



WINTER 2024-25 SEASON NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2024

TOO LATE, TOO LATE WILL BE THE CRY...

Welcome to the SRPL Winter Season 2024-25!

Yet another phenomenal response to registration this season!

30 teams on Tuesday and 50 on Thursday means (for now) there's *no BYEs* in any division!

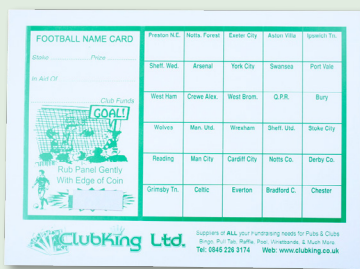
Unfortunately with the highs of no BYEs comes the lows of rejection. We had a to refund one team and persuade two others to switch to Thursday in order to keep the masses happy. It doesn't happen often but as I'm sure those that were successfully registered will appreciate, we have to balance the league the best we can, and 1 or 2 too many teams on one night can mean potentially weeks of no matches for entire divisions.

A timely reminder for all teams to get their registration in as soon as possible and not to leave it to the last day; we just might not have space to accommodate you!

FOOTBALL SCRATCH CARDS

The more observant of you will notice that the football scratch cards supplied by the league this season are now **30 team** choice cards.

This is intentional and we hope you'll all use them at £1 per square so that both the winner and the pub can gain £15 each. Don't forget; many venues spend more than £15 on the food provided for players so be sure to spend well across the bar too!



SUMMER SEASON TRIAL RULES

The trial of the amendments to the rules used in the Summer 2024 was a small success and has enabled the committee to take a proactive view on changes to be made going forward.

As mentioned in the registration information, to keep things simple we have reverted to the previous Winter season rules for this coming Winter 2024 season. That means going back to the 8.30pm start, no shot clock threat and talking is only permitted before your visit in the doubles.

Next season, Summer 2025, will see some significant changes mainly to the match night format. The committee are still in talks about the intricacies but rest assured, you'll be playing more pool and hopefully there will be more to play for too!

NEW COMPETITION INTRODUCED!

Having 50 teams registering for the Thursday league meant we could add a brand new competition to the SRPL line-up: the **PLATE!**

As usual, all teams are automatically entered into the **CUP** competition upon registration. Should they be unsuccessful in winning through to the last 16 of that competition, they are entered into the **SHIELD**. And now, new for Winter 2024-25, if they don't reach the last 16 of that competition they're entered into the **PLATE!** This means that all teams will be in one of the three competitions well into the New Year!



Actual trophy may vary from image

YOUTUBE FINALS ARE BACK!

You might have noticed that we're back up and running with the **YouTube channel** (search: **SotonPool**). Many thanks to Ben Spiers for taking on that tough task and congratulations for making it your own and smashing it this past season. If you're interested in joining in with the commentary, or have any expertise in the field of live streaming or improving our creative output, please get in touch!



SRPL PRESENTATION NIGHT 2024

Join us on **Saturday 7th September @ The Obelisk, Woolston** for an evening of trophies, food and pool competitions!

We will awarding the trophies for the Winter 2023/24 and Summer 2024 seasons and plenty of bonus trophies for the statistics gathered during the Winter season.

Everyone is welcome so please bring your family and friends and enjoy an evening out all courtesy of the SRPL Committee.

Don't forget: if you've got trophies to collect you'll need to attend as they won't be available anywhere else!

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Thanks for reading. Have a great season!

The SRPL Committee

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