



**Southport & Formby Quiz League**  
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**NEWSLETTER**  
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## ARTHUR NAYLOR

It is with sadness that we report the death of our President, Arthur Naylor, who died in January of this year. We owe a great debt to Arthur who for a number of years kept the league going almost single-handed. His original involvement many years ago was with the Shakespeare Hotel and he went on to play with Wings and Wings Distaff, the former in company with stalwarts Martin Williams, Alan Moorcroft and Eddie Amor. Arthur's last quiz match was in February 2001 when he came out of retirement to play for Wings following the death of Eddie Amor and performed creditably.

Arthur was a deputy head of a Liverpool secondary school and an 'acting' head in his final year of service. A formidable quiz player, in 1976 he was the first ever winner of the MIMIR competition (MQL's individual competition) and won it for a second time in 1983. He jointly holds the record for the most wins, five, in the Eddie Conway Cup – Southport & Formby's individual competition. He was a member of the Southport President's Trophy team and also enjoyed a degree of media success on radio and television in programmes such as 'Brain of Britain' and 'Winner Takes All'. An indication of the high regard in which Arthur was held was demonstrated when the AGM of April 1992 took the unanimous decision to offer him a newly created post, the Presidency of the Southport & Formby Quiz League.

## MQL Competitions

Unfortunately we have no survivors in the Merseyside Challenge Cup. However the Southport & Formby team won the President's Trophy winning nine out of its ten matches. The President's Shield team finished a creditable second, both in the Shield and the end of season Presidential Challenge.

### MIMIR HEATS/EDDIE CONWAY FINAL

At the Southport & Formby heats of the MQL individual competition held at the Sands Hotel on Wednesday 25th February, **David Sinclair** (Scarisbrick Hotel) retained the **Eddie Conway Cup**. He now joins Dag Griffiths and the late Arthur Naylor on five wins. John Clarke and Dave Wright (both Scarsibrick Hotel) and Dag Griffiths (Wings) were the other finalists. The four finalists qualified, along with the next best semi-final score (Tom Farley - Wings), to compete in the **MQL MIMIR Heats** (up to semi-final stage) **on Wednesday 25th March** at Rainford Ex-Servicemen's Club. Once again, a big thank you to the MPs team for running the evening.

## LEAGUE TABLES

2008-2009 Season

### DIVISION ONE

|                   | P  | W  | D | L  | Pts |
|-------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|
| Wings             | 24 | 23 | 0 | 1  | 46  |
| Scarisbrick Hotel | 24 | 21 | 0 | 3  | 42  |
| Casablanca        | 24 | 17 | 0 | 7  | 34  |
| Formby RBL        | 24 | 14 | 0 | 10 | 28  |
| Cavaliers         | 24 | 8  | 1 | 15 | 17  |
| DC Exozets        | 24 | 8  | 0 | 16 | 16  |
| Southport FC      | 24 | 6  | 1 | 17 | 13  |
| London Boys       | 24 | 5  | 1 | 18 | 11  |
| Falstaff          | 24 | 4  | 1 | 19 | 9   |

### DIVISION TWO

|                     | P  | W  | D | L  | Pts |
|---------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|
| Quads               | 22 | 15 | 2 | 5  | 32  |
| St Patrick's A      | 22 | 15 | 1 | 6  | 31  |
| MPs                 | 22 | 14 | 1 | 7  | 29  |
| Baron's Bar         | 22 | 14 | 0 | 8  | 28  |
| Ainsdale Sands      | 22 | 12 | 2 | 8  | 26  |
| Exams               | 22 | 13 | 0 | 9  | 26  |
| Formby Pavilion     | 22 | 11 | 1 | 10 | 23  |
| Sacred Heart        | 22 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 22  |
| St Patrick's        | 22 | 8  | 2 | 12 | 18  |
| Sparks              | 22 | 9  | 0 | 13 | 18  |
| St Jerome's         | 22 | 2  | 2 | 18 | 6   |
| Scarisbrick BCJacks | 22 | 2  | 1 | 19 | 5   |

## PAIRS COMPETITION

Once again we are going to run a Pairs Competition on the same evening as the Handicap Cup Final, **Tuesday 2nd June** at the Sands, Ainsdale

## TROPHY HOLDERS

Presentation Evening is on Tuesday 28th April and trophies need to be returned promptly. Please return them to Dag Griffiths or Bill Thomas as soon as possible.

## DON STANDING CUP 2009

The full draw and further details are overleaf.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 2nd April

Southport FC

8.30 pm

## WRONG ANSWERS

The latest are as follows:

The first Open Golf Championship was played at Prestwick NOT Prestwich, the latter is a town in Greater Manchester. (5th January) Ian Johnson NOT Richie Benaud captained the Australians in 'Laker's Test Match' at Old Trafford in 1956 (26th January)

The first appearance of 'Batman' was in 1939 not 1937.

J Lundstrom did not invent the safety match - he improved the 1844 invention of fellow Swede Gustaf Erik Pasch and patented it. The veteran BBC correspondent who died in July 2008 was Charles Wheeler NOT Peter Wheeler. Walter Hunt not William Hunt invented the safety pin.

Great Britain has won the most men's single finals at Wimbledon - 35 in total NOT USA which has won 32 not 33 as stated on the paper. (24th February)

Each team should ensure the attendance of at least one representative at the AGM. **Registration Forms for the 2009/2010 season will be issued at the meeting.** (Completed forms and remittance must be received by the General Secretary by the 27th April 2009). Agendas and minutes have been sent to team secretaries

## DON STANDING CUP 2009

The draw for **Round One** on **23rd/24th March** is as follows:

### Monday 23rd March

Devonshire Club Exozets v Formby Pavilion  
London Boys v Baron's Bar  
MP's v St Jerome's  
Scarisbrick Hotel v Wings

### Tuesday 24th March

Exams v Ainsdale Sands  
Formby RBL v Cavaliers  
Quads v Southport Football Club  
St Patrick's A v St Patrick's  
Sparks v Casablanca

**Finals** of both the Cup and Plate will be played on **TUESDAY 28th April** on **Presentation Evening** at St Patrick's. FULL DETAILS OF THE DRAW have been sent out to each team.

## CHARITY QUIZ/NOMINATIONS

As you should now be aware this season's charity quiz in aid of Southport Kidney Fund was held at the Sands Hotel, Ainsdale on Friday 20th March.

Details on the event including attendance and the amount raised will be reported at the AGM. Thanks are due to all who donated raffle prizes.

As before we have asked that **charity nominations be made in advance of the AGM on 2nd 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 2nd April.

## HANDICAP CUP 2009 - Reminder:

All teams are automatically entered for the 2009 Handicap Cup which will be played on Tuesdays starting 5th May. The semi-finals and final will be played on Tuesday 2nd June.

**Only if you wish to opt out, complete the tear-off slip below and return it to the General Secretary by 31st March 2009.**

## SOUTHPORT & FORMBY QUIZ LEAGUE

The \_\_\_\_\_ quiz team does not wish to enter the 2009 Handicap commencing 5th May.

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