



Southport & Formby Quiz League

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NEWSLETTER

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HANDICAP LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Formby RBL on winning the inaugural Handicap League. The ordinary league has now entered phase two with the top six, middle seven and bottom six playing each other again for the first, second and third division titles respectively. **It would be useful at this stage to receive feedback from all teams on this season's playing arrangements.** Please write to or email the General Secretary with comments, indicating whether this season's or last season's format is preferable.

CHARITY QUIZ - Friday 25th March

As you should now be aware this season's charity quiz in aid of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research in memory of Tony Evans will be held at the Sands Hotel, Ainsdale on Friday 25th March. **Please support the event and try to bring along friends and family. Donations of raffle prizes gratefully accepted. NB 8.00 pm for 8.30 pm start.** Please pass additional contributions on to Dag Griffiths as soon as you can - on or before the AGM at Southport FC on 14th April.



BARON'S BAR - Friends Reunited!

In a recent match against Vikings, the Baron's Bar team consisted of: Dave Williams, Bill Welsh, Dave Tarr and Steve Murphy. All four have known each other since starting as grammar school new boys at Liverpool Collegiate School in 1968. Liverpool Collegiate is also the former school of SFQL Chairman Bill Thomas and a number of illustrious Old Boys, including Leonard Rossiter, Brian Labone, Holly Johnson (Frankie Goes to Hollywood), Pete Best (former Beatles drummer), Jack Balmer (only man to score hat-tricks in three successive league games for Liverpool FC) and Sam Kelly (actor in Allo Allo, Porridge and other sit-coms) amongst others.

MQL CHALLENGE CUP

Scarisbrick Hotel and Wings have reached the knock-out stages of the Merseyside Challenge Cup. The former with a 100% record in the group stages and the latter notching up an impressive victory against the current holders, Old Dog (Ormskirk). In the quarter finals on 9th March they both have away fixtures - Scarisbrick Hotel at Oxtou Cons (Wirral) and Wings at Culcheth RBL (Warrington).

MIMIR HEATS/EDDIE CONWAY FINAL

At the Southport & Formby heats of the MQL individual competition held at the Sands Hotel on Wednesday 16th February, **Tom Farley** (Wings) won the **Eddie Conway Cup** for the fourth time. In the final he beat Dag Griffiths (Wings), Bill Thomas (Casablanca) and John Clarke (Scarisbrick Hotel). The four finalists together with David Sinclair (Scarisbrick Hotel) and Jack Gardner (Ainsdale Sands) qualified to compete in the **MQL MIMIR Heats** (up to and including semi-final stage) **on Thursday 24th March** at the Unison Club, St Helens. Once again, a big thank you to the MPs team for running the evening.

LEAGUE TABLES

(up to 1st February 2011)

HANDICAP LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	Pts
Formby RBL (11)	18	13	0	5	26
Cavaliers (17)	18	12	1	5	25
London Boys (22)	18	11	1	6	23
Devonshire Club (17)	18	11	0	7	22
Saint Patrick's A (22)	18	11	0	7	22
Vikings (22)	18	11	0	7	22
Wings (1)	18	11	0	7	22
Baron's Bar (20)	18	10	1	7	21
Casablanca (7)	18	10	0	8	20
Ainsdale Sands (26)	18	9	0	9	18
Scarisbrick Hotel (0)	18	9	0	9	18
Saint Jerome's (26)	18	8	1	9	17
Southport FC (17)	18	8	0	10	16
MP's (24)	18	7	0	11	14
Sacred Heart (28)	18	7	0	11	14
Saint Patrick's (24)	18	7	0	11	14
Exams (20)	18	6	0	12	12
Formby Pavilion (22)	18	6	0	12	12
Quads (17)	18	2	0	16	4
FIRST PHASE	P	W	D	L	Pts
Wings	18	18	0	0	36
Scarisbrick Hotel	18	17	0	1	34
Formby RBL	18	16	0	2	32
Casablanca	18	14	0	4	28
Cavaliers	18	11	0	7	22
Southport FC	18	11	0	7	22
Devonshire Club	18	9	2	7	20
London Boys	18	10	0	8	20
Saint Patrick's A	18	8	1	9	17
Quads	18	8	0	10	16
Baron's Bar	18	7	1	10	15
Exams	18	7	0	11	14
Vikings	18	6	0	12	12
Formby Pavilion	18	5	1	12	11
MP's	18	5	1	12	11
Ainsdale Sands	18	5	0	13	10
Saint Jerome's	18	5	0	13	10
Saint Patrick's	18	4	0	14	8
Sacred Heart	18	1	2	15	4

TROPHY HOLDERS

Presentation Evening is on Tuesday 19th April and trophies need to be returned promptly. Please return them to Dag Griffiths or Bill Thomas as soon as possible.

WRONG ANSWERS

Here is the latest list. If you have noticed any others let us know - remember that the list is updated regularly throughout the season on our website www.sfquiz.org.uk

Wealthy peasants is a better answer than farmers for the kulaks who were eradicated by Stalin.

Rotherham United no longer play at Millmoor, their current home whilst a new stadium is being built is the Don Valley Stadium

The holocene is an epoch not a period.

Frisian is not the second official language of the Netherlands - along with Low Saxon and Limburgish it is a recognised regional language.

Polar explorers Amundsen, Sverdrup and Wisting as well as Nansen used the Fram as their ship. (January 11th)

Pittsburg stands at the confluence of three rivers - Allegheny River and Monongahela River which form the Ohio River.

Leonard Cheshire had two wives - American actress Constance Binney as well as Sue Ryder

Thomas Edison was known as The Wizard on Menlo Park - not Wenlo Park

Guayaquil is the chief port of Ecuador not Peru

Kevin Rudd and Julia Gillard both held the post of PM of Australia in June 2010 (the date the quiz purports to be correct) (January 18th)

The nuclear power station on Anglesey is Wylfa not Wilfra.

Andy Murray does not come from Lockerbie - he was born in Glasgow and brought up in Dunblane

Alfred Wainwright brought out books about other parts of the country as well as about the Lake District.

Angevin as well as Plantagenet is an equally acceptable answer for which royal house followed the Normans.

Apart from Siena, there are many other palios that are held throughout the various regions of Italy.

Sea monster should have been the answer to what is the kraken - the myth may have been inspired by sightings of a giant squid but that is only one theory.

Steve Jobs as well as Ronald Wayne and Steve Wozniak was a founder of Apple. (January 25th)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 14th April

Southport FC

8.30 pm

Each team should ensure the attendance of at least one representative at the AGM. **Registration Forms for the 2011/2012 season will be issued at the meeting.** (Completed forms and remittance must be received by the General Secretary by the 30th April 2011).

Agendas and minutes will be sent to team secretaries at the beginning of April.

Motions for the AGM, proposed and seconded by two different teams, must be received by the General Secretary before the end of March.

CHARITY NOMINATIONS for 2011-2012

As before we have asked that **charity nominations be made in advance of the AGM on 14th April** and that the proposer(s) be prepared to make the case for the nominated charity for the 2011-2012 playing season.

DON STANDING CUP 2011

Finals of both the Cup and Plate will be played on **Tuesday 19th April** on **Presentation Evening** at St Patrick's.

FULL DETAILS OF THE DRAW have been sent out to each team and are also available on the website

A very convenient number of 16 teams have entered this year's competition. The first round draw is as follows:

Monday 28th March

Devonshire Club v Baron's Bar

Formby Pavilion v Ainsdale Sands

London Boys v Quads

Scarbrick Hotel v Exams

Tuesday 29th March

Casablanca v Southport FC

Cavaliers v MPs

Sacred Heart v Formby RBL

Wings v St Jerome's