



The Wirral
Badminton League

Season 2009/10

**Rules & Fixture
Handbook**

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**LEAGUE HANDBOOK
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THE WIRRAL BADMINTON LEAGUE

A Message from your President

PETER COLEBOURNE



Welcome to the new Badminton season.

We will again have seven divisions and are delighted to welcome a new club, Bidston Juniors, to our league. Juniors are the lifeblood of our game and we trust they will enjoy the taste of competitive badminton. Regrettably Upton Victory Hall and Wallasey St James have each been forced to drop a team.

Last season was particularly memorable for our League in that we adopted the Rally Points scoring system, becoming the first league in Cheshire to do so. Although there had been some misgivings about the decision to change, players and clubs are to be congratulated on accepting the challenge and making it work so smoothly.

Congratulations are due to the winners of our 7 divisions, and the 3 knock-out cup competitions played as the Birkenhead, Wallasey and Hoylake Cups, with the trophies remembering our three former leagues. The finals were again held at Birkenhead School where spectators were treated to some excellent and thrilling matches, with the honours going to Barnston, Wexford and St Catherines respectively. As always we thank our Chairman and Secretary for organising and refereeing these events, and must mention the success of the handicapping committee for coping with a new scoring system for the first time, and getting some very close match results.

The Wirral League dominated the CCBA awards ceremony this year - David Spencer was awarded the Marjorie Bryce-Smith trophy for his great contribution to badminton in the County - he is not only a very active secretary of our league, but also County Treasurer and Veterans Organiser for Cheshire - an award richly deserved.

Neil Cooper also received a richly deserved award by winning the Arthur Evans Memorial trophy for his services to Cheshire badminton. Neil played for the County 1st team for several years, and was subsequently involved as manager/selector of County teams for many years as well as taking a very active part in the Wallasey League particularly as a very successful organiser of Open and Handicap tournaments. An active player in the formation of the Wirral League he has been our representative to CCBA for the last six seasons, and again well deserves his honour.

Congratulations also go to Helen Davies, a Wirral player for the last ten years or so and now in the international squad, representing England in the recent European Championships and currently number 3 in the national rankings at Ladies Singles - a wonderful achievement for one of our own.

These individual honours reflect the very strong support and organisation we have and enjoy. It is my pleasure and duty to thank everyone involved in the running of the League, and I do so

in no particular order as all contributions are as valuable as the next. I would like to start however with the Vice-Presidents who with the officers constitute the Finance & General Purposes Sub-Committee - their experience and knowledge is invaluable and much appreciated.

Next I would like to acknowledge the contribution of the elected Club Representatives, a new and successful initiative last year that has seen Linda Biggs (Rock Ferry) and Norma Burrige (Wexford) add a valued input to discussions.

Finally I have to pay tribute to the excellent team of officers we are so lucky to have, and who put in so much work to ensure the success of the League. You will find the complete list of officers and other volunteers, and the Vice-Presidents, immediately after this message, so I will not list them again, but they all deserve recognition and thanks.

I must also thank the officers of our Clubs. I appreciate the work done at Club level in administration and in particular ensuring that teams are turned out to fulfil over 220 fixtures in a season. There were no penalty point deductions for failing to play a fixture last season, a fact that speaks volumes for club officers.

One slightly disappointing and worrying area is the end of season Presentation Dance, always a feature of this League and its predecessors. Sadly the number attending has been diminishing year on year. The F & GP Sub-Committee are keen to revive what has always been a major event in our calendar. Any ideas or suggestions would be very welcome - please contact your club representative or ring the Chairman or Secretary if you have any thoughts that might help.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a happy and successful season. Please support your club in whatever way you can and let us all work together to see our great game thrive.

Yours in Sport

Peter Colebourne

THE WIRRAL BADMINTON LEAGUE

SEASON 2009/10

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The Len Knight Trophy - (Veterans)

To be appointed - Volunteer required

THE WIRRAL BADMINTON LEAGUE

RULES and REGULATIONS

1. CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The League shall be called THE WIRRAL BADMINTON LEAGUE, hereinafter referred to as "the League"

2 Objectives

To provide and promote competitive badminton on a league basis for clubs in Wirral, and to arrange matches, tournaments and other events connected therewith, in accordance with the laws of badminton

3. Membership

3.1 The League shall be open to teams of Clubs affiliated to the Cheshire County Badminton Association (CCBA) and situated in Wirral.

3.2 Application to join must be sent to the League Secretary, in writing, by 15th May and acceptance shall be subject to the decision of the Executive Committee, who shall also have the power to determine the appropriate League and Division.

3.3 Clubs desirous of withdrawing a team or teams from the League must notify the League Secretary on or before the 15th May each year, otherwise they will be held liable for the following season's subscription.

3.4 Associate membership may be granted to CCBA affiliated Clubs and Associations in Wirral at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

4. MEETINGS

4.1 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM shall be held by 30th June each year; the business to be transacted shall include

- receiving audited accounts for the season,
- the election of President and Vice-Presidents, who must retire annually but may be re-elected
- the election of officers,
- receiving annual reports from officers
- the appointment of auditor(s) for the following year
- consideration of motions for which due notice has been given.
- consideration of any variation to these Rules and Regulations
- agreement of subscriptions chargeable for the following season

4.2 A copy of the Agenda shall be sent to Club Secretaries not less than 14 days prior to the date of an AGM. Accidental omission to give such notice to a Club shall not invalidate the proceedings of an otherwise properly convened meeting

4.3 Notices of motions to be presented at the AGM must be sent in writing to the League Secretary at least 28 days before the AGM. Notices which have not been previously agreed at a League Executive Meeting must be supported by at least six named clubs.

4.4 Each League Club Team, together with the President, Vice-Presidents and elected officers, shall be entitled to one vote at an AGM, but any member of a registered Club may attend such meetings and take part in the discussions. A person may only have one vote at the meeting and no proxy voting shall be permitted. The Chairperson shall only vote if other votes result in a tie.

4.5 A quorum for an AGM shall be not less than one half of the maximum number of eligible votes.

4.6 Every motion submitted shall be decided by a majority on a show of hands. Where felt desirable by the AGM Chairperson, or upon a request from a majority of those present, a secret ballot shall be arranged, for which two scrutineers shall be appointed by the Chairperson.

5 Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

5.1 An EGM may be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee or on the requisition of not less than one third of the Clubs in full membership. Such a requisition must be sent in writing to the League Secretary and signed by the Clubs concerned, and state the specific reason for which the meeting is being convened. Any motion to be discussed must be incorporated in the notice and no other business shall be transacted.

5.2 An EGM must be held within 30 days of a properly submitted requisition, and at least 14 days notice of the meeting given to officers and member clubs.

5.3 A quorum and voting entitlements at an EGM shall be as for an AGM, except that to be successful any motion at an EGM shall require two-thirds of the votes cast.

6 League Executive Meetings

6.1 The business of the League shall be conducted by an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice-Presidents, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Secretary, Results Secretary, Information Officer, CCBA Representative, Junior League Representative, Junior Tournament Organiser, and one representative from each club in membership. At least twelve members are required to form a quorum.

6.2 The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill casual vacancies amongst Officers and members of the Executive Committee and to form any Sub-Committee for specific purposes, and to define their duties.

6.3 A calendar of League Executive Meetings shall be arranged on an annual basis at the first meeting after the AGM. Additional meetings can be convened at the discretion of the elected Officers so long as at least 14 days notice is given.

6.4 Voting at an Executive Committee shall be by show of hands, or a secret ballot if felt necessary by the Chairperson, or requested by a majority of those present. Decisions shall be made according to the votes cast by a majority of those present

6.5 Fixtures for the subsequent season shall be arranged at a special meeting, which all clubs must attend. Failure to attend, unless there are exceptional circumstances, will incur a fine equal to the annual subscription for each team affected.

7. Finance and General Purpose Sub-Committee

7.1 The Sub-Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-Presidents, the elected officers as listed in paragraph 6.1 above, together with two elected Club Representatives.

7.2 The Sub-Committee may be convened between meetings of the Executive Committee to deal with urgent business that requires action or decision before the next scheduled Executive meeting, and to agree policy reports to be presented to the League Executive.

7.3 A meeting may be called by the Chairperson, provided a minimum 7 days notice is given to members of the Sub-Committee.

7.4 A quorum consists of a minimum 4 members

7.5 Minutes of the proceedings of the Sub-Committee shall be circulated at the subsequent Executive Meeting.

8. LEAGUE ORGANISATION

8.1 The League shall consist of a Wirral Premier League (maximum of 9 teams), a Wirral North League and a Wirral South League consisting of Divisions of 9 teams or less. Divisions shall be identified as 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. The composition of the divisions will be agreed at a League Executive Meeting prior to the fixture meeting

8.2 Each team in a division will play home and away fixtures against other teams in the division. Divisional placings shall be determined by the number of sets won in these fixtures with every set in the

match scoring one point for or against each team. Should the total number of sets won be equal, the team with the greater difference in sets won and lost shall be placed higher. In the event of the teams still being equal the greater number of sets won in the matches between the clubs shall determine the higher placing

8.3 At the end of each season, the leading team in Division 1 of the North & South Leagues shall be promoted to the Premier League. The leading two teams in North & South Divisions 2, 3, 4, etc shall be promoted to the Division above. The bottom two teams in the Premier League Division shall be relegated to Division 1 of the North or South League. The bottom two teams in North & South Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, etc shall be relegated to the Division below.

8.4 The League Executive may, prior to the fixture meeting, decide on the relegation placing of the two Premier clubs and may also vary the composition of the leagues where the above promotion and relegation rules lead to an undesired or unbalanced composition which adversely affects a club or clubs. Also, should the number of teams in Divisions becomes unbalanced due to resignations from the League, the Executive Committee may, prior to the fixture meeting, agree to change the composition of Divisions.

9. Matches

9.1 Teams shall consist of four ladies and four men, each of whom shall contest a straight and a mixed doubles event. Each match shall consist of 4 Mixed, 2 Men's and 2 Ladies Doubles and partnerships must be played in order of strength. Events shall be the best of three games of a minimum twenty-one points, with additional points playable in accordance with the Rally Points Scoring System. A team shall score one point for each set won in the match

9.2 Captains of teams shall simultaneously exchange team sheets and agree the order of play for the match before the commencement of the first event. In the event of disagreement on the order of play, this will be as follows: 1st Men's Doubles followed by 1st Ladies' Doubles or vice-versa; 2nd Men's Doubles followed by 2nd Ladies' Doubles or vice-versa; Mixed Doubles in the order 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

9.3 Play shall be continuous and any player not available when called shall have two games of twenty-one aces scored against him or her in that event. Knocking up time before each event is restricted to two minutes.

9.4 League games shall commence not later than 8.00 p.m. or at such earlier scheduled time stated in the official list of Clubs in the League Handbook. Earliest permitted start time is 7.00 p.m.

9.5 All players must be present at the match venue within fifteen minutes of the scheduled start of play and players who arrive after that time may be disqualified, except that Captains may mutually agree in advance of a match to the late arrival of a player(s), but must agree a time limit. In the event of non-appearance after that agreed time limit the excused player(s) may be disqualified and no substitutions allowed.

In the event of a player(s) not present when required for his/her first event, another eligible player(s) may be substituted in the place of the absent player(s), subject to the approval of both captains.

9.6 Where a player(s) is incapacitated before his/her second event commences, then an eligible reserve substitution(s) shall be allowed in the second event to be played by that player(s) subject to the approval of both Captains. A full report, in writing, of the circumstances necessitating the substitution(s) must be sent to the Results Secretary within 7 days of the match.

9.7 No alteration shall be permitted to a team sheet except for a substitution as permitted in Rules 9.5 or 9.6.

9.8 Unfinished matches and reasons therefore must be reported to the Results Secretary within 7 days of the match.

9.9 Visiting teams shall abide by the practices of the home Club with regard to "lets" and "faults", provided these are in accordance with the Laws of Badminton. The visitors shall be notified before the commencement of matches of any such circumstances likely to affect play.

9.10 All matches will be played with recognised feathered shuttles. A new shuttle of the same type must be provided at the commencement of each event. The Executive Committee reserves the right to forbid the use of any particular type of shuttle.

9.11 Umpires and scorers may be appointed by mutual consent and their decision shall be binding.

10 Score-sheets

10.1 An official score-sheet shall be completed and signed at the conclusion of the match by both home and visiting Captains and forwarded by the home Club to be received by the Results Secretary within 7 days. Any failure to do so is liable to incur a financial penalty of £5.00.

11. Registrations

11.1 Each Club Secretary shall send a list, in duplicate, of each team's registered players (in all Wirral Leagues) to the League Results Secretary to arrive not later than the date of the Club's first match of the season. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £5.00 for each seven day period, or part thereof, following the first match.

Only members of a Club who are paying the full senior or junior subscription and have been registered for a minimum of 7 days may represent it in a League match. (The 7 day rule does not apply for the first match - see the preceding paragraph)

Unless the teams are in different League (i.e. North and South), where the club has more than one team the 4 men and 4 ladies representing the highest teams must be identified. Club Secretaries are responsible for notifying players so registered.

11.2 Re-registration of players between teams of the same Club may be made up to 31st January in any season. Players re-registered to a higher team may play immediately for that team, but players re-registered to a lower team will only be eligible to play at least seven (7) days after playing for the higher team. Rule 11.7 may however apply if the person is a registered Premier player.

Player(s) re-registered to a lower team cannot play for a higher team again during that season unless specific permission has been granted by the Finance & General Purposes Sub-Committee for a player to be re-instated. The Results Secretary must be notified, in writing, of the reason for the application for re-registration.

11.3 Additional registrations, including inter-club transfers, may be made at any time up to 31st January and will take effect seven days after receipt of notification by the Results Secretary.

11.4 During any one season a player may play a combined total of three times for higher teams than those for which he or she is registered. If a player plays four times for higher teams, then he/she will automatically be re-registered for the next higher team, and subsequent reinstatement to a lower team is not permitted.

11.5 In the event of a Club having more than one team in the same Division, they shall be numbered 1, 2 etc in order of strength. League matches between teams from the same Club in the same Division must take place up to 31st January of that season.

11.6 No player shall play for more than one Club at the same time in a League (Premier, North or South), although a player may play for another club in a different League, e.g. a player can register and play for a North club and a South club.

11.7 Registered Premier players may play in the North or South Leagues for their Premier club teams or for another club, subject to the following restrictions.

- a) Up to two Premier registered players can play for a team in a match in Division 1 of the North or South Leagues, but no more than one man and one lady can be used (i.e. if two are used they must be of different gender).
- b) One Premier registered player can play for a team in a match in Division 2 of the North or South Leagues (i.e. one man or one lady)

- c) No Premier registered player can play in a match below Division 2, whether for his or her Premier club, or any other club.
- d) In the event of a club having two teams in the Premier Division, and a third team in Division 1, then one additional Premier registered lady to that stated in (a) above, can, if necessary, play in a 3rd team match in order to fulfil a fixture. The additional lady must be from that club's 2nd team.
- 11.8 Requests for transfer from one Club to another shall be in writing, signed by the player and the secretary of both clubs concerned, and sent to the appropriate Results Secretaries.

12. Fixtures

- 12.1 Matches must be played as appearing in the League Fixture Book and may only be postponed or re-arranged because of non-availability of the hall or exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances do not normally include sickness or injury to players or social functions.
- 12.2 Notice of such postponements or re-arrangements must be given to the Results Secretary and approval obtained. In the event of a Club not fulfilling a fixture without the authority of the Results Secretary, such Club will be penalised by having a maximum of sixteen points deducted from their team's divisional points total.
- 12.3 The home Club's Match Secretary must re-arrange the match and confirm the agreed new date, in writing, to both the opposing Club's Match Secretary and the Results Secretary. Any extra hall expenses incurred must be met by the offending Club. The result of the match will be accounted for in the Divisional tables.
- 12.4 A match shall not be deemed to have been fulfilled unless at least five valid events are played.

13. GENERAL MATTERS

13. Subscriptions

- 13.1 The Treasurer will recommend for approval the subscriptions for the following season at the Annual General Meeting, in the form of an item on the Agenda. The subscription will include the cost of the League Handbooks and entry into the appropriate League Cup and Trophy competitions.
- 13.2 Subscriptions must be paid to the League Treasurer by 31st October. Failure to do so will result in a fine of one-half of the annual fees due per team.

14 Equal Opportunity and Child Protection Policies

- 14.1 in line with the Badminton Association of England guidelines the League has adopted policies with regard to Equal Opportunities and Child Protection that member clubs must be familiar with and observe. The detailed policies are held by the Secretary and copies can be provided upon request.

15 Disputes

- 15.1 Any disputes arising on any matter connected with the League shall be reported, in writing, to the League Secretary. If the matter affects another club, that club must also be sent a copy of the written complaint, and the second club should submit a written response to the League Secretary within 7 days of receipt of the letter. The League Executive Committee shall consider such disputes and their decision shall be final.

16 Alterations to Rules

- 16.1 Alterations and additions to these Rules shall only be made at a General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose.
- 16.2 Written notice of any proposed alterations or additions to the Rules at the Annual General Meeting must be given to the Honorary League Secretary not later than 28 days prior to the AGM.

- 16.3 No alteration or addition to the Rules shall be adopted unless a majority of those present and entitled to vote shall vote in favour of such alteration or addition at an AGM, or two-thirds at an EGM.

17 League Executive Powers

17.1 The League Executive Committee shall be the sole interpreter of the Rules, and has the power to impose penalties for contravention or any action by Club or an individual that is considered contrary to the best interest of the game, and the decision shall be final.

17.2 In the event of any question arising which is not provided for in the foregoing Rules it shall be dealt with nevertheless by the League Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final.

CLUB DETAILS

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Match Night Thursday 7.30 p.m. (2 courts)

Venue St Anselms College, Manor Hill (off Park Road South), Birkenhead

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Match Night Thursday 7.30 p.m. (2 courts to 10.00)

Venue Wirral Tennis & Sports Centre, Valley Road, Bidston

BNFL

Secretary (& Match Secretary)

Cliff Taylor, 340 Ferry Road, Eastham. CH62 0AT

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Match Night Thursday 8.00 p.m. prompt (2 courts for 3 hours)

Venue Cheshire County Sports Club, Plas Newton Lane, Chester

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Match Night Friday 7.00 p.m. (1 court 7.00 - 8.00, 2 courts 8.00 - 10.00)

Venue EPIC Leisure Centre, McGarva Way, Ellesmere Port

CLAREMOUNT

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Match Secretary

David Colebourne, c/o 57 Greenleas Road, Wallasey. CH45 8LR Tel: 0151 638 5562

Match Night(s) Tuesday/Thursday 7.15 p.m. prompt (single court hall - first game to be pre-arranged)

Venue Claremount Methodist Church, Claremount Road/Sandy Lane, Wallasey

MILLBROOK/EPYC

Secretary (& Match Secretary)

Colin Evans, 7 Beechcroft Drive, Whitby, Ellesmere Port CH65 6PD Tel 0151 355 2874

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Match Night Wednesday 8.00 p.m

Venue The Hub, Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port CH65 6PA

MORETON/SEACOMBE

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Match Secretary Alison Jenkins, 7 Somerset Road, Wallasey, CH45 8PR Tel 0151 630 3131 ; 07706 000940
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Match Night Monday 7.30 p.m. prompt (Note matches start on 2 courts and must finish by 10.00)

Venue Weatherhead High School, Breck Road, Wallasey CH44 3HS

NESTON

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Match Night Thursday 8.00 p.m. prompt (2 courts)

Venue Neston Recreation Centre, Raby Park Road, Neston CH64 9NQ

ROCK FERRY

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Match Night Tuesday 7.00 p.m. (matches must start by 7.15 prompt)

Venue Birkenhead High School for Girls, 86 Devonshire Place, Prenton CH43 1TY

ST ANDREWS (MEOLS)

Secretary Mrs Sarah Guest, 180 Meols Parade, Meols,

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Match Secretary

Stewart Johnson, 1 Roman Road, Meols, Wirral CH47 6AG

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Match Night Wednesday 8.00 p.m. prompt

Venue West Kirby Concourse, Grange Road, West Kirby

ST ANDREWS/ PENINSULA

Secretary Miss Claire Dutton, 15 Burnley Road, Moreton CH46 9QE Tel 0151 200 8471 (H) 07742 865036 (Mob)

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Match Night Friday 7.00-9.00 (2 courts, prompt start required at 7.00)

Venue YMCA, Manor Road, Wallasey CH44 0EW

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Venue West Kirby Concourse, Grange Road, West Kirby

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Match Night Thursday 7.15 p.m. (finish by 10.00)

Venue Stanney Oaks Leisure Centre, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port CH65 9DB

ST PETERS

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Match Night Friday 7.30 p.m. prompt
Venue Wirral Grammar School for Girls, Heath Road, Bebington

SEAVIEW

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Match Secretary Mark McNamee, 5 Lansdowne Road, Wallasey Tel 0151 601 2225 (07533 314142)
Match Night Tuesday 8.00 p.m. prompt
Venue Weatherhead High School, Breck Road, Wallasey CH44 3HS

UPTON VICTORY HALL

Secretary & Match Secretary Mrs Laretta Wilkinson, 10 Green Mount, Upton Tel 0151 677 3078
Match Nights Wednesday/Thursday 7.00 p.m. prompt (single court) 1st Men Doubles to start
Venue Upton Victory Hall, Salacre Lane, Upton

WALLASEY ST JAMES

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Match Night Tuesday 7.00 p.m.
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(next to Windsors) CH45 3HL

WATERGATE

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Match Secretary Christian Southall, Tel 07779 027336
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Match Night Monday 8.00 p.m. (to 10.00)
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Match Nights Wednesday 7.30 p.m. prompt (2 courts to finish by 10.00 latest)
Venue Birkenhead High School (Girls), Devonshire Place, Claughton CH43 1TY

WOODCHURCH

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Match Night Wednesday 8.00 prompt

Venue Woodchurch Community Sports Hall, Carrbridge Road, Woodchurch (must finish by 10.00 p.m.)

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Tel 0151 339 7892

Venue New Ferry Community Centre, Grove Street, New Ferry, Bebington

BIDSTON JUNIORS

Secretary Peter Jones, 14 Burton Avenue, Wallasey, Wirral CH45 8HQ Tel 0151 512 7292

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Venue Wirral Tennis & Sports Centre Centre, Bidston

HOYLAKE ST CATHERINES JUNIORS

Secretary Paul Anderson, St Michael, Column Road West Kirby, Wirral CH48 7EA Tel 0151

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Venue West Kirby Concourse

MILLBROOK/EPYC

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Venue The Hub, Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port CH65 6PA

NESTON JUNIORS

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Venue Neston Recreation Centre

SAUGHALL JUNIORS

Secretary Chris Harman, 17 Darlington Crescent, Saughall, Chester CH1 6DB Tel 01244 880522

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Venue Vernon Institute, Church Road, Saughall

WALLASEY ST JAMES JUNIORS

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Venue Oldershaw School Sports Hall

WEST KIRBY JUNIORS

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Venue West Kirby Concourse

FIXTURES FOR SEASON 2009/10

Clubs and players are again asked to be aware of the potential problems and penalties associated with the need to play all fixtures as arranged, and to ensure a result is obtained on that date. **Please check for any changes to the Club venue and start times.**

If a fixture is cancelled for any reason other than the unavailability of the venue, then the defaulting club is likely to be penalised up to 16 points (Rule 12.2) and the match must be rearranged with any additional cost met by the defaulting club. Matches cannot be conceded

If a result is not obtained on the night due to unfinished events, any unfinished/unplayed events should be rearranged and played (from scratch) on another night. Events cannot be conceded unless due to absence or injury.

Most clubs have tight time constraints, and all players are asked to be at the venue promptly at start time, and lost time on the night must be minimised to ensure a match is completed. Attention is also drawn to Rule 9.5, which requires **all players to be present within 15 minutes of the start time** (unless prior agreement has been obtained from the opposing side)

Clubs should arrange first matches with their opposition to ensure a prompt start, particularly if a player's attendance is likely to be delayed

FIXTURES FOR SEASON 2009/10

PREMIER DIVISION

(The Les Moore Trophy)

SEPTEMBER 2009

30 Millbrook/EPYC v Rock Ferry 1

OCTOBER 2009

2 St Peters v Neston
8 Neston v Millbrook/EPYC
13 Rock Ferry 2 v Barnston
14 Millbrook/EPYC v St Peters
22 Neston v Rock Ferry 1
23 St Peters v Rock Ferry 2
29 Barnston v Rock Ferry 1

NOVEMBER 2009

3 Rock Ferry 2 v Neston
5 Barnston v St Peters
19 Barnston v Millbrook/EPYC
17 Rock Ferry 2 v Rock Ferry 1
24 Rock Ferry 2 v Millbrook/EPYC
26 Neston v Barnston

DECEMBER 2009

1 Rock Ferry 1 v St Peters
15 Rock Ferry 1 v Rock Ferry 2

JANUARY 2010

7 Barnston v Neston
12 Rock Ferry 1 v Neston
13 Millbrook/EPYC v Rock Ferry 2
22 St Peters v Rock Ferry 1
28 Barnston v Rock Ferry 2

FEBRUARY 2010

4	Neston	v	Rock Ferry 2
5	St Peters	v	Millbrook/EPYC
9	Rock Ferry 1	v	Barnston
17	Millbrook/EPYC	v	Neston
23	Rock Ferry 2	v	St Peters

MARCH 2010

3	Millbrook/EPYC	v	Barnston
9	Rock Ferry 1	v	Millbrook/EPYC
18	Neston	v	St Peters
26	St Peters	v	Barnston

DIVISION 1 NORTH (The Colebourne Trophy)

SEPTEMBER 2009

16	Woodchurch 1	v	Millbrook/EPYC
25	Capenhurst/Vauxhall	v	St Peters
30	Woodchurch 1	v	Moreton/Seacombe 1

OCTOBER 2009

1	Upton V Hall 1	v	St Andrews (Meols) 1
7	Millbrook/EPYC	v	Upton V Hall 1
7	Woodchurch 1	v	Capenhurst/Vauxhall
9	St Peters	v	Moreton/Seacombe 1
14	St Andrews (Meols)1	v	Moreton/Seacombe 1
22	Upton Victory Hall 1	v	Woodchurch 1
23	Capenhurst/Vauxhall	v	Moreton/Seacombe 1
30	St Peters	v	Woodchurch 1

NOVEMBER 2009

6	St Peters	v	Millbrook/EPYC
18	Upton V Hall 1	v	Capenhurst Vauxhall
18	Millbrook/EPYC	v	Moreton/Seacombe 1
20	St Peters	v	Upton Victory Hall 1
25	Millbrook/EPYC	v	St Andrews(Meols) 1
25	Woodchurch 1	v	Upton Victory Hall 1
26	Upton V Hall 1	v	Moreton/Seacombe 1
27	Capenhurst/Vauxhall	v	Millbrook/EPYC

DECEMBER 2009

2	Millbrook/EPYC	v	Woodchurch 1
7	Moreton/Seacombe 1	v	Millbrook/EPYC
9	St Andrews (Meols)1	v	Capenhurst Vauxhall
16	Woodchurch 1	v	St Andrews(Meols) 1

JANUARY 2010

- 6 St Andrews (Meols) 1 v St Peters
- 11 Moreton/Seacombe 1 v St Andrews(Meols) 1
- 15 Capenhurst/Vauxhall v Upton V Hall 1
- 20 Woodchurch 1 v St Peters
- 21 Upton Victory Hall 1 v Millbrook/EPYC
- 25 Moreton/Seacombe 1 v Capenhurst/Vauxhall
- 27 St Andrews (Meols) 1 v Woodchurch 1

FEBRUARY 2010

- 3 St Andrews (Meols) 1 v Upton V Hall 1
- 10 Millbrook/EPYC v St Peters
- 12 Capenhurst/Vauxhall v Woodchurch 1
- 15 Moreton/Seacombe 1 v St Peters
- 24 St Andrews (Meols) 1 v Millbrook/EPYC
- 26 St Peters v Capenhurst/Vauxhall

MARCH 2010

- 5 St Peters v St Andrews(Meols) 1
- 8 Moreton/Seacombe 1 v Upton Victory Hall 1
- 12 Capenhurst/Vauxhall v St Andrews(Meols) 1
- 18 Upton Victory Hall 1 v St Peters
- 22 Moreton/Seacombe 1 v Woodchurch 1
- 24 Millbrook/EPYC v Capenhurst/Vauxhall

DIVISION 2 NORTH **(The Wallasey St James Trophy)**

SEPTEMBER 2009

- 17 Neston v St Catherines
- 29 Claremount v St Andrews/Peninsula

OCTOBER 2009

- 1 Barnston v Neston
- 2 St Andrews/Peninsula v St James
- 13 St Catherines v Claremount
- 16 St Andrews/Peninsula v Neston
- 20 Claremount v Neston
- 22 Barnston v St James

NOVEMBER 2009

- 19 St James v St Catherines
- 20 St Andrews/Peninsula v Claremount
- 27 St Andrews/Peninsula v St Catherines

DECEMBER 2009

- 3 Claremount v St James
- 8 St Catherines v St Andrews/Peninsula
- 17 Barnston v St Catherines
- 17 St James v Neston

JANUARY 2010

12 St Catherines v St James
21 Neston v St Andrews/Peninsula
26 St Catherines v Neston
29 St Andrews/Peninsula v Barnston

FEBRUARY 2010

2 St Catherines v Barnston
11 St James v Barnston
18 Barnston v Claremount
25 Neston v St James

MARCH 2010

4 St James v Claremount
4 Neston v Barnston
11 Neston v Claremount
18 St James v St Andrews/Peninsula
18 Claremount v St Catherines
25 Barnston v St Andrews/Peninsula

APRIL 2010

1 Claremount v Barnston

DIVISION 3 NORTH **(The Sue Marcks Cup)**

SEPTEMBER 2009

24 Bidston Juniors v Upton V H 2
30 St Andrews(Meols) 2 v Wexford

OCTOBER 2009

7 St Andrews(Meols) 2 v Upton V H 2
15 Upton V Hall 2 v Woodchurch 2
19 Moreton/Seacombe 2 v Woodchurch 2
22 Bidston Juniors v Wexford
26 Moreton/Seacombe 2 v Upton V H 2
28 Woodchurch 2 v Wexford

NOVEMBER 2009

4 St Andrews(Meols) 2 v Moreton 2
19 Upton V H 2 v Wexford
25 Wexford v Moreton/Seacombe 2

DECEMBER 2009

2 St Andrews(Meols) 2 v Bidston Juniors
3 Bidston Juniors v Moreton/Seacombe 2
10 Bidston Juniors v Woodchurch 2

JANUARY 2010

- 6 Woodchurch 2 v Bidston Juniors
- 7 Upton V H 2 v St Andrews(Meols) 2
- 13 Wexford v Bidston Juniors
- 13 Woodchurch 2 v Upton V H 2
- 21 Bidston Juniors v St Andrews(Meols) 2

FEBRUARY 2010

- 1 Moreton/Seacombe 2 v St Andrews 2
- 4 Upton V H 2 v Bidston Juniors
- 8 Moreton/Seacombe 2 v Wexford
- 10 Wexford v Woodchurch 2
- 17 Woodchurch 2 v Moreton 2
- 24 Wexford v St Andrews (Meols) 2

MARCH 2010

- 1 Moreton/Seacombe 2 v Bidston Juniors
- 3 Woodchurch 2 v St Andrews(Meols) 2
- 10 Upton V H 2 v Moreton/Seacombe 2
- 17 St Andrews (Meols) 2 v Woodchurch

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to be arranged

Wexford v Upton Victory Hall 2

DIVISION 1 SOUTH (The Bradley Trophy)

SEPTEMBER 2009

- 23 Wexford v Woodchurch 1

OCTOBER 2009

- 1 BNFL v Barnston
- 6 Wallasey St James v Claremount 1
- 7 Wexford v Moreton/Seacombe
- 8 Barnston v Wexford
- 12 Moreton/Seacombe v BNFL
- 14 Wexford v Claremount 1
- 14 Woodchurch 1 v Wallasey St James
- 21 Woodchurch 1 v Claremount 1
- 29 BNFL v Wallasey St James
- 29 Claremount 1 v Moreton/Seacombe

NOVEMBER 2009

- 2 Moreton/Seacombe v Wallasey St James
- 3 Claremount 1 v Barnston
- 4 Woodchurch 1 v BNFL

17	Wallasey St James	v	Wexford
18	Woodchurch 1	v	Barnston
19	BNFL	v	Claremount 1
30	Moreton/Seacombe	v	Barnston

DECEMBER 2009

2	Wexford	v	BNFL
3	Barnston	v	Wallasey St James
9	Woodchurch 1	v	Moreton/Seacombe
10	Barnston	v	Claremount 1
14	Moreton/Seacombe	v	Wexford

JANUARY 2010

7	Claremount 1	v	Woodchurch 1
14	BNFL	v	Moreton/Seacombe
14	Claremount 1	v	Wallasey St James
20	Wexford	v	Wallasey St James
21	Barnston	v	Moreton/Seacombe
28	Claremount 1	v	Wexford

FEBRUARY 2010

2	Wallasey St James	v	Woodchurch 1
3	Wexford	v	Barnston
4	Claremount 1	v	BNFL
9	Wallasey St James	v	BNFL
22	Moreton/Seacombe	v	Claremount 1
25	BNFL	v	Wexford

MARCH 2010

2	Wallasey St James	v	Moreton/Seacombe
9	Wallasey St James	v	Barnston
11	Barnston	v	BNFL
15	Moreton/Seacombe	v	Woodchurch 1
18	Barnston	v	Woodchurch 1
25	BNFL	v	Woodchurch 1
31	Woodchurch 1	v	Wexford

DIVISION 2 SOUTH (The Keith Warbrick Trophy)

SEPTEMBER 2009

10	Upton Victory Hall 1	v	Woodchurch 2
18	St Peters	v	Upton Victory Hall 1
22	St Catherines	v	Upton Victory Hall 1
29	St Catherines	v	Woodchurch 2

OCTOBER 2009

6	Rock Ferry	v	St Catherines
8	Upton V Hall 1	v	St Andrews /(Meols)
16	St Peters	v	Rock Ferry
21	St Andrews (Meols)	v	St Catherines

NOVEMBER 2009

3 St Catherines v St Peters
18 St Andrews (Meols) v Rock Ferry
27 St Peters v Woodchurch 2

DECEMBER 2009

2 Upton Victory Hall 1 v Rock Ferry
4 St Peters v St Andrews (Meols)
8 Rock Ferry v Woodchurch 2

JANUARY 2010

13 St Andrews (Meols) v Woodchurch 2
19 Rock Ferry v Upton VH 1
26 Rock Ferry v St Andrews/Meols
27 Woodchurch 2 v Upton Vic Hall 1

FEBRUARY 2010

2 Rock Ferry v St Peters
3 Woodchurch 2 v St Peters
9 St Catherines v St Andrews/Meols
17 St Andrews/Meols v Upton VH 1
19 St Peters v St Catherines
24 Woodchurch 2 v St Catherines

MARCH 2010

2 St Catherines v Rock Ferry
4 Upton VH 1 v St Peters
10 Woodchurch 2 v St Andrews/Meols
24 Upton VH 1 v St Catherines
24 St Andrews Meols v St Peters
24 Woodchurch 2 v Rock Ferry

DIVISION 3 SOUTH (The David Spencer Cup)

SEPTEMBER 2009

24 Neston v West Kirby

OCTOBER 2009

2 West Kirby v Watergate
5 Watergate v Neston
12 Watergate v St Andrews/Peninsula
15 Neston v Claremount 2
16 West Kirby v Seaview
22 Claremount 2 v St Andrews/Peninsula
27 Seaview v Claremount 2

NOVEMBER 2009

6	St Andrews/Peninsula	v	Seaview
16	Watergate	v	Seaview
26	Claremount 2	v	West Kirby

DECEMBER 2009

1	Seaview	v	Neston
4	St Andrews/Peninsula	v	West Kirby
7	Watergate	v	Claremount 2
10	Neston	v	St Andrews/Peninsula

JANUARY 2010

12	Seaview	v	St Andrews/Peninsula
14	Neston	v	Watergate
21	Claremount 2	v	Seaview
25	Watergate	v	West Kirby

FEBRUARY 2010

5	St Andrews/Peninsula	v	Neston
11	Neston	v	Seaview
12	St Andrews/Peninsula	v	Watergate
12	West Kirby	v	Claremount 2
23	Seaview	v	Watergate
25	Claremount 2	v	Neston
26	West Kirby	v	St Andrews/Peninsula

MARCH 2010

4	Claremount 2	v	Watergate
9	Seaview	v	West Kirby
12	St Andrews/Peninsula	v	Claremount 2
19	West Kirby	v	Neston

THE "BIRKENHEAD", "WALLASEY" and "HOYLAKE" COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. The competitions shall be played each year as follows
 - The Birkenhead Handicap (playing for the Advertiser Cup) for teams in the Premier League, and Division 1 of the North and South Leagues
 - The Wallasey Handicap (playing for the Vera Johnson Trophy) for teams in Divisions 2 and 3 of the South League
 - The Hoylake Handicap (playing for the Dovepoint Trophy) for teams in Divisions 2 and 3 of the North League
2. All clubs playing in each of the respective leagues shall automatically qualify to have one entry per team entered in the relevant competition, and the entry fee shall be included in the annual League subscription
3. The competitions shall be played on a knock-out basis, with handicaps assigned at each round of the event. Each pair in a team will play from the allotted handicap, adjusted where relevant in accordance with the official handicap tables printed in the BE Handbook, with no setting allowed.
4. Matches will consist of nine events as follows
 - Three Men playing three crossover Mens Doubles (AB, AC, and BC) against their opposite numbers in one game to 21 points. Player A must be the strongest, B the second, and so on
 - Three Ladies playing three crossover Ladies Doubles (AB, AC, and BC) against their opposite numbers in one game to 21 points. Player A must be the strongest as above.
 - The same players playing a total of three games of Mixed Doubles, each pair playing one game to 21 points. Mixed pairings must be played in order of strength.
5. All players must be registered and eligible to play for the team in the relevant Division at the date of the match. A player can only play for a club in one of the three competitions in any one season (but if eligible can also play for a different club in a different competition).
6. A list of players eligible to play for each team must be provided to the Competition Secretary by a date fixed by the League. Teams will be handicapped based on the names on this list throughout the competition, except the Club may request a deletion where a player becomes ineligible to play in a competition by virtue of playing in another team (see Rule 5).
7. Matches in the first round of the event must be played in the week allotted by the League for these competitions. The date of subsequent fixtures must be agreed between the clubs involved within the time limits set by the League. If a match has to be played by agreement at a neutral venue the court costs should be shared. The Finals will be played on a set date, with court and shuttle costs borne by the League.
8. The order of play in a match shall be mutually agreed by the two team captains, but in the event of non-agreement the order of play shall be Mens AB, Ladies AB, Mens AC, Ladies AC, Mens BC, Ladies BC, Mixed 1, Mixed 2 and Mixed 3. Play shall be continuous and a 21-0 result may be claimed against a player not available when called. Once team sheets have been exchanged no alterations or substitutions shall be permitted.
9. The Home Team Secretary is responsible for arranging the fixture with the opposing team, and for advising the Competition Secretary of the agreed date.
10. Matches must be played with a recognised standard feather shuttle provided by the home team. Shuttle costs shall be shared equally between the competing teams.
11. Matches shall commence no later than five minutes after the official start time for the home club, unless varied by agreement between the teams before the event.

12. Special score sheets will be provided by the League, and must be signed by both captains and returned by the home team to the Competition Secretary to be received within 5 days of the match. Failure to do so may incur a fine of £5.00.

13. In the event of disputes, the decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.

ROLL OF HONOUR - SEASON 2008/09

LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

PREMIER DIVISION

Winners Millbrook/EPYC
Runners Up Rock Ferry

NORTH LEAGUE

Div 1 Winners Rock Ferry
Runners Up Capenhurst Vauxhall

Div 2 Winners Woodchurch
Runners Up Moreton/Seacombe

Div 3 Winners St Catherines
Runners Up St James

SOUTH LEAGUE

Div 1 Winners St Peters
Runners Up Wallasey St James

Div 2 Winners Wexford
Runners Up Woodchurch

Div 3 Winners Woodchurch
Runners Up Rock Ferry

KNOCK-OUT CUP COMPETITIONS

THE BIRKENHEAD HANDICAP (Advertiser)

Winners Barnston
Runners Up Upton Victory Hall

THE WALLASEY HANDICAP (Vera Johnson)

Winners Wexford
Runners Up Woodchurch

THE HOYLAKES HANDICAP (Dovepoint)

Winners St Catherines
Runners Up Woodchurch

INDIVIDUAL HONOURS

The Cheshire County Badminton Association awards for services to the game were both won this year by officers of the League. **Neil Cooper** took the Arthur Evans Memorial Trophy, recognising his massive contribution over 40 years. **David Spencer** was

awarded the Marjorie Bryce-Smith Trophy for his services and wide involvement in CCBA matters, and of course his League work.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE ABOVE

BADMINTON IN WIRRAL

The Wirral Badminton League was formed for the 2004/05 season by an amalgamation of the three existing Leagues in Wirral - the Birkenhead, Hoylake and Wallasey Leagues. The move was considered necessary due to the declining number of teams still playing - in season 2003/04 the number of Divisions/Teams in those leagues was Birkenhead 4/28, Hoylake 3/20, and Wallasey 2/11. These contrast with figures of 7/54, 8/64 and 4/33 respectively at the height of the game's popularity 20 years previously. In its first season the Wirral League commenced with 7 Divisions and 55 teams. In the current 2009/10 season the totals are 7 and 44 respectively.

Whilst the amalgamation was probably inevitable it was sad to see the original leagues winding up after providing competitive badminton to so many players over the years. All the leagues had been in existence for over 50 years - indeed the Wallasey League was originally founded in 1926, and re-started after the war in 1948. The Birkenhead League was formed in 1946 and the Hoylake League in 1948. We hope the Wirral League is also still going strong after 50 years.

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2009/10

September 2009

Wed 9th Wirral League Executive Meeting (7.45)

Tues 15th CCBA Meeting (7.30)

October 2009

?? Finance & Gen. Purposes Sub-Committee (tba)

November 2009

?? Wirral Junior Tournament (West Kirby)

9th- 14th KO Cup Competitions First Round

December 2009

Thurs 10th CCBA Meeting (7.30 p.m.)

February 2010

?? Finance & Gen. Purposes Sub-Committee (tba)

Wed 10th CCBA Meeting (7.30 p.m.)

March 2010

?? Hoylake Junior Tournament (West Kirby)

April 2010

Wed 14th Wirral League Exec Meeting (7.45)

Sat 25th Handicap Cup Finals (6.00)

Thurs 29th CCBA Meeting (7.30 p.m.)

May 2010

??? Presentation Evening

??? Finance & General Purposes Sub-Committee (tba)

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