

## SHIELD BULLETIN 2016/17

### GROUP 1

<u>Teams</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Synge St. 1	6	29	Brian Devereux	20	14
Castleknock 1	6	26	John Conway	20	13
Wexford 1	6	23	Sabina Devereux	16	13
Terenure 1	6	21	Marius Berende	20	12
			Ghenadue Isaacs	20	12
			Stephen Wall	24	9
			Shizhao Lee	16	9
			Alan Pattison	16	9
			Tommy Fitzgerald	24	9
			Teresa Devaney	24	9
			Dave Pender	24	9
			Gao Ming Gian	20	8
			Na Ning	12	7

In all my years as steward of the top division, this season's Group 1 Shield took the biscuit. It began before the Shield started where the teams were informed to make their fixtures with the other teams in the group and send on the fixtures to the steward. After several e mails/texts to the teams I did not receive the fixture lists and to date I have not received them. It appears that the teams were making the fixtures weekly and never informed the steward of any dates. Matches were cancelled between them as well. Most of the result sheets I had to chase the captains for them.

Wexford, Castleknock and Synge St. are all new clubs in the League but most of the players are no strangers to playing in the League. It is with regret and disappointed that I have to report that Castleknock, Terenure and Synge St., for whatever reason did not travel to Wexford to play their matches and conceded walk-overs. This is an absolute disgrace and clubs must remember that the League is called "Leinster Table Tennis League"

When I found out I did ask the teams to make some arrangement to play the matches in Wexford, maybe on a weekend on two tables but that did not happen. See results above. For a walk-over in the Shield a team receives 6-0 points and in the individuals a player receives 4 points.

TONY MARTIN

### GROUP 2

<u>Teams</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Balgriffin 1	6	43	Peter Piorowski	24	22
St. Pauls 1	6	25	Stephen Keenan	24	19
Pingzone 1	6	25	Paul Norgrove	24	13
Leinster 1	6	15	Dave Butler	24	13
			Eddie Hockey	24	13
			Joe Kelleher	24	13

Hi all. Many congratulations to my fellow club mates on winning Group 2 in style. As the table shows they had 18 points to spare over their nearest rivals, St. Pauls and Pingzone on 25 points. They won 26 of their singles out of 30 and 14 of their doubles out of 18. The closest those two teams got to them was a 6-3 loss. Well done to all the teams.

Congratulations again to my fellow club mate Peter on winning the individuals in style only dropping one singles to Dave Butler from St. Pauls and one doubles to Leinster.

Finally can I send a further thank you to all captains for getting all the results to me either by phone or e mail and thanks to Terri and Alan for keeping us all up to date.

A very Happy Christmas and New Year to everyone.

JIMMY FLEMING

### GROUP 3

<u>Teams</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Balgriffin 2	6	45	Shay Quinn	24	19
Terenure 2	6	32	Brian Keenan	20	17
Dunboyne 1	6	16	Dave Gibbons	24	17
Synge St. 2	6	15	Sean Moran	24	15
			Jerzy Zajac	16	13
			Sharon Gibbons	24	12

Yu Lei	24	11
Robbie Davis	12	10

Balgriffin were far too strong for this Group. Their closest games were against Terenure both times which they 6-3. In their first match against Terenure Sean had a great win over Brian beating him 11/9 in the 5<sup>th</sup> set. It was 3-3 after the singles but unfortunately Dave got injured and Terenure had to concede the first two doubles. Balgriffin only won the final doubles 9/11 in the 5<sup>th</sup>. Terenure won all their other matches. The only two matches Dunboyne won were against Synge St. winning 6-3 on both occasions. The best score Synge St. has was 4-5 loss to Terenure.

Well done to Shay Quinn on winning the individuals. His team mate Brian was only two points behind having missed one match.

The captains in this Group were very good in getting their fixtures in to me and also their results. It makes life so much easier for the steward thank you. Thanks to Alan for getting results up so promptly. Happy Christmas to all and good luck in the League.

TERRI MC KEON

**GROUP 4**

<u>Teams</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Balgriffin 3	6	38	Brian Kestell	24	19
Leinster 2	6	33	Kos	24	19
Navan 1	6	32	Philip Mc Dermott	24	16
Synge St 2	6	5	Gerry Weafer	24	16
			Ken Ellis	24	15
			Eddie Quinn	24	15
			Aengus Benson	24	13
			Renaud Payout	4	12

Congratulations to Balgriffin on winning this very close Group. They were pushed all the way by both Leinster and Navan. In the end they won by being able to win doubles matches in close games. These three teams should be in the same division for the League as all the games between each other were very close. Synge St. were badly out of their depth in this Group and need a drop of maybe two divisions to be competitive in the League.

Well done to my club mate Brian Kestell on winning the individuals. He beat his fellow team mate Kos on count back. Thanks to all captains for quick results. Good luck in the League.

ROBBIE DAVIS

**GROUP 5**

<u>Teams</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts</u>
St. Pats 1	6	35	Iulian Iurascu	24	17
Dunboyne 2	6	31	Josef Grecnik	24	15
Alsa 1	6	24	Terri Mc Keon	20	13
Balgriffin 4	6	18	Brian Gilshinan	16	12
			Carmel Lokko	20	12
			Albert Adamson	20	12
			Denis Kelly	24	10
			David Mc Nevin	12	10

Congratulations to St. Pats on winning this Group and to Iulian from Dunboyne on winning the individuals. Balgriffin were the weak link in the group going down 7-2 on both occasions to St. Pats and Dunboyne beating them 6-3 and 8-1.

St. Pats had three 7-2 wins both home and away against Balgriffin ( though one of these matches had 5x5 set matches which could have gone either way), and one against Alsa which gave them the edge towards winning the Group.

Unfortunately Alsa had to play a sub on two occasions and this made a big difference on the night.

A big thank you to all captains for returning your score sheets to me, it was a pleasure to look after this group. Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope you enjoy the rest of the season.

IRENE MC NEVIN

### GROUP 6

<u>Teams</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
St. Pauls 2	6	33	Gerry Wickham	24	21
Pingzone 2	6	33	Niall Byrne	24	19
Pingzone 3	6	27	Gerry Martin	24	17
Navan 2	6	15	Paula O'Neill	24	16
			Des Ryan	24	13
			Brian Ray	24	11
			Alan Dodd	24	10
			Frank Mc Donagh	24	9

Group 6 was very interesting from the stewards perspective. In the Group was Pingzone 2 & 3, Navan 2 and St. Pauls 2. So when I got a score sheet saying Group 5, Dundrum 3 was playing Dundrum 2 I thought it was sent to the wrong steward. All the match results said a Dundrum team but then I realized all the players were from the Pingzone teams. Then there was another sheet from Dundrum and a game result was 8/11, 18/20. 13/11, now I make that 2-1 in what was a 5 set match. Oh and the winning team was left blank so go figure who won that one as they say!! So the pattern was when Pingzone played other teams they were Pingzone but when they played each other they reverted to Dundrum. Given that the Shield ended between St. Pauls and Pingzone 2 on the same points and as we can have only one winner a countback had to be done which was not an easy job given that some people were not filling in score properly....three setters....if you were playing golf you would be disqualified.

Congratulations to St. Pauls who won on the countback in a very close shield 111 versus 105 won.

And also congratulations to Gerry Wickham from St. Pauls who won the individuals (doubles king).

St. Pauls won the stewards prize for filling out a very 'pretty' score sheet correctly every time. Halleluiah!!

If it was golf Navan would have deservedly won because the others would be disqualified, Pingzone for being Dundrum and St. Pauls well....for coming up with a better match sheet in technicolour.

### AENGUS BENSON

### GROUP 7

<u>Teams</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Dunboyne 3	6	40	Adam Koscielski	24	19
Alsaas 2	6	35	Rafal Jacek	24	19
St. Pats 2	6	25	Frank O'Reilly	24	18
Dunboyne 4	6	8	Margaret Cleary	24	15
			Irene Mc Nevin	24	13
			Ray Fahy	24	13

Going into the last week of matches it was hard to tell who would come out on top of this Group but it looked like Alsaas had a very good chance as they were leading on 34 points with Dunboyne 3 on 26 and St. Pats on 22. However Dunboyne had two home matches remaining which were against both Alsaas and St. Pats. They beat St. Pats 6-3 leaving them 2 points behind going into their match against Alsaas, and needed 6 points to take the lead with Alsaas requiring 4 points to retain it. There were some close games in the match but Dunboyne won it 8-1 taking the top place.

Dunboyne 4 fought hard in all their matches and were very unlucky losing in the 5<sup>th</sup> set in many of them which had they won could have had quite a bearing on the overall result.

The individual result again featured players from Dunboyne with both Adam and Rafal finishing on equal points but Adam won it on a countback. Frank O'Reilly from Alsaas was just one point behind on 18 points.

Thank you to all team captains for sending your results to me.

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

### CARMEL LOKKO

### GROUP 8

<u>Teams</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Pingzone 4	6	41	John Harrison	24	17
Clondalkin 1	6	28	Pat Saul	24	15
St. Pauls 3	6	22	David Jacobson	24	14
Terenure 3	6	17	Martin Reilly	24	14
			Pat Burke	24	13

Eddie Smith	24	10
Paul Barnes	24	9
John Allen	24	8
Mark Eastwood	24	7
Seamus Mc Carthy	24	7
Louise Mc Kenna	24	7

DAVID BRENNAN