

1st May 2010

Many congratulations to Canterbury A on winning Division Two of the Kent League. They are the well deserved champions having won 5 out of their 7 matches and only slipping up briefly when they lost to a strong Maidstone A side and going down to 4-6 to Sittingbourne B. Apart from this their season started well with 8-2 wins in succession against North West Kent A, Tonbridge A and Ashford B. Arthur Martin has captained the team well this season and his defensive skills coupled with a good attack has seen him win 11 out of the 12 rubbers he has played for an average of 91.66%. Mick Eames also played a major part in Canterbury's win, remaining unbeaten in the first 3 matches against North West Kent, Tonbridge and Ashford before succumbing to injury which kept him out of the side for the rest of the season. His unique style of retrieving the ball from way back off the table and also very low to the ground is a delight to watch. His attack can also be devastating to his opponents. He has been well supported by John Walker who only missed one match, winning 10 out of the 18 rubbers played for an average of 55.55% and Peter Chapman who won 8 out of 12 rubbers played for an average of 66.66%. Canterbury also strengthened their side towards the end of the season with the inclusion of Clive Hollingsbee who won all 6 of his rubbers against Sittingbourne B and Folkestone A. Chris Simmonds and Peter Roberts both played in one match for Canterbury and Peter's input could be put to good use in their campaign in Division One next season.

Congratulations also go to Maidstone A who secured the "Runners Up" spot for the first time. Although losing to Bromley 3-7 and Sittingbourne B 4-6 in their first two matches of the season the team recovered well, not losing another match. Barry Skates was again the "mainstay" ending the season with an average of 72.22%. Apart from losing to Canterbury's experienced Peter Roberts (Roberts won the Canterbury Closed Tournament) Barry remained unbeaten in his last 4 matches against Canterbury A, Tonbridge A, Ashford B and North West Kent B. Barry was well supported by Gillian Skilbeck, Jill Shipton, Roger Harris and Mike Porter who all played their part. Gillian especially is improving with every game and Jill Shipton has also improved her game tremendously, as her record shows when she reached the final of the Women's Singles at the Kent County Closed Championships where she lost to Jackie Williams in the final. Maidstone A were well captained by Richard Stevenson, Division Two has again been one of the most competitive and well balanced divisions in the Kent League with every team having the chance to beat the other. Every player in the division can "play" and Tonbridge A have added to the flavour, having been promoted from Division Three, ending the season in 7th place. Tyron Stalberg with an average of 66.66% and Mark Heaton with an average of 58.33% have played a major part in Tonbridge A's success. They have both been supported well by Geoff Curtis, Peter Duke, Alan Woollven and captained well by Malcolm Cole.

Surprisingly Folkestone A, after ending last season in 4th position now find themselves in the relegation spot in 8th and last position using the same team as last season namely Trevor Hart who has had a poor season by his standards, Steve Bispham who has struggled all season with his game and captain Bob Baker who won 10 out of the 21 rubbers played.

Presentation of trophies will be made to the "Winners & "Runners Up", at the Kent County AGM to be held at the Civil Service Sports Club, Recreation Close, Park Ave., Maidstone, Kent. on WEDNESDAY JUNE 30TH starting at 7.45pm

Results: Canterbury A 8 N.W. Kent B 2: Bromley 7 Maidstone A 3: Folkestone A 6
Tonbridge A 4: Ashford B 7 Sittingbourne B 3: Canterbury A 8 Tonbridge A 2:
Ashford A 8 Folkestone A 2: Sittingbourne B 6 Maidstone A 4: NW Kent B 8 Tonbridge A 2
Sittingbourne B 8 Bromley 2: Canterbury A 8 Ashford B 2: Maidstone A 7 Folkestone A 3:
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KENT LEAGUE VETS DIVISION TWO
1ST MAY 2010 FINAL TABLE POSITIONS AND AVERAGES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1.Canterbury A	7	5	0	2	52	18	52
2.Maidstone A	7	5	0	2	44	26	44
3.Sittingbourne B	7	5	0	2	42	28	42
4., Ashford B	7	4	0	3	38	32	38
5.N.W. Kent B	7	3	0	4	31	29	31
6.Bromley	7	2	1	4	26	44	26
7.Tonbridge A	7	2	1	4	26	44	26
8.Folkestone A	7	1	0	6	21	49	21

LEADING AVERAGES QUALIFICATION 3 MATCHES PLAYED

		P	W	%
Mick Eames	Canterbury A	9	9	100
Arthur Martin	Canterbury A	12	11	91.66
Ian Padgett	Sittingbourne B	9	8	88.88
Michael Lee	Ashford B	15	12	80
Keith Ludlum	Sittingbourne B	9	7	77.77
Barry Skates	Maidstone A	18	13	72.22
David Morgan	NW Kent B	15	10	66.66
Tyron Stalberg	Tonbridge A	12	8	66.66
Peter Chapman	Canterbury A	12	8	66.66
John Carr	Sittingbourne B	9	6	66.66
Jill Shipton	Maidstone A	9	6	66.66
Mike Porter	Maidstone A	9	6	66.66
David Cue	Ashford B	15	9	60
David Martin	NW Kent B	18	11	61.11
Mark Heaton	Tonbridge A	12	7	58.33
Peter Holmes	Sittingbourne B	18	10	55.55
John Walker	Canterbury A	18	10	55.55
Gillian Skilbeck	Maidstone A	15	8	53.33
Brian Steer	Sittingbourne B	12	6	50