



SUMMER/AUTUMN 2013 MID-SEASON NEWSLETTER



PRESENTATION NIGHT REVIEW

A massive thank you to all who attended the "Big Night Out: Part 2" in August following our exceptional bad luck with the power cut at the Baizz in July. The night was a huge success and needless to say, Thursday night presentations will now be confined to the history books! With the raffle, pot-the-lot competition and pure generosity, we raised an impressive £310 which was split between Headway Southampton and Two Saints. Congratulations to Paul Miller on winning the TV, Chris Patient for winning the singles competition and Aaron Pellow on winning £50 in the very last attempt in the Pot-the-Lot.
See the SRPL website for photos of the Pink pages.

NEW YEAR, NEW FORMAT

Next Season will see a change to the format of the SRPL to make it bigger and better for all involved. The biggest change will be to standardise the seasons into WINTER (running from September to Easter) and SUMMER (running Easter-July).

There will be an interim season starting in January, which will be in the WINTER format to take us up to July. Divisions for this will be created from the final standings of the Summer/Autumn 2013 season.

Winter Season (29 weeks)

- £40 per team to enter - Runs Sept-Easter
- 10 Teams per division
- Team Cup Knockout
- Doubles Knockout AND Singles Knockout competitions (£2 per player)
- Promotion and relegation applies to Winter seasons only.
- Entries capped at 50 teams on Tuesday and 40 on Thursday on a first-come first-registered basis. (unless sufficient new teams enter)

Summer Season (15 weeks)

- £30 per team to enter - Runs Easter-July
- The Summer season will see 8 groups of 6 teams, randomly drawn.
- All teams play others in their group home and away.
- Top 2 teams in each group qualify for the KO stage. Winners of the KO are crowned season champions. Group winners and overall winners and runners up will receive trophies.
- Entries capped at 48 teams for Tuesday and 48 for Thursday.
- One Presentation Night in April for both seasons.

REARRANGEMENTS

This season has seen in excess of 25 matches moved from their originally scheduled date across the league, and that's just in the 1st half!

Due to the number of outstanding matches still to be played, this seasons **Presentation Night** has been rescheduled to the **1st February 2014**.

Any match not played by **Friday 13th December 2013** will be result in a **4-0** win to the opponents of the team requesting the rearrangement.

With this in mind, the SRPL Committee have revised the way in which rearranged matches will be handled as of next season:

- All matches in the first half of the season must be played before **8.30pm** on the evening of the first return match of the season.
- All matches in the second half of the season must be played before **8.30pm** on the evening of the last match of the season.
- No matches can be played after the last scheduled match.
- **Team Cup KO** matches **CAN** be rearranged, but must be played **BEFORE** the original scheduled date.
- Teams will still be limited to 2 rearrangements per season.

Rules for rearranging a match:

- Notify the opposition ensuring they have at least 24 hours notice.
- Notify the SRPL Committee via any of the usual contact methods.

It is then the Captain's responsibility to negotiate with the Captain of the opposition (telephone numbers available under 'TEAMS' on the website) and arrange a new date for the match. The match does not necessarily have to be played on a Tuesday or Thursday as long as both captains are in agreement.

Should they be unable to agree a date, the Committee will request 2 dates from the opposition and offer them to the requesting team. Failure to play on these dates or before the deadline will result in a 4-0 win to the opposition.

SINGLES AND DOUBLES KO CHAMPIONSHIP

(£2 per player to enter)

Next season will see the return of the **Singles AND Doubles** competitions, run to a new format by Committee member Steve Farrow.

- Open to all SRPL players, signed on to Tuesday or Thursday teams.
- Match timings arranged between the players involved
- Play on any day, just ensure the result is in before the deadline for that round
- Matches played at your home venue, subject to the luck of the draw!

SPONSORSHIP

Do you work for, or run, a company that would like their brand advertised across the Southampton region?

We're looking for sponsorship for the divisions and cups and would love to hear from you.

Email us for more details: info@srpl.org.uk

RULE CHANGES

(effective next season)

There is a lot of confusion (and sometimes arguments!) relating to the rules following a foul before it has been decided if the player is on reds or yellows.

We are making the following changes to simplify things [For those that are familiar with these things, this is the same as with the old EPA rules]:

Change to rule 6(b) Penalty following any foul:

- Following a foul made from the break off shot or whilst potting the first ball, the oncoming player is entitled to 1 shot with which he/she without nomination may play the cue ball directly onto any ball including the 8 ball (black). However he/she may not pocket the 8 ball (black), which would mean loss of game. If he/she pots a ball on the first shot, this will denote his/her group [the free table rule in 6(a) does not apply until after a ball has been legally potted], and will continue with 2 visits until he/she fails to pot a ball. 1 visit then follows. If no ball is potted on either visit or if he/she fouls whilst potting the first ball, the table will remain an open table.

Change to rule 4 (e):

- On the first occasion a player legally pockets an object ball, including following a foul, then that ball denotes their group, unless one or more of both groups are pocketed, the player MUST then nominate a group before play continues.

To assist in correctly making players aware, the referee calls are:

- 'Open Table' - nothing has been potted legally so the first colour you pot you are on.
- 'Free Table' - the first shot after a foul when colours have already been decided but the player can hit any ball on the table and pot any ball [except the black if they have colours remaining].

RULES SUB-COMMITTEE

Would you be interested in joining a possible future sub-committee to discuss the rules currently used within the SRPL? Email info@srpl.org.uk and we'll be in touch.

TABLE MARKINGS

Some newer tables are being supplied without a 'D' marking due to the rising popularity of other rule sets. For the moment, common sense must prevail. When placing the white when a 'D' is not present on the table, please ensure the referee is happy before proceeding.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Enclosed with the mid-season pack is a questionnaire. We want to hear your views on issues that have been raised. There will only be one vote per team allowed so Captains please discuss your answers with your team before replying.

NEXT SEASON REGISTRATION

Registration forms for next season are included with the mid-season pack. Please ensure they are returned as soon as possible. The deadline is **5pm Sat 14th December** but it will be strictly first in, first registered so **don't wait til the last minute!** Last season we had to turn away 2 existing teams. **Don't let that be your team!**

*As always, thanks for reading.
The SRPL Committee*



Coming up on our Ustream.tv channel:
Team Cup KO Finals - November 26th & 28th LIVE!

