



# newsletter

## Match results

### Beds & Herts League v Letchworth (away)

1 July **Won 5-1**

Wrest Park	Letchworth	WP score
Tim Brewer	John Hall	-12
David Parsons	Martin King	
Bryan Harral	Jeremy Scott	+7
Harry Cordwell	Robert Staddon	
Bryan Harral	Jeremy Scott	+6
Tim Brewer	John Hall	+16
David Parsons	Robert Staddon	+5
Harry Cordwell	Martin King	+3

### Beds & Herts League v Colworth

27 July **Drew 2-2**

Wrest Park	Colworth	WP score
Peter Newman (9)	Arthur Weightman (2½)	+7T
Elaine Newman (20)	Steve Jones (10)	
Bryan Harral (2)	Arthur Weightman (2½)	-7T
Peter Newman (9)	Tom Anderson (2½)	
Bryan Harral (2)	Tom Anderson (2½)	+9
Elaine Newman (20)	Steve Jones (10)	-1T

### Beds & Herts League v St Albans

11 August **Won 4-2**

Wrest Park	St Albans	WP score
Bryan Harral (2)	Terry Mahoney (3)	+4T
Elaine Newman (20)	David Kitson (6)	
Geoff Strutt (10)	Richard Smith (½)	+2T
David Morris (20)	Chris Frost (7)	
Bryan Harral (2)	Chris Frost (7)	+10
Geoff Strutt (10)	David Kitson (6)	+9
Elaine Newman (20)	Terry Mahoney (3)	-7
David Morris (20)	Richard Smith (½)	-7

### Beds & Herts League player records

	Doubles			Singles		
	P	W	L	P	W	L
Bryan Harral	5	3	2	5	4	1
Elaine Newman	4	3	1	4	2	2
Peter Newman	3	1	2	3	1	2
Tim Brewer	3	0	3	3	2	1
Harry Cordwell	2	1	1	2	2	0
David Morris	1	1	0	1	0	1
David Parsons	1	0	1	1	1	0
John Martin	1	0	1	1	0	1
Ray Percy	1	0	1	1	0	1

The Beds and Herts League was won by Watford. The match between St Albans and Meldreth was not played.

Letchworth finished ahead of Colworth - their match was a draw but Letchworth was the away team.

	P	W	D	L	Pts	Pos
Watford	6	5	1	0	11	1
Enfield	6	3	3	0	9	2
<b>Wrest Park</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>
Letchworth	6	1	3	2	5	4
Colworth	6	1	3	2	5	5
St Albans	5	1	1	3	3	6
Meldreth	5	0	0	5	0	7

League organiser Bryan Harral reports:

The St Albans match was Wrest Park's last in this year's Beds and Herts league, so we ride into the sunset on a winning streak. I am very grateful to everyone who has been willing to play; there are too many to mention but I must thank Peter and Elaine Newman who have always been willing to turn out. Ray Percy and David Morris had no previous match experience, but once they said they actually enjoyed themselves they were on my list.



Edward and Rory Ashwell, the mobile corner peg collecting team, assisted by George Collin.

### Inter Club v Surbiton (home)

3 September **Lost 1-6**

Wrest Park	Surbiton	WP score
Ben Ashwell (-1)	Chris Farthing (-1½)	-17
Howard Bottomley (-1)	Chris Patmore (-1½)	
Rod Ashwell (½)	Samir Patel (-1½)	-6
Bryan Harral (2)	Tim Wilkins (-1½)	+9
Ben Ashwell (-1)	Chris Farthing (-1½)	-19
Howard Bottomley (-1)	Chris Patmore (-1½)	-5
Rod Ashwell (½)	Tim Wilkins (-1½)	-2
Bryan Harral (2)	Samir Patel (-1½)	-7

Report by Samir Patel, taken from the CA website

On paper this should have been a comfortable win for Surbiton, with their combined -6 handicap vs. Wrest Park's 0. However, despite the scoreline, the match was

much closer. Surbiton struggled to cope with the early conditions (strong blustery wind) and despite a quick doubles win looked like going to lunch 2-1 down, before Patel produced two scrappy breaks to snatch a win after almost four hours play. In the afternoon, Farthing claimed a quick win, but all three remaining games seemed to be heading to Wrest Park before Harral failed hoop 6 during a 3-ball ending and Rod Ashwell failed penult on an easy finishing turn to give Wilkins a similar reprieve.

Bryan Harral deserves a special mention, playing off +1.5 and holding his own against (on paper) much stronger opposition, he had good chances to take both games. Continued performance at that level will see his handicap down to scratch quite quickly.

## Handicap tournament

### 1-3 September

Report by John Bevington, photos by Peter and Elaine Newman



John Bevington, winner George Collin with trophy, John Hall, George Woolhouse (with beer), Geoff Strutt and Elaine Newman at close of play on Sunday evening.

The tournament was won by George Collin with five wins from seven games, his only losses being to Janet Lewis and Norah Wesley, the visitors from Watford. Norah arrived for her first tournament with a handicap of 26, which we allowed to stand, and it proved sufficient when George pegged out one of her balls after a rover peel, leaving himself on hoop 3 and Norah on hoop 2 with 9½ bisques remaining. Norah got home with a half bisque to spare.

George was followed by Geoff Strutt and John Hall (both with 5/8), George Woolhouse and Steve Jones (4/7), John Bevington and Elaine Newman (3/7), Janet Lewis (2/6), Norah Wesley (1/6) and Peter Newman (1/2).

The small entry had been further reduced when manager Eric Audsley won through to the All England area final. He kindly worked out all the rounds for an American block (allowing for those playing for only one or two days) and apart from the occasional imposition of a reduced time limit the tournament ran itself.

One highlight was Elaine Newman's winning of her bronze award in the first match of her first tournament. Playing Janet Lewis and in receipt of 11 bisques she took her first ball from hoop 1 to penult with the aid of about half the bisques, eventually winning +4 on time.



George Woolhouse lays down the horizontal stripes on Friday afternoon, while Elaine Newman plays on in the background.

The weekend had all the essential ingredients: good weather (apart from a little light rain and some strong winds), some spectacular play, several tight nervous finishes and plenty to eat and drink, for which our thanks go to Helen, Sheila, Howard, John and Judith.

## EACF Champions Day

### 10 September

This tournament brings together the previous year's winners of internal competitions held at Federation clubs. There are three classes: Advanced, B level advanced (handicap 2 or more) and handicap (6 or above). This year's event attracted 16 entries from nine clubs (Letchworth, Wrest Park, Ipswich, St Albans, Hunstanton, Norwich, Colchester, Watford and Downham Market). There were six entries in each of the advanced classes, both played as Swiss events with 2 hour time limits plus six Wharrad turns, and four for the handicap event, played as a round-robin with 2½ hour time limits. The sun shone, the lawns were fast (too much so for some), and the winners were:

Advanced: **Duncan Hector** (Letchworth, -1) 3/3, runner-up Bryan Harral (Wrest Park, 1½) 2/3

B level advanced: **Simon Hathrell** (Watford, 2½) 3/3, runner-up Jill Waters (Ipswich, 5) 2/3

Handicap: **Dan Neale** (Norwich, 11) 3/3, runner-up Celia Pearce (Ipswich, 6) 2/3

## R.I.P



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of a wood mouse (*Apodemus sylvaticus*), which was found drowned in the bucket under the sink on the morning of Saturday 2 September. Our condolences go to the family and we hope that the last meal was a memorable one.