

Winter League Match Reports 2014-2015

Winter League Home match Round 6



We hosted the 5 other clubs taking part in the winter league in the last leg of the tournament. The day started breezy and sunny (our gazebo was an early casualty) but the weather proved a challenge in the afternoon when playing through gale force winds with accompanying heavy rain was tricky, particularly as our two teams were the last out on the piste, being eventually timed out (probably to almost everyone's relief).

We were complimented on our hosting of the event. Thanks go to all the helpers and

food/drink providers, particularly Joyce's daughter who came prepared with china mugs, water boiler and washing up bowl (and doesn't even play petanque!).

Chesterfield PC came 4th on the day and 5th overall out of the 6 clubs taking part, winning 4 of our matches. The eventual winners, after a tie and points count back, were Bluebell PC. See more pictures in the [photo gallery](#) (includes some at Nottingham).

Carole did a brilliant job in organising the whole of the match series for us, with Ian also proving a tower of strength. Throughout the series a number of players have taken part, including Carole and Ian (who turned out for the whole series), Brian, Joyce, Adrienne, Tim, Janine, Matt, Bernard and Hilary - well done to all of you.

Final Placings were:

1st: Bluebell (+267), 43 wins, 1 Draw

2nd: Mansfield (+166), 43 Wins 2 Draws

3rd: Nottingham (+198), 40 Wins 1 Draw

4th: Elkesley (-98), 25 Wins 1 Draw

5th: Chesterfield (-231), 15 Wins 1 Draw

6th: Fernwood (-302), 10 Wins 2 Draws

We feel the experience during this winter will stand us in good stead for tournaments in the future and has definitely improved our play and confidence. We're looking forward to taking part in a summer competition, the Sherwood Shield, recently announced by the newly formed Mercia Association.

Round 5 played at Nottingham 22 March

This was our most successful round yet, held at Nottingham on a sunny and surprisingly hot day with 4 wins, taking us up to 5th place in the league for the first time. With just one round match left, our home fixture, we are looking forward to maintaining this position.

Round 4 played at Elkesley 15 March

Elkesley club were small but very welcoming and well organised with plentiful supplies of tea and coffee, beautifully made cakes and jacket potatoes with chilli or vegetable soup.

Chesterfield managed to win 2 games but we are hoping this will be improved on in the last 2 games of the tournament (the final one is to be played on home turf).

Round 3 played at Fernwood Sunday 22 February

We continue to improve as we learn more of the tactics and skills required and managed to win 3 matches, one a triumphant 13-0 win! The remainder of the games get closer with each

match and one pair of opponents commented that the game they won against us was the hardest of the day. We look forward to our next match to be played at Elkesley

Round 2 played at Bluebell pub Sunday 18 January

Once again the welcome was excellent with continuous supplies of tea and coffee all day - very welcome given the freezing conditions, although the sun and blue sky made for a very enjoyable day's play. Unfortunately the results once again didn't reflect the closeness of the matches and we won 1 match and drew another. However, the experience is all useful we are learning all the time. Playing were Carole and Joyce, Brian and Hilary and Ian and Bernard were the 2 subs.

Round 1 played at Mansfield, Sunday 7 December

We were warmly welcomed by the hosting club at Mansfield to our first league match. The weather was changeable to say the very least - we had wind, rain, sun and the occasional flurry of sleet which kept us all on our toes. Attending were Tim, Adrienne, Brian, Joyce, Ian and Carole and although the final scores do not reflect how well we played (having only one win on the day) as at least 4 of the games were very close.

We all enjoyed ourselves and I'm sure learnt a lot from the experience.

A big thank you must go out to Mansfield for their wonderfully warm hospitality and it was nice to meet other pentanque players.

The next match is against Bluebell PC on the 18th January. Hopefully we can improve on our score next time - ONWARD AND UPWARD TEAM!!

Carole