



Southport & Formby Quiz League
A member of the Merseyside Quiz Leagues

NEWSLETTER

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Roll of Honour 2023-2024

Division 1
Champions
Casablanca
Runners-up
Wings

Division 2
Winners
Aardvark Zetland
Runners-up
MPs

Handicap League
Winners
Quads

Don Standing Cup
Winners
Wings
Runners-up
Formby Sports

Maurice Jefferies Plate
Winners
Fishermen's Rest
Runners-up
Grasshopper

Handicap Cup
Winners
Grapes of Wrath
Runners-up
Wings

Eddie Conway Cup
Winner
Ray Oakes
Finalists

, Dag Griffiths, Neil Macaskill,
and Tom Farley

Linden Adams Cup
Winner
Sheila Tickle

Bill Hawkins Cup
Winner
Ray Oakes

Tony Evans Cup
Winner
Jack Gardner

Pairs Competition
Winners
Neil Macaskill & Nick Philpott

WELCOME TO THE 2024-2025 SEASON

All fourteen teams re-registered for the 2024-2025 season.

Once again there will be two divisions of seven teams playing each other twice (home and away i.e. twelve matches) for the first and second division titles. Matches will be completed before Christmas

In the New Year, there again will be a handicap league in which each first division side will play each second division side over seven weeks.

The league season will be followed by the Don Standing/Maurice Jefferies Plate, the Handicap Cup and the Pairs Competition and should be concluded before the end of April.

Presentation Evening

This was held at Formby Cricket Club on Wednesday 17th April. In the semi-finals of the Handicap Cup Fishermen's Rest and E Street Band beat Aardvark Zetland and Formby Sports respectively. In the final Fishermen's Rest, conceding 5 to E Street Band ran out winners 50-47. This was their second trophy of the season, having also triumphed in the Maurice Jefferies Plate.

The Pairs competition was won by Neil Macaskill (Fishermen's Rest) and Nick Philpott (Exams). They are pictured below receiving their trophies from SFQL Chair Geoff Hedley



In the absence of President Ann Evans, Geoff also presented all the season's trophies.

Thanks are due to Bill Morris and the rest of Mixed Blues for arranging the evening.

MQL News

Jubilee Pairs Competition 2024

The fourth MQL Jubilee Pairs Competition will be held on **Wednesday 25 September** and once again at Prescot Cables FC club, courtesy of the Ormskirk QL. The format of the competition remains the same and is open to any players who took part in the 2023-24 MQL season or who will be playing in the forthcoming season. There is no charge for entering. Further details including how to register will be circulated once available.

MQL Presentation/Finals Night 2024

The 2023-24 season ended with Finals and Presentation Evening held at the Masonic Hall in Warrington on Wednesday 15th May.

In a very close fought MIMIR final, **Dag Griffiths** (Wings), appearing in his third consecutive final. was unable to defend his title, finishing second to Colin Foster of the Warrington League.

Fishermen's Rest were beaten in the final of the MQL Plate by Aigburth People of the Liverpool League.

Pictured below, receiving their runners-up trophies from MQL President Jim Eccleson (centre), are (left to right) Neil Macaskill, Harry Owen, Dave Williams and John Clarke.



Time Keeping

At the committee meeting in June the issue of time keeping in matches was raised. It was felt that this on many occasions was not being adhered to. Whilst in the absence of a timekeeper and the problems of multitasking it is appreciated that a little bit of leeway may be afforded, this should not be abused.;

Time keeping is covered by MQL rule 27a and is available to read on the MQL website
<https://merseysidequizleagues.org.uk/rules.aspx>

IN BRIEF

Spare Questions

Team secretaries are reminded that it is their responsibility to check in advance that questions have arrived.

If you discover that your team is without a set of questions on quiz nights, you can contact **Brian Cunningham**. He will have a spare set each week for both Monday and Tuesday fixtures.

Question Sets

Team Secretaries are reminded that Question Sets for the 2025/2026 season must be submitted to Dag Griffiths by November 30th 2024 at the very latest.

Charity Nomination

At the AGM in April, **Willowbrook Hospice** was chosen as the charity for the 2024/2025 season in memory of Leo Tobin (ExPats).

Committee Meetings

Dates for the committee meetings are as follows:

2024 - Thursday 24th October
2025 - Thursday 6th February
2025 - Monday 9th June

If there is any matter that you wish to raise or place on the agenda, please contact Dag Griffiths.

Start Time

This continues to be 8.15 pm – matches should begin no later than 8.30 pm. If there is a problem starting punctually please liaise with the opposition.

Teams are also reminded that scoresheets should be checked before being signed by all parties.

New website

There has been a frustrating delay in the process of replacing our website. As soon as the new one goes live you'll receive its address. In the meantime the current site will continue to operate.