

Week Commencing 14th February 2005

St. Georges D may have chosen not to be promoted at Christmas after finishing joint second in Division 2, but are still intent on doing well. They have picked up 2 wins, both at 6-4. First they edged past Free Church B, with braces and the doubles from Bert Banks and Gary Edwards, with a crucial single from Tracey Fletcher. Emma Churchley held onto two for Church, Ian Rourke and Chris Mulligan one each. Then it was three, two, one respectively from Saints' Bert Banks, Tracey Fletcher and Gary Edwards for the success against Riverhouse A (fresh from demotion from div 1), for whom Simon Griew picked up two and the doubles with Steve Proctor and Steve Shaw one. Better for Riverhouse against Free Church C, with Steve Proctor and Simon Griew taking the doubles and the match at 6-4 to 'House, Simon already having won his three, Steve Proctor and Steve Shaw one each. Les Booth and Cherry Matthews held onto braces for Church. BGN B are capitalizing on their promotion from div 3 and have now gained their second win, 8-2 over AP Sports A. Malcolm Macfarlane gained a treble, Dong Wei and Keith Woodcock braces and the doubles for BGN, Andrew Meredith and Edward Freeman one each for AP. AP bounced back to edge past div 1 demoted squad RNA A 6-4 with two each from Andrew Meredith, Eddy Stafford and Gerald Taylor. Naval crew Kim Wong took two, Ian Stevens one plus the doubles together. County Council B saw off Free Church C 7-3 with hat-tricks from Nilton Green and Derek Harwood and one from Sue Clarke. Church's Les Booth picked up one single and the doubles with John Taylor, plus one from Cherry Matthews. Church C then fell 9-1 to Eathorpe A, though Cherry Matthews held onto one for Church. Matthew Cooper and Allan Stockham swept up singles and doubles for Eathorpe, Chris Atkins two singles. Free Church B cruised to 9-1 victory over promoted RNA B with maximums from Chris Mulligan and Tom Brocklehurst plus a brace from Emma Churchley. Duncan Hall kept the one point for the navy.

St. Georges C did well in the autumn competition in Division 3 finishing 4th, and are hoping to better that. So far so good as the latest results give them 3 wins out of 3. They saw off AP Sports B 7-3 with brothers Martin and Rob Bennett taking singles and doubles, whilst AP's Samantha Apostol, Stephanie Hawkins and Charlotte Freeman all took one. Then they edged past Ashorne, who have come down from div 2, 6-4. Rob Bennett took a treble and the doubles with brother Martin, next brother Tony a brace. Roger Kelley picked up two for Ashorne, Steve Bolton and Chris Bowles one each. Ashorne had also gone down 6-4 to Eathorpe B, though Roger Kelley had held onto three and the doubles with Chris Bowles. Eathorpe's Paul Deavall, Michael Rossington and Calvin Woodings all took two singles. Whitnash C, third in the autumn, however found Eathorpe B to their liking. Dennis Woodhead and Paul Riman gave Whitnash trebles, and Suzi Lingard a single for the 7-3 score. Michael Rossington and Ron Cotes kept one each and the doubles for Eathorpe. Two wins for reformed team Free Church D after a less good start last week. First they rolled over County Council C 8-2 and then they cruised over LCP Spartans 10-0. Pete Rourke took his three singles in both matches, Ron Stanbridge and Lleyrn Brocklehurst braces against Council, trebles against LCP and the doubles in both. Tony Ford kept two singles for Council's reply. County Council C also went down 8-2 to AP Sports B with Council's points coming from one each by Tony Ford and Howard Rodgers. Stephanie Hawkins and Samantha Apostol picked up singles and doubles for AP and Carol Meredith a single. RNA D may have come down from div 2 but they were still held to a 5-5 draw by FISSC A in a match where everyone won. Steve Kurle and Robin Fox-Strangways took two, Jim Thomas one for the navy, whilst for the farmers Brian Marston kept two, George Mudie and John Hunt one each plus the doubles went to Marston and Hunt. RNA D then bounced back to crush new faces Free Church Z 10-0, Steve Kurle, Robin Fox-Strangways and Jim Thomas taking singles, Steve and Jim the doubles. FISSC also came back up to plough over Standard Photographic 9-1, George Mudie and John Hunt picking up three each, Mark Kingham two and the doubles with John Hunt. Brendan Leahy held onto one for Photo to avoid the whitewash. Standard Photographic bounced back to wallop LCP Spartans 9-1, with Brendan Leahy and Geoff Taylor taking three each, Chris Fincham a brace plus the doubles

went to Fincham and Taylor. LCP's first point in three matches went to Simon Walmesley.

Members of the Leamington league will be saddened to hear of the death on 7th February of John Harwood, aged 59, after a short illness. John had been a stalwart in the past, both as a player and in the organisation of the league. His work, which included acting as Treasurer between 1972 and 1974 and Chairman from 1982 to 1984, had led to him being elected as both a Life member and a Vice President of the league.