Simmonds	Colin St Hill	Peter Bailey

OBITUARY

Margaret Seabrook, Dorking and Brighton. A Dedicated Scrabblor

On one evening just a few months after the Dorking Scrabble Club started in 1992 Margaret Seabrook, recently widowed and looking for a new outlet, came to try playing Scrabble in a club. She took to it at once and quickly became a keen player determined to win every game.

When the club joined the Southern Counties League a year or so later she was a leading member of the Dorking team and continued to play League Scrabble matches for many years. When Dorking temporarily withdrew from the League she joined the Brighton Club, playing in its team for League matches.

Over the years she maintained her membership of both clubs, supporting both regularly. Living in Horsham she would drive 14miles to Dorking on Wednesday evenings and 20 miles to Brighton on Monday and Friday evenings. With return journeys that adds up to 100 miles a week!

On top of that she would regularly join in as many tournaments as possible.

She was well known and well liked by many Scrabblers, particularly for her wicked sense of humour. Life was never dull when Margaret was around and a black hole has come to the Scrabble World.

From Priscilla Munday and David Young

Over the years I came to know Margaret well, meeting her at tournaments, from time to time she telephoned me to let me know how she was faring. I last spoke to her a just few days before she died when she rang to say how pleased she was to be playing in the League for Dorking. Ruth

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. Tim Charlton of Guildford, 131 LUNARIST. Colin Parker of Carshalton 140 BAPTIZES. George Newman of Brighton, 131 ALTERNES. 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

Five scores of 5000 or more:

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

High Game Scores

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

Further high scores: Elisabeth Jardine 549, Barbara Allen 548, Wendy Lindridge 545, Ralph Gibbs 542, 501, Noel Turner 538, Angela Swain 536, Charlotte Ward 529, Bob Lynn 527 (twice!), Tim Charlton 529, 520, 529, 505, Chris Finlay 525, Colin Parker 519, 523 Jo Tebbutt 517, Pam Fairless 513, Carol Stanley 511, Penny Downer 511, Frances Golding 510, Malcolm Wearn 509, Alan Bailey 508, Val Wright 507, Chris Downer 504, Peter Neeves 503, Brian Jones 503 David Lawton 502 and Alan Bailey 501. Ivan Swallow 506, Gary Oliver 501

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 87%
 Stuart Solomons of Carshalton 83%

Western Division

Gary Oliver of Southampton Saints 100%
 Chris Finlay of Southampton Saints 89%
 Maureen Chamberlain of Bournemouth Magpies 87%
 Elisabeth Jardine of Bournemouth Magpies 87%

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.



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
Brighton & Hove Actually	9 games	Contact	Doj Graham 01273 699811
		Venue	Avenue Bridge Club, Third Avenue, Hove BN3 2PB
Sunday 9 October		Cost	M £13.50 / NM £15.50
		Registration	09.00
		First game	0930 Finish: not specified
		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			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			East Berks Smarties
East Berks Smarties			Southdowns Scorpions
Dorking	1	11	Brighton & Hove Regents
Guildford	9	3	Ryde Bees
Rustington	6	6	Guildford
Carshalton Curlews	8	4	Dorking
Ryde Bees			Carshalton Curlews

Group three matches

1 September to 10 November

Guildford			Brighton & Hove Regents
Carshalton Curlews			East Berks Smarties
Ryde Bees	4	8	East Berks Smarties
Ryde Hornets			Ryde Bees
East Berks Smarties			Brighton and Hove Regents
Carshalton Curlews			Ryde Hornets
Dorking			Rustington
East Berks Smarties			Dorking
Southdowns Scorpions	10	2	Ryde Bees
Rustington			Southdowns Scorpions
Carshalton Curlews			Guildford

Note: As East Berks Rack Pack have withdrawn from the League I have discounted the three matches that they had already played. If this affects the final results of the League competition I will reconsider. Ruth

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	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			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		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
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 Magpies	5	5	0	0	43	15
Bournemouth Ospreys	7	4	0	3	46	12
Southampton Saints	4	4	0	0	36	12
Salisbury	6	2	1	3	36	7
Newport Blue	5	2	0	3	29	6
Newport Red	5	1	1	3	20	4
Southampton Sinners	5	0	2	3	25	2
Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates	5	0	2	3	20	2
Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers	4	0	0	4	17	0

Eastern division

	Played	W	D	L	Games	Points
Guildford	6	4	1	1	49	13
Brighton and Hove Regents	6	4	2	0	48	12
Ryde Hornets	6	4	0	2	44	12
Carshalton Curlews	4	3	0	1	29	9
Southdowns Scorpions	5	2	1	2	28	7
Rustington	5	2	1	2	25	7
Dorking	5	1	0	4	16	3
East Berks Smarties	4	1	0	3	14	3
Ryde Bees	6	0	0	6	22	0