



SUMMER 2015 MID-SEASON NEWSLETTER - JULY 2015

WINTER 2015-16 SEASON

Registration is now open for the new **Winter 2015-16 Season** and as promised we will be catering for both rulesets.

The format for the old SRPL Rules league matches will remain untouched with 5 singles and 2 doubles.

The Blackball league matches will become the best of 9 frames: 4 singles followed by 1 scotch doubles then another 4 singles. This means the minimum players required to complete a match is 4 and the maximum able to play is 10.

The scotch doubles will be played with the maximum of efficiency by allowing the players to discuss their strategy only while their opponents are at the table. Players must stop talking when the balls come to rest following their opponents last shot and immediately move to the table and commence their visit. They cannot consult each other while their visit is in progress.

A few other items of note for next season:

- The requirement to provide food has been re-introduced and following positive feedback we will be providing football cards free of charge again.
- A change to the match start time has been discussed at length on the Facebook group but the committee have agreed to keep it at 8.30pm.
- The cost to enter a team into the Winter season remains a reasonable £40. Each team will automatically be entered into a Team Knockout Cup and Shield, subject to minimum entries.
- Following the success of removing the opportunity for teams to rearrange their matches during the Summer 2015 season, the decision has been made to allow only ONE rearrangement per team, in each half of the Winter season.
- Questions have been raised over the league positions teams will be placed into for the new season, especially if they move to the Blackball league. The Divisions will be decided upon the final standings of the last two seasons the team entered. Winter 2014-15 season promotions and demotions will be honoured where possible and a full run-down of who's moved where will be available on the website after registration closes. Ultimately however the committees' decision will be final.

AGE RESTRICTIONS

As noted from our previous registration forms, many venues are restricted on allowing under 18's in. Due to this we need all teams to take note of the following:

- While under 18's are permitted to play in matches and enter the various SRPL competitions; the Committee will not take into consideration underage players when drawing up fixtures. Teams must take responsibility for any under 18 players themselves and if in doubt about entry to a venue, call them on the number listed on the **TEAMS** page. Exceptions will not be made by the SRPL Committee.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

June saw 4 teams of SRPL players head up to Blackpool to take part in the **Golden 8 Ball 2015**

Competition alongside some of the worlds best (and worst!) players. With 35 tables in action including a live streaming table, the Golden 8 Ball is one of the largest standalone competitions on the Blackball circuit and a great place to test your Blackball pool skills.



Glen Tuffin's team "**Quartet of Oosshh John's**" won their group and qualified for the Gold competition and but got knocked out in the first round.

Tony Stone's team "**KES**" also got through to the Gold competition and went out in the first round. They got moved to Silver competition and knocked out in the 1st round there too (blaming the beer). Tony played well and managed to beat 16 year old IPA and England under 23's player Ben Rowland 2 out of 3 frames in the team event.

It was Dean Hutson's team "**The Broken Dishes**" first time at the G8B and they unfortunately lost all their first matches and dropped into the Bronze competition winning the 1st match but ultimately losing

in the last 32. Their most outstanding player was Ben Spiers winning 9 from 13 including beating last years World No.1 and current No.2 Gareth Hibbott. A great bit of experience for Tony Brine as he played but lost to the current World Champion Jack Whelan.

Ryan Longhurst's team "**Cowboys & Indians**" had a tough group to start with and won 1 out of the 1st 3 matches placing them into the Bronze comp, losing in the last 16 on the 15th black in a black ball shoot out. Ryan also did extremely well in the mixed pairs playing with Amanda Watson (Hants Player & European Champion) reaching the semi-finals but losing to the eventual winner 3-2. They knocked out the World Champion Jack Whelan and his partner Stacey Johnson in the last 16 with Ryan proving he might actually be "**ANY GOOD?**" as he 'broke'n'dished' Jack at 2-2 to win that match. Ryan also noted that there were even World Rules players there looking to move over to Blackball!

In the Mens competition **Gary Phillips** made it through to the last 32.

All teams had a great weekend with some top notch pool to boot.

A few SRPL players have also taken to the IPA Tours this year including **Mick Warner** who found himself on the live stream table at the Glasgow tour playing 16 year old Ben Rowland but unfortunately losing to him 5-3. An awesome effort against a formidable young player.



GOOD LUCK TO ALL PLAYERS!
- the SRPL Committee

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- ✓ SRPL Rules League
- ✓ Blackball Rules League
- ✓ SRPL Rules Singles Competition
- ✓ Blackball Rules Singles Competition
- ✓ SRPL Rules Doubles Competition
- ✓ Blackball Rules Doubles Competition
- ✓ Team Cup Competition
- ✓ Team Shield Competition

...and more!

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
DON'T MISS OUT!**

**WINTER 2014/15 & SUMMER 2015
PRESENTATION NIGHT
SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
UPSTAIRS @ THE FIREHOUSE FROM 7PM
COMPETITIONS - FOOD - PRIZES
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - TROPHIES**