

Week 10 reports

The battle for the Division 1 title remains as close as ever with all 4 contenders having comfortable victories. A Craig Hastie hat trick helped Scorpions A to an 8-2 win at Phoenix A, Mark Johnson and Stewart Wallace added 2 each to the score line. A Terry Curran victory over Pete Morgan jnr was Piranha B's only success in a 9-1 defeat at LSM A for whom Ian Burnell and Mick Brooks were undefeated. Piranha A strolled to past Phoenix C 10-0 and JSM claimed a 10-0 against Piranha E, as did Piranha C against their D team. Maximums for Cliff Graves and Joe Addy saw Phoenix B beat Scorpions B 9-1 who only had a lone Robert Swift victory for their efforts.

In Division 2 LSM B remain 3 points clear at the top after an 8-2 victory at Scorpions D, It was nice to see Alan Dunn making his first appearance of the season where he scored both his sides sets beating Dave Sayner and Steve Wilson but denied his hat trick by John Bradshaw. The chase for second spot is hotting up and Scorpions C have joined the pack with 2 good wins, the first was 7-3 against Maltby with improving youngsters Jamie Hudd and James Grayson claiming all 7 sets between them. The second was a comfortable 10-0 victory over Phoenix E. Dolcliffe held onto second place by beating Piranha F 7-3 another Colin Scott maximum plus 2 each from Wilf Ward and Roger Gascoyne helped their cause but it was far from easy, Craig Burns and Mike Cooper scored once each and combined for the doubles but were perhaps unlucky not to add to their tally. Geoff Sanderson was unbeaten all night in LSM C's 7-3 win at Stag B for whom Mick Brownlow scored twice and Paul Flint had a good win against Trevor Bland. Maltby could only turn out 2 men against a full strength Stag A who came out 7-3 victors, Mick Garrett was unbeaten for Stag and Keith Lund scored twice for Maltby.

The top 2 in Division 3 both drew with leaders Clifton Cobras and Piranha H sharing the spoils, Clifton's Russ Drayton took a starring role winning all his singles and combined with his sides other scorer Jim Steel for the doubles, Piranhas Adam Baker and Matthew Hicks both scored twice with Alex Rowbotham adding the vital 5th set. Clifton Rattlers did their club mates a favour by holding second place Scorpions E to a draw mainly thanks to their talisman Francis Lovell who also was unbeaten in every set he played in combining with Chris Clayton for the all important doubles, for Scorpions Dan Elvidge and Michael Jackson scored twice and Jake Crosby once. Eleanor Long was Scorpions F's only scorer but Piranha I had maximums from Chris Ward and Doug Stone as they came out on top 9-1.

Would all secretaries please note that the next league meeting is to be held on Thursday 25th January at 7.15 in the Brinsworth Pavilion.