

Oak A win clash with Nomads

The Pheasant Nomads suffer their first league defeat at the hands of the Oak A since losing at the Pinewood on the 19th November 2008!

In a match with no less than four 7-ballers(!), Oak Captain Dai Walsh helped set his team on the way to a 4-0 flier, as he, Dave Gannon (7-baller over Steve Jones), Paul Allen and Glyn Davies all made their mark in some style. Andy Francis prevented a first half white wash with a superb 7-baller over Dave Roach, who's only shot was the break...

The Nomads, never giving an inch, saw their own captain Steve Sherlock reduce arrears before Steve Davies broke and dished a 7-baller over Jes Lewis, the game back in the balance at 4-3. A close tactical game saw Dave Gannon 2/2 make it 5-3 before Paul Allen 2/2 jumped on an unexpected chance to seal the match in the 9th frame! A fitting end to the game came when Dean Arthur notched up the 4th 7-baller of the night over Dai Walsh to see the game finish 6-4, but it's the Oak who take the victor's spoils.

With Cobra v Lion pp until next Tuesday, the Angel B take advantage to go top, after beating Castle "F Cues" 7-3. Stuart Bebb won the 1st before Castle's Adam Jones equalized, but it was the home side who led 4-1 at the break as Lee Harris, Mike Bebb and Geraint Trevor-Jones all won.

A man of the match display came from Jerry as he went 2/2 with a break and dish over Andy Squibb to win back to back. Stuart and Mike also both went to 2/2 and the Angel had reeled off 6 frames without reply!

The Castle did bounce back winning the last two frames through Mark Jones and Dave Meredith (Mad-Dog), with Dave using one of the Angel pub cues to boot.

The Cock A continue their impressive start to the season with a big 8-2 win at home to Courthouse Judges.

There was little sign of a large home

win as the Courthouse only trailed 3-2 at the break. Kev Llewellyn and Stefan Aldorf kept the away side in it, as Mark Woosnam, Gary Gindrat and Darren Bowen gave the Cock a lead.

The home side didn't drop a frame after the re-start however, as Gary and Mark went to 2/2 and Pete Sheppard had his customary 1/1. Paul Grisdale gained revenge over Kev before Darren Bowen finished the game in style with a 7-baller over Mike Farley; will the Cock fulfil their promise this season? The Oak B were in dominant form away to Four Crosses A, winning both halves 4-1.

Keith Harding 2/2 started and finished this game for the visitors, on a night where the home side only had Dave Lewis and Garry Lewis' wins in frames 2 and 7 to cheer.

Dave Baulch and Kevin Davies also enjoyed 2/2 each in the game, as Lee Andrews 1/2 and Ian Thomas 1/1 helped to notch up an impressive away win.

Castle Boys do a number over the Angel A as they win 8-2 in Castle.

The away side (without a win so far) would have been worried as they trailed 4-1 half way through, as Kelly Brooks, Richard Wyatt, Lee Cruze and Steve Day powered ahead of Steve McDonald's 2nd frame win (polite reminder to put full names please Castle; thanks). Alun Evans pulled it back to 2-4 but the game was up as both Lee and Richard went to 2/2. Shaun Humphries 1/1 and Steve Day 2/2 blew away any final resistance in the last two games, and the Angel will have to pick themselves as they play the Cock A next.

The Pinewood A finished strongly to overcome their opponents Argae Hall A at the Tavern.

The home team led 3-2 at the half, as Kev Morris, Terry Woodfine and Ieuan Conlin always kept one ahead of Robbie James and new signing Tudor Jones.

When Kev Morris went to 2/2, it was down to Tudor Jones 2/2 to play a carbon copy of his first game to reduce arrears to 3-4. The ever determined

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IMPORTANT NOTICE :

- **Main Cup 1st Round NEXT Wednesday 30th September.**

Terry Woodfine 2/2 put the home side on the brink in the next, and John 'Boy' McDonald secured the two points in the very next. Ieuan Conlin 2/2 completed an impressive home win as Argae Hall are made to wait for their first win of the season.

Crown Monty overturn Cock B!

Crown Monty came back from 2-0 and 3-1 down to produce a fine home win over Cock B Forden. Shane Jackson and Adi Davies gave the away side the lead before Lee Jones pegged one back for Monty. Jake Evans and Tom Owen traded wins and it was 3-2 to the Cock.

New signing Sam Morgan 1/1 did his bit for the Crown and Lee Jones 2/2 put them ahead for the first time at 5-3. Shane Jackson 2/2 kept the match alive by winning frame 9, but Tom Pugh won the last and the Crown take two points.

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'5 poofs and a pool Cue' prove too strong for Pinewood B

The best named team in the league now have two points against their name after beating Pinewood B 7-3 at Upper House.

Dan Price gave them the lead but Lorna Thomas and Michael Davies overturned the home side's advantage at 2-1. The home side did go in front at the half however, as Evan Thomas and Liam Pugh both won.

The next 3 frames also went to the home side to guarantee victory, as Josh Allen, Dan Capper and Evan Thomas 2/2 took the glory.

Michael Jones pulled one back for the travelling Pinewood, but the last word went to Liam, as his 2/2 completed the match.

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Fez B halt Crosses!

The **Pheasant B** get up and running with a draw against the in form **Four Crosses B**.

James Lewis got the away side away 1-0 but 3 in a row from the Fez started by Amy Owen (Yay!), Jim Douglass and Jamie Cater meant Crosses skipper Jordan Smedley could only reduce the gap to 3-2 at the interval.

Jamie Cater's strong 2/2 made it 4-2 and although Mick Hill pulled one back, Jamie Spaul's win (1/1) saw the home side lead 5-3.

The away side turned to their "secret weapon" Stu Breeze, and his win, backed up by Jordan Smedley 2/2 in the last, managed to secure a hard fought draw.

The **Punchbowl** rallied from 3-0 and 5-3 down for a fine draw at the **Cock Brockton**.

Mike Harvey, Graham Hamer and Nick Rawlings made early in roads for the home team, but a valiant fight back from Ricky Lowe, Jim Knight and John Henderson made it as you were at 3-3.

Simon Perry 1/1 and then Graham Hamer with a captains 2/2 made Cock Brockton hot favourites to take two points in the 8th. The Punch battled hard and Gavin Gittins gave their captain John Morris a chance to share the points, which his win on

the last fully earned.

The early promise of the **Socialites** was put to the test at the **Welly Dukes**.

Ben Davies took the 1st frame but 3 in a row from the Dukes would test them; Chris, Steve Binyon and Ricky Jones asking the questions.

Captain Gareth Richards made it 3-2 but Chris ?(surnames please) 2/2 restored a two frame gap. Carl Pryce **7-balled** Lawrence Hayward in the 7th but Steve Binyon 2/2 gave the home team a 5-3 lead.

The Social salvaged a good point however, as both Gareth and Ben went to 2/2, leaving the Dukes thinking of what could have been!

"Nice game, good fun" *Dave Bailey*.

On a night of draws, surely the **Breiden's** 4-1 half time lead over **Talbot Top Dogs** would give me a win to write up...

S. Fitzgerald, R. Hilditch and M. Fellows made a great start before Matt Sherwood halted their march. P. Kelly made it 4-1 but a fight back was coming.

Dan Stephens, Roger Russell, Hywel Lloyd and new signing Caz Challinor took the game by the scuff of the neck to set up an unlikely looking away win. Not so however, as L. Fitzgerald 1/1 took the last frame for the hosts, and the Breidden make it 3 draws from 3 games!

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Argae B Top Div 3

Although **Argae B** sit proudly on top of Division three after their 7-3 win over **Upper House Yorkies Shack**, we have no card for the second week running.

Our League Secretary spends many hours updating the web site and delays create more problems down the line (note Upper House derby from week 1 was late, and this hasn't filtered through to the tables yet; Argae v Yorkies has been put in manually by myself for the press).

I have spoken to Argae and would like to re-state the need to have cards in by the Saturday after the game. I don't want to go down the road of penalising teams (by points deductions for example) **but any team persistently entering late cards will be put forward to the committee for possible sanction**. I hope this is the last entry made on the matter, and thank you to all the teams who have got cards in on time so far

The **Herbert Arms** were too strong for the ladies of **Welly Wasps**, as they took the opening 6 frames in Chirbury.

Phil Davies and Pete Colley both went to 2/2 in the 2nd half, as Vicky Barnes and Heather Douglass notched up their first wins in frames 7 and 10.

Mally Thomas and Steve Porter both 1/1, with Tom Davies 1/2 finishing the match.

Welshpool & District Pool League etiquette

With so many new teams in the league, and a few questions and texts coming in, here's a summary of some of the rules (written and 'unwritten' in our league~

- Need to cancel a game? Contact your opposition with at least 24 hour notice and the Fixture Secretary Shaun on 07811553353. Re-arrange and play your game within two weeks by giving a couple of possible dates but the venue remains the same!
- Running late? Contact your opposing Captain or venue and let them know; if you're really stuck give me a call on 07868240066 and I'll either give you the contact number or get in touch if you can't.
- If your opponents arrive on time, allow them a game on your table out of courtesy before the match starts (they normally thrash the balls around and learn nothing anyway!).
- Coaching? Don't even go there...
- Reserve players and people arriving late? You can only name one reserve and they are eligible to play if a named player isn't available to play. Captain's should always show discretion, particularly if people are coming from work. Games can be played out of order to allow time for players to arrive, if agreed.
- Lost your game in the first session? Although it's not written in black and white, it has been the practice to buy the winning player a drink should you lose; if you don't want to that's fine, but please say before you play!

7 BALLER DEFINED:

With several questions being asked about 7-baller, here's a simple reminder of the rules:

If you leave your opponent with 7 balls on the table, then by definition, that's a 7-baller.

If you break and pot any combination of balls and go on to clear up, then that again is a 7-baller as any balls potted off the break are treated as "incidental". If you play a combination shot after your break off that's ok, but **NOT** a 7-baller.

Just remember that once the breaking player finishes his initial visit, you can only get a 7-baller, if you leave him with 7 balls on the table!

DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1. Angel B	3	3	0	0	21	9	12	6
2. Oak A	3	3	0	0	20	10	10	6
3. Cock A	3	2	1	0	21	9	12	5
4. Lion Westbury A	2	2	0	0	15	5	10	4
5. Castle Boys	3	2	0	1	17	13	4	4
6. Pinewood A	3	1	1	1	16	14	2	3
6. Pheasant Nomads	3	1	1	1	16	14	2	3
6. Oak B	3	1	1	1	16	14	2	3
9. Castle F	3	1	1	1	15	15	0	3
10. Cobra	2	1	0	1	9	11	-2	2
11. Argae Hall A	3	0	1	2	9	21	-12	1
12. Courthouse Judges	3	0	0	3	10	20	-10	0
13. Angel A	3	0	0	3	8	22	-14	0
14. Four Crosses A	3	0	0	3	7	23	-16	0

DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1. Social Socialites	3	2	1	0	20	10	10	5
2. Four Crosses B	3	2	1	0	18	12	6	5
3. Cock Brockton	3	1	2	0	18	12	6	4
4. Punchbowl	2	1	1	0	12	8	4	3
5. Breidden	3	0	3	0	15	15	0	3
5. Westwood Warriors	3	1	1	1	15	15	0	3
7. Crown Monty	2	1	0	1	10	10	0	2
7. Talbot Topdogs	2	0	2	0	10	10	0	2
9. Cock B	3	1	0	2	13	17	-4	2
10. Wellington Dukes	2	0	1	1	8	12	-4	1
11. Horseshoe	3	0	1	2	11	19	-8	1
12. Pheasant B	3	0	1	2	10	20	-10	1

DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1. Argae Hall B	3	2	1	0	18	12	6	5
2. Herbert Arms	2	2	0	0	14	6	8	4
3. Talbot Flunkies	2	1	1	0	13	7	6	3
4. Talbot Slayers	2	1	1	0	11	9	2	3
5. Green Dragon	1	1	0	0	7	3	4	2
6. Upper House '5 Pf's'	2	1	0	1	10	10	0	2
7. Lion Westbury B	2	0	2	0	10	10	0	2
8. Pinewood B	3	0	1	2	12	18	-6	1
9. Upper House 'Yorkies'	1	0	0	1	4	6	-2	0
10. Lowfield	2	0	0	2	7	13	-6	0
11. Wellington Wasps	2	0	0	2	4	16	-12	0

WPL 2009 2010		
League week 3, 16/09/2009		
Division 1		
Oak A	6-4	Pheasant Nomads
Cock A	8-2	Courthouse Judges
Castle Boys	8-2	Angel A
Angel B	7-3	Castle F
Cobra	pp	Lion Westbury A
Pinewood A	7-3	Argae Hall A
Four Crosses A	2-8	Oak B
Division 2		
Breidden	5-5	Talbot Topdogs
Cock Brockton	5-5	Punchbowl
Wellington Dukes	5-5	Social Socialites
Crown Monty	6-4	Cock B
Pheasant B	5-5	Four Crosses B
Horseshoe	4-6	Westwood Warriors
Division 3		
Upper House '5 Pf's'	7-3	Pinewood B
Herbert Arms	8-2	Wellington Wasps
Talbot Flunkies	5-5	Talbot Slayers
Argae Hall B	6-4	Upper House 'Yorkies'

TONIGHT'S GAMES		
League week 4, 23/09/2009		
Division 1		
Courthouse Judges	Vs.	Oak A
Angel A	Vs.	Cock A
Castle F	Vs.	Castle Boys
Lion Westbury A	Vs.	Angel B
Argae Hall A	Vs.	Cobra
Oak B	Vs.	Pinewood A
Pheasant Nomads	Vs.	Four Crosses A
Division 2		
Punchbowl	Vs.	Breidden
Cock B	Vs.	Wellington Dukes
Four Crosses B	Vs.	Crown Monty
Westwood Warriors	Vs.	Pheasant B
Talbot Topdogs	Vs.	Horseshoe
Division 3		
Wellington Wasps	Vs.	Lion Westbury B
Talbot Slayers	Vs.	Herbert Arms
Green Dragon	Vs.	Talbot Flunkies
Upper House 'Yorkies'	Vs.	Lowfield
Pinewood B	Vs.	Argae Hall B

Division 2 continued:

The **Westwood Warriors** move up to 5th after taking the last two frames to win 6-4 at the **Horseshoe Arddleen**.

Rob C Edwards put the home side 1-0 up, but Paul Jones, Rikki Lloyd and Mat Bowen gave the Warriors a two frame cushion at 3-1.

The Shoe fought back as Rob L Edwards and Rob C Edwards (2/2) levelled the match, but Mat Bowen 2/2 put the Westwood ahead once more.

A close game got closer still, as J Davies 1/1 made it 4-4 only for the Warriors to pull away at the end, as John Yoxall and Keith Bonner 1/1 gave the away side their opening win of the season.

SUMMER SINGLES FINALS!

The semis and final of the Summer Singles will be held at the Talbot this Sunday 27th September at 3.00pm. There will also be a presentation after the final for the winners and runners-up of this popular summer event.

All are welcome to attend.

Division 3 continued:

The **Talbot Flunkies** and **Talbot Slayers** earn themselves a share of the points in this derby game.

The young pretenders found themselves 3-1 down despite Ben Aldis winning the first, as old hands Tom Wilson, Roger Chapman and Brian Bebb set out the Slayers stall.

Dan McWhinnie set the Flunkies on the come back trail, followed quickly by Ben Aldis' 2/2 to square the match at 3-3. Aaron P and Sam Lawrence made it 4 in a row for the youngsters and they were now favourites at 5-3.

The Slayers showed true staying power though, as Dave Roach and Brian Bebb 2/2 took the last two frames and avoid any embarrassing banter...

MAIN CUP INFO:

As the prelims are being played Tuesday, any team facing the winners of these will be informed as to who they're playing.

If you have any queries beforehand, please contact the Cup Secretary (Gary) on 07984463569.

Don't forget it's the best of 9 frames.

MAIN CUP 1st ROUND WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Talbot Topdogs or Upper House 'Yorkies'		Breidden
Wellington Dukes		Pheasant Nomads
Cock Brockton or Green Dragon		Herbert Arms
Angel A		Argae Hall A
Horseshoe		Castle F
Oak B		Pinewood A
Lion Westbury A		Punchbowl or Cock A
Talbot Slayers		Social Socialites
Pinewood B		Cobra
Castle Boys		Wellington Wasps
Cock B		Angel B
Oak A or Crown Monty		Upper House '5 Pf's'
Four Crosses B		Talbot Flunkies
Westwood Warriors or Courthouse Judges		Four Crosses A
Pheasant B		Lion Westbury B
Lowfield		Argae Hall B