

## SHIELD BULLETIN 2017/18

### GROUP 1

<u>Teams</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Balgriffin 1	6	36
Terenure 1	5	26
Leinster 1	5	20
St. Pauls 1	6	17

<u>Individuals</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Romain Barth	24	20
Paul Norgrove	24	15
Brian Keenan	24	13
Dave Pender	20	13
Barney Moloney	20	12
Tommy Fitzgerald	20	12
Dave Butler	24	9
Teresa Devaney	20	8
Yingie Qi	20	8

Congratulations to Balgriffin on winning this Group. They won it with a last game winner take all against a determined Terenure team. With Terenure still to play one game, Balgriffin cannot be overtaken. They had big away wins against St. Pauls and Leinster that helped them.

Leinster started the Shield very well but fell away later. St. Pauls struggled but their players are better than results showed. They should not be underestimated in the League.

Finally well done to my new club mate Romain winning the individual award.

Best wishes to all for Christmas and enjoy the League in the New Year.

ROBBIE DAVIS

### GROUP 2

<u>Teams</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Balgriffin 2	6	39
Terenure 2	6	27
Leixlip 1	6	24
Dunboyne 1	6	18

<u>Individuals</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Robbie Davis	20	19
Jerzy Zajac	24	18
Dave Gibbons	24	17
Shay Quinn	24	15
Jim Storey	24	15
Dara Melinn	24	13
Sean Moran	24	10
Sharon Gibbons	24	10

Firstly, it is a great honour to have been invited on to the committee of the Leinster League. Thank you Jimmy Fleming for twisting my right arm, and to Terri Mc Keon my left arm!! This is my first report, so I will attempt to cover all aspects of the Group.

The Group winners were Balgriffin who had high score wins against Terenure, Leixlip and Dunboyne at the early stages of the competition. Balgriffin were an all round strong team, led by captain Shay Quinn who came in with 15 points. Then Jerzy had 18 points giving him second place in the individuals. The Shield Group star winner was Robbie Davis with 19 points. Congratulations all round.

Terenure were slow off the starting blocks due to player injuries, but made a very strong finish, coming second with three high scoring wins against Dunboyne and Leixlip, thereby knocking Leixlip down to third place by three points. The best performing player for Terenure was Dave Gibbons coming in third with 17 points.

Sharon, despite her shoulder injury came joint sixth with her team mate Sean on 10 points.

Leixlip had three wins and three losses finishing in third place. The team leaders are veterans in the table tennis world, led by Jim Storey with 15 points and Dara Melinn on 13 points. Their third player Ikuko will be a shining star in the future, no doubt Jim will coach her to his very high standard.

Dunboyne had a difficult time in the Shield. They struggled with fielding their listed team and had to use five substitutes for their matches. Some of the subs played only one match each so the team lacked consistency.

Ramanus was the top player with 8 points and their captain John Mc Cormack with 5 points.

Many thanks to all the captains for running their fixtures in an orderly fashion and promptly returning result sheets.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and good luck in the League.

DENIS KELLY

### GROUP 3

<u>Teams</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Pingzone 1	6	36	Tony Healy	24	19
Navan 1	6	28	Paula O'Neill	24	14
Dunboyne 2	6	23	Niall Byrne	24	14
Leinster 2	6	21	Nilesh Patel	24	14
			Rafal Jacek	24	13
			Aengus Benson	24	10
			Philip Mc Dermott	24	10

Hi all. May I congratulate all who took part in the Group and I thank all of you for your help and co-operation with the smooth running of the Group.

Many congratulations to the lady and gentlemen from Pingzone on winning the Group with the final score of 36 points and their captain on winning the individuals on 19 points.

As the table shows, apart from the winners, it was very close with 42 of the matches going to five sets, 21 of the singles and 21 of the doubles and seven of the matches finishing 5-4.

A special thank you to Terri, Alan and the rest of the committee for their hard work during the year.

Finally may I wish all of you and your family a very Happy Christmas and health and happiness for 2018.

### JIMMY FLEMING

### GROUP 4

<u>Teams</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Alsaas 1	6	31	Terri Mc Keon	24	18
St. Pats 1	6	30	Albert Adamson	24	17
Balgriffin 3	6	26	Gerry Wickham	24	14
St. Pauls 2	6	21	Denis Kelly	24	13
			Carmel Lokko	24	13
			Brian Gilshinan	18	12

I would sincerely like to thank all teams for returning match sheets and completing them fully, it made my job easier this year. Alsaas and St. Pats had a humdinger of a Shield. It went to the last match between the two teams and the result was 5-4 in Alsaas's favour. Congratulations to Alsaas winning with 31 points over St. Pats on 30 points.

Balgriffin with 26 points and indeed St. Pauls on 1 point were never out of it. This Group was actually a very close one in that one good result from any team, and they were all capable including St. Pauls of turning the opposition over, would alter the outcome.

The individuals were always going to be between first and second Shield winners. Star performer from Alsaas was Albert Adamson winning 17 games, however, Terri Mc Keon, who I like to call "hard to beat Terri" pipped Albert with 18 points. It is great to see Terri and Albert playing well, but guess what folks, in the last match Terri beat Albert 12/10 in the 5<sup>th</sup> to win the individuals over Albert by the one game. Well done Terri. Gerry Wickham from St. Pauls and Denis Kelly from Balgriffin also did well highlighting the closeness of this Shield.

### AENGUS BENSON

### GROUP 5

<u>Teams</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Leixlip 2	6	33	Matthew Doyle	24	22
Balbriggan 1	6	30	John Keogh	24	17
Pingzone 2	6	25	Matt Broadhead	20	17
Alsaas 2	6	20	Brian Ray	16	13
			David Jacobson	20	12
			Neil Shanahan	20	11
			Ray O'Donohue	24	11
			Des Ryan	12	11

Congratulations to Leixlip on winning the Group and to Matthew Doyle on taking the individuals. This was a very close contest. At the halfway stage there was just 3 points separating the teams. The return matches saw some changes.

Pingzone beat Leixlip 6-3 in the first round and found themselves losing 3-6 in the return match.

Balbriggan lost 5-4 to Alsaa in the first round and won 6-3 in the return match.

A big thank you to all the captains for returning your score sheets.

Happy Christmas to one and all and enjoy the league.

IRENE MC NEVIN

#### GROUP 6

<u>Teams</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Dunboyne 3	6	37	Tudor Popescue	24	21
Pingzone 3	6	26	Damien Cunningham	24	16
St. Pats 2	6	24	Ciaran Macken	24	16
Leinster 3	6	18	Gerry O'Connell	24	16
			Ann Donegan	24	13
			Marie Fannin	24	13
			John Harrison	24	13
			Irene Mc Nevin	24	12
			Derek Keegan	24	11

Dunboyne were clear winners of this Group finishing on 37 points, winning one match 7-2 and the others 6-3. Pingzone finished in second place with 26 points. They beat Leinster twice and both beat and lost to St. Pats who finished close behind them on 24 points. The only other match St. Pats won was at home against Leinster but they lost their away match against them, both sides won 6-3. Despite only winning that match Leinster fought very hard in all their games with some very close results which saw them just narrowly miss out on gaining a few extra points.

Tudor from Dunboyne won the individuals with 21 points just 5 points clear of his two team mates Ciaran and Damien and also Gerry from Pingzone who all finished on 16 points. Not far behind were Ann Donegan and Marie Fannin from St. Pats and John Harrison from Pingzone.

I would like to thank all team captains for returning the result sheets so promptly.

Well done to all the players. Hope you have a wonderful Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

CARMEL LOKKO

#### GROUP 7

<u>Teams</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Leixlip 3	6	41	William Allen	24	22
Trinity 1	5	25	John Corrigan	24	19
Terenure 3	6	18	Patrick Kelly	24	16
Slane 1	5	15	Sagar Saxena	16	12
			Pat Burke	24	11
			Ajay Maity	24	8

Leixlip played a consistant team and won easily. Trinity used a series of players (some not initially registered).

A little sloppy with result sheets. Slane played an unregistered player but all players must be registered.

The final match, a postponed match Slane V Trinity was rescheduled but due to exam pressures not played. No material impact on Shield positions.

DAVID BRENNAN

