

### **Mansfield Saturday and Midweek Leagues – Keith Williams**

Both leagues ran quite smoothly. Results were received fairly quickly, now that most arrive by via e-mail. Just the odd ones needed chasing up, usually when the person who normally sends them, had not played in the game.

The Saturday league was keenly contested at the top by Church Warsop and Brierley Park, with Brierley Park topping the table for most of the season. Church Warsop had three games cancelled and, when they had the average points added, they came out on top by 11 points.

The Midweek League was also keenly contested by Langwith Junction and Church Warsop. Langwith Junction only lost one game all season, whereas Church Warsop lost four matches. Church Warsop scored higher. Langwith Junction finally finished up champions beating Church Warsop by four points. That ends my brief report I hope everyone winters well and hopefully see you around next season.

### **Nottingham Saturday 3 x 4 league – Brian Littleton**

There were six teams in the league this season, Blidworth having dropped out in 2021. The sun shone and the games were competitive. One disappointing aspect was that three games were conceded. Congratulations to Arnold Park who won the league impressively with ten wins out of ten matches. You can't get better than that.

I understand four teams are dropping out next season and therefore there will be no Nottingham based 3 x 4 league in 2023. It is so disappointing, but it is a sign of the times we now live in. Just think, only 20 years ago, there were four divisions on a Saturday in this league and of course it was a 4x4 format then.

### **Midweek 3x4 Open League – Colin Firbank**

With 15 games to play we were assured of a full season. Although the planned final date for games was August 9<sup>th</sup>, it was August 30<sup>th</sup> before the last game was played. The big surprise was that all games were cancelled on July 19<sup>th</sup>, not because of rain (in fact none in the season were), but because of the heat. The other unusual event was the abandonment of the game between Beeston Unity and Star when a spectator fell and needed to be taken to hospital. There was one game which had to be re-arranged because of Covid-19.

**Division 1** was again dominated by Rolls Royce who lost just 1 game, and that by only 1 shot, to Attenborough. From the 15 games, one of which was conceded, Rolls Royce gained 79.7 points and had a shot difference of 329. Attenborough and Bulwell Forest competed for second place, with Bulwell Forest winning 2 of the 3 games which the clubs played against each other. However, Attenborough managed a total of 10 wins, gaining 57 points, while Bulwell Forest had 8 wins, which included a conceded game, and finished with 48.9 points. Trent Vale was the one club which struggled to have a full team each week and this led to their conceding of 2 games. Three wins meant a total of 19 points. The fourth and fifth positions were only decided with the final game played between Greasley MW and Wollaton. It was a draw but the 3.5 points for Greasley MW meant their total was 30.5 to Wollaton's total of 33.5.

**Division 2** was more competitive. Star had the biggest difficulty to find a team of 12 players each week and conceded 4 games, but won 4 of the 11 played. Porchester proved to be the most consistent team, winning 10 of the 14 games played (one had been conceded) and achieved 62.1 points. The battle for second place was won by West Bridgford when they won their last game of the season. They won 9 games and gained just 2 more points than Hucknall TP. Beeston Unity continued the form which they started at the end of last season, winning 6 of the 13 games played. Notts Constabulary had started the season quite well but won just 4 games of the 14 played.

In both divisions results often arrived the same evening or early the next morning so the league table could be quickly updated.

I offer my thanks to everyone who helped to make this an enjoyable season.