



**Southport & Formby Quiz League**  
*A member of the Merseyside Quiz Leagues*  
**NEWSLETTER**  
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## DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Devonshire Club, Baron's Bar and St Jerome's for winning Divisions Two, Three and Four respectively. Division One ended in a three-way tie, the first time this has happened in our league. A three-way play-off will be arranged to determine the top three positions. That was not the only close finish, the destination of the Division Two and Four titles went to the last round of matches. Baron's Bar clinched the Division Three title with a week to spare. Feedback on the experiment of this end of season system of mini-leagues would be appreciated.

As far as the Handicap Cup is concerned, the handicaps will be based on the eighteen matches played in Divisions A and B before the split.

Casablanca, Scarisbrick Hotel and Wings have qualified to participate in the end of season Feeny Cup. Baron's Bar and St Patrick's A will be our representatives in the Rendon Cup. Both competitions start on Wednesday 14th April.

## DON STANDING CUP 2010

**Finals** of both the Cup and Plate will be played on **TUESDAY 20th April on Presentation Evening** at St Patrick's.

FULL DETAILS OF THE DRAW have been sent out to each team. For the first time the top four teams in Division One have been seeded.

Next week there will only be two games as we reduce the Cup and the Plate to eight teams each. Quads and Ainsdale Sands will be at home, one in the Cup and the other in the Plate. London Boys and MP's will provide the opposition.

## MQL COMPETITIONS

Wings have reached the semi-final of the Merseyside Challenge Cup and will meet the formidable Old Dog team from Ormskirk. Southport & Formby currently lead the President's Trophy with a 100% record with one match to play. The President's Shield team finished a creditable second in their competition.

## MIMIR HEATS/EDDIE CONWAY FINAL

At the Southport & Formby heats of the MQL individual competition held at the Sands Hotel on Wednesday 24th February, **Jack Gardner** (Ainsdale Sands) became the first player from the second division to win the **Eddie Conway Cup**. In the final he beat Dag Griffiths, Tom Farley (both Wings) and David Sinclair (Scarisbrick Hotel) who have won the event thirteen times between them. The four finalists qualified to compete in the **MQL MIMIR Heats** (up to semi-final stage) on **Thursday 25th March** at St Charles Parish Club in Liverpool. Once again, a big thank you to the MPs team for running the evening.

## FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

2009-2010 Season

### DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Casablanca*	22	18	0	4	36
Scarisbrick Hotel*	22	18	0	4	36
Wings*	22	18	0	4	36
Formby RBL	22	12	0	10	24
Cavaliers	22	9	0	13	18

\* three way play-off to be arranged

### DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Devonshire Club	22	9	0	13	18
Southport FC	22	8	0	14	16
Quads	22	7	1	14	15
London Boys	22	5	1	16	11
Vikings	22	5	0	17	10

### DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Baron's Bar	22	17	0	5	34
St Patrick's A	22	16	1	5	33
Exams	22	12	1	9	25
Formby Pavilion	22	12	0	10	24
St Patrick's	22	10	1	11	21

### DIVISION 4

	P	W	D	L	Pts
St Jerome's	22	10	2	10	22
Ainsdale Sands	22	10	1	11	21
MPs	22	7	0	15	14
Scarisbrick Jacks	22	7	0	15	14
Sacred Heart	22	5	2	15	12

## PAIRS COMPETITION

Once again we are going to run a Pairs Competition on the same evening as the Handicap Cup Final, **Tuesday 18th May** at The Sands, Ainsdale.

## TROPHY HOLDERS

Presentation Evening is on Tuesday 20th April and trophies need to be returned promptly. Please return them to Dag Griffiths or Bill Thomas as soon as possible.

## WRONG ANSWERS This season's includes the following:

Sachertorte is named after Franz Sacher who created it in 1832 for Prince Metternich and not the hotel in Vienna. The hotel was built 44 years later in 1876 by his son.

Tamara Mellon was co-founder in 1996 with Jimmy Choo rather than founder of Jimmy Choo Ltd.

The question about John Aldridge and Jose Antonio Reyes missing penalties in FA Cup Finals should have included "at Wembley" as the first penalty missed in an FA Cup final was by Charlie Wallace of Aston Villa in 1913 (14th September)

The first novel written by Charles Dickens was 'The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club' (The Pickwick Papers). It was first serialised between 1836 and 1837. A Christmas Carol which is usually regarded as a novella was not published until 1843. Oliver Twist, Nicholas Nickleby, The Old Curiosity Shop and Barnaby Rudge were all published before 1843.

Goliath also refers to frog as well as toad and beetle as the largest of its species.

There are several claimants including Damascus as well as Jericho being the oldest inhabited city in the world. If Jericho is to be the answer it's safer to ask which is the oldest WALLED inhabited city.

Rapidamente is a better answer than 'pronto' for the Spanish for 'quickly'. It would have been better to ask 'Which Spanish word is also used in English slang for 'quickly' 'soon' or 'promptly'?' (13th October)

Arthur Leslie Large invented an electric kettle in 1922 not 1992! (9th November)

Dot dash in Morse code represents the letter A not M (that is dash dash)

Mel Gibson voiced John Smith in the 1995 film Pocahontas not the title character, that was voiced by Irene Bedard.

Edward VI reigned from 1547 to 1553 not 1471-1483 that was the second part of the reign of Edward IV. (17th November)

The question which read 'Westminster Abbey is neither an abbey nor a cathedral, what is its official designation' points to the answer 'The Collegiate Church of St Peter' rather than the given answer of 'Royal Peculiar' - The Collegiate Church of St Peter is its formal name (formal name is synonymous with official designation) - A Royal Peculiar is a place of worship that falls directly under the jurisdiction of the British monarch, rather than a diocese and the list also currently also includes St Georges Chapel, Windsor and the Royal Chapel of All Saints, Windsor. (24th November)

In the Bible Jesse was the father of David not vice versa (8th December)

No Bourbon whiskey is made in Lynchburg, Tennessee. This is because Bourbon is made in Kentucky. Lynchburg produces Jack Daniel's which is a Tennessee sour-mash whiskey. (14th December)

The island's flag which is made up of two blue and one yellow vertical stripes with a trident in the middle of the yellow stripe is Barbados not Bermuda (19th January)

'The evil that men do lives after them' is spoken by Mark Antony not by Julius Caesar in Shakespeare's play (8th February)

The Renault logo is a stylized diamond shape rather than a double diamond.

The geographical centre of England has many claimants and differing methods of calculation - if Meriden is the main one then the closest city is Coventry not Leicester.

According to the RSPB the white-tailed eagle not the buzzard is the largest bird of prey native to England. (16th February)

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 15th April

Southport FC

8.30 pm

Each team should ensure the attendance of at least one representative at the AGM. **Registration Forms for the 2010/2011 season will be issued at the meeting.** (Completed forms and remittance must be received by the General Secretary by the 30th April 2010).

Agendas and minutes will be sent to team secretaries

## CHARITY QUIZ/NOMINATIONS

As you should now be aware this season's charity quiz in aid of Arthritis Research will be held at the Sands Hotel, Ainsdale on Friday 26th March. Please support the event and try to bring along friends and family. Donations of raffle prizes gratefully accepted,

As before we have asked that **charity nominations be made in advance of the AGM on 15th April** and that the proposer(s) be prepared to make the case for the nominated charity. For this year's charity, please pass contributions on to Dag Griffiths as soon as you can - on or before the AGM at Southport FC on 15th April.

## HANDICAP CUP 2010 - Reminder:

All teams are automatically entered for the 2010 Handicap Cup which will be played on Tuesdays starting 27th April. The semi-finals and final will be played on Tuesday 18th May.

**Only if you wish to opt out, either email or complete the tear-off slip below and return it to the General Secretary (dag@sfquiz.org.uk) by 31st March 2010.**

## SOUTHPORT & FORMBY QUIZ LEAGUE

The \_\_\_\_\_ quiz team does not wish to enter the 2010 Handicap commencing 27th April.

Signed:- \_\_\_\_\_ (Team Secretary)

Date:- \_\_\_\_\_