



WINTER 2016/17 NEW SEASON NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2016

WHAT A RESULT! AN ACTION-PACKED WINTER SEASON FOR ALL!

Following a frantic end to the registration period, we're relieved to have a completely **full league** with 40 teams entering on each match night; 4x ten team divisions and **no BYEs!** (for now...)

Unfortunately we had to turn away a couple of teams on the last day, which highlights how the **captain AND players** need to take equal responsibility for their team. Leaving it up to an already busy Landlord or Landlady to sort it out for you, or leaving it to the deadline day, may mean you miss out.

THE END OF AN ERA: SOUTHAMPTON DITCHES OLD RULES

The players have spoken and now there's only one set of rules in use this season: **Blackball**.

Unfortunately the Old Rules League failed to attract enough entries to make it viable; but I'm pleased to say that those who chose to play the old rules have agreed to play Blackball rules instead.

Despite the rule set being retired, we offered a free entry **Old Rules Singles Competition** via our **Facebook** group. The fixtures are being compiled for this competition as well as the **Blackball Singles & Doubles** and will be published on the website soon.

REMINDER: WITHDRAWING & REMOVED TEAMS

If a team is removed or withdraw mid-season they are barred from registering in the following same-format season (ie. Summer>Summer, Winter>Winter). Following a Winter season ban, the team will start from the bottom division, should they re-register.

TEAM KNOCKOUT CUP AND SHIELD COMPETITIONS

Every team registered gets free entry into the **SRPL Cup** at the beginning of the season. The first round fixtures are live on the **website** now and don't forget, if you don't make it to the last 16 of the **Cup**, you're entered into the **Shield** competition! These fixtures are **only** published on the website.

MATCH NIGHT FOOD

Following a recent poll on our **Facebook** group the SRPL will continue to supply football scratch cards to venues to enable them to recoup any potential losses from providing teams with food.

While food is optional at **Cup** and **Shield** matches (as they could potentially be a quick 5-frame affair!) if a football card is used, food should also be provided.

NEUTRAL VENUES NEEDED!

The SRPL Committee are always looking to hold semi-finals and finals at neutral venues to prevent either team gaining a home advantage.

These matches often pull in a good crowd bringing much needed revenue to a pub and also free publicity via our **YouTube** channel at streamed matches.

If your venue is interested in hosting an event, please ask your landlord or landlady to get in touch. Minimum requirements are the provision of food and free play on a well maintained table for the match.

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SOUTHAMPTON REGIONAL POOL LEAGUE

afternoon &
PRESENTATION NIGHT
Saturday 17th September
from 2pm at THE GARDENERS ARMS, SHOLING
Trophy Presentation at 6pm

Loads of Trophies!
BBQ!
Pool Comps!
Bouncy Castle for the kids!
Bring the whole family!

PRESENTATION NIGHT

This year's double Presentation Night will be held on **Saturday 17th September** at the **Gardeners Arms** and it's going to be bigger than before, and this time, for the entire family!

We'll have a BBQ on the go, a bouncy castle and much more to keep you and your tribe entertained into the evening along with the usual trophies, competitions and food.

Trophies will **only** be available to collect on the night so be sure to attend and pick them up at the biggest event the SRPL has ever hosted (so far!).

WHO GETS A TROPHY?

Trophies are awarded to the following:

- **Summer season:**
 - Group stage: Winners
 - Cup & Shield: Runner-up and winner
 - Facebook Singles: Semi-finalists, runner-up and winner
- **Winter season:**
 - Divisions: Winner and runner-up
 - Cups & Shield: Runner-up and winner
 - Singles & Doubles: Semi-finalists, runner-up and winner

Each team receives a large trophy for the venue and 7 individual trophies for the players. The Cup and Shield competition winners also received a perpetual trophy that is engraved with past winners that can be displayed in their venue until the next presentation night.



SAINTS IN EUROPE

Some teams may experience their fixtures clashing with Saints playing in the Europa league this season. The football fixtures are unknown at time of printing but we ask that all teams plan in advance for the matches and if necessary, request a rearrangement as soon as possible.

If there are no free weeks available for the match to be played, the teams will have to agree on a non-league day to play, or risk the match going unplayed.

It is the responsibility of the captain of the rearranging team to negotiate with their opponents **and** inform the committee.

Remember: Less than 24 hours notice will cost your team a -5pt penalty so plan in advance! The Europa groups draw takes place on the 26th August.

Good luck & enjoy the season!
the SRPL Committee