

Overview of League

The Warrington Snooker League is enjoying another successful season with the current campaign having just reached just over the half way point. The league, which generally starts early to mid-September and runs to around mid-April currently has 30 teams which are represented from 16 different clubs around the town and local district (see below for list of clubs and teams)

The 30 teams are split into two 15 team divisions with each team playing each other home and away over the course of the season. Teams play a total of 28 games (14 home and 14 away) and will have 2 bye weeks over a 30 week season. At the end of the season the bottom three teams in Division 1 are relegated to Division 2 and the top three teams from Division 2 are promoted to Division 1.

League matches generally take place on Thursday evenings with the exception of some teams whose home games are on Wednesday nights where the club they represent has more than two teams.

Each match consists of 6 frames where the home team nominates their players first (two at a time) and the away team gets to pick who they wish to play against. There are 7 points on offer in each match, 1 point per frame and 1 point to the team who scores the most aggregate points on the evening.

A total of 318 players have participated in league matches this season within the Warrington Snooker League. The Handicaps range from the lowest being -48 and the highest being 50. There is no limit to the start that a player can give in a frame under the current rules voted by the team representatives.

Existing players are re-handicapped at the end of the season based on the number of wins and losses that have accumulated in the season. For example if a player starts a season on a handicap of 0 and wins 15 games but loses 10 they will be off -5 the following season.

New players to the league who are able to start off a maximum handicap of 25 (30 for Division 2) depending on ability are reviewed at the end of each month for their first season and then go in line with existing players at the end of their first season.

English League Championship

At the end of the 2023/24 season, The Warrington Snooker League entered a team into the English League Championship held at Landywood Snooker Club last May and the participants for the team were;

Scott Horobin (c)

Phil Bate

Declan Cassidy

Mike Hutchinson

Gary Lunn

Pat Wisedale

Group A

Final Standings

1. **Whitchurch & District League (41)**
2. **Telford Snooker League (32)**
3. *SWMBSA 'C' (26)*

4. The Warrington Snooker League (16)
5. West Wilts League (5)

Whilst we didn't qualify for the finals weekend we enjoyed the experience and are hoping to enter 1 or 2 teams again this year should the event take place.

2024/25 Season Update (Time of writing 21st January 2025)

Division 1

Grappenhall Ex-Serviceman's 'B' are the current leaders in Division 1 having amassed 75 points from their 16 league games so far, winning 12 of those matches.

One of their players, Amir Aslam (10 Handicap) has won an impressive 15 of his 16 league games and is currently leading the way for player of the year in the division.

The Grange 'A' are their closest challengers 7 points adrift in 2nd place with Alford 'D' 2 further back in 3rd place.

Gary Lunn has the current high break in the Division of 61.

	Division 1					
Pos	Team	P	W	L	Frames For	Total For
1	G.E.S.M. B	16	12	4	61	75
2	The Grange A	16	11	5	57	68
3	Alford D	16	10	6	59	66
4	Monks A	16	10	6	52	62
5	Irlam Steel	16	11	5	56	61
6	G.E.S.M. A	16	10	6	55	58
7	Woolston A	16	7	9	48	57
8	Penketh Cons B	15	6	9	50	53
9	Kings Club A	16	7	9	46	53
10	G.T.B.L A	16	5	11	48	50
11	G.T.B.L. B	16	7	9	46	49
12	Walkers A	16	7	9	50	48
13	Kings Club C	15	6	9	43	46
14	The Hatter A	16	7	9	42	46
15	Irlam Catholic	16	3	13	49	41

Player Stats:	Division 1				
Player	Handicap	Team	P	W	L
Aslam, Amir	10	G.E.S.M. B	16	15	1
Brown, Jordan	46	Walkers A	14	12	2
Astley, Craig	49	G.T.B.L A	15	12	3
Morley, Steve	27	Alford D	15	12	3

Player Breaks:	Division 1	
Player	Team	Break

Lunn, Gary (-29)	Woolston A	61
Whittaker, Tyler (-13)	Kings Club A	52
Bate, Phil (-10)	Woolston A	51
Bate, Phil (-10)	Woolston A	51

Division 2

Having won 14 of their 15 league games this season Penketh Cons 'B' lead Division 2 on 75 points but they are being kept honest by Deaf Social 'A' who are just 3 points adrift in 2nd place.

Alford B are currently in 3rd place on 66 points

Daniel Savage (Handicap 21) & Neil Callan (Handicap 15) of Penketh Cons 'C' are going head to head in the race for player of the year with 12 wins a piece. A mention for a new player to the league Mike Mannion who has won 13 frames however new players are not eligible for the player of the year award.

Wayne Brown has the highest break with an impressive 105 and he has recorded a total of 12 breaks over 30 including another impressive break of 95

Pos	Team	P	W	L	Frames For	Total For
1	Penketh Cons C	15	14	1	70	75
2	Deaf Social A	16	11	5	60	72
3	Alford B	16	9	7	59	66
4	Penketh Cons A	16	10	6	52	62
5	The Hatter B	16	10	6	46	57
6	Alford A	15	9	6	51	56
7	St Benedicts	16	7	9	45	52
8	Walkers B	16	5	11	45	52
9	Kings Club B	16	6	10	50	51
10	The Grange B	16	7	9	44	50
11	Woolston B	15	7	8	43	49
12	Warrington Cons	15	6	9	41	48
13	Newton Cons	16	7	9	43	48
14	Deaf Social B	16	5	11	41	45
15	Woolston C	16	5	11	38	43

Player Stats:	Division 2				
Player	Handicap	Team	P	W	L
Mannion, Mike*	12 (Revised – Started 30)	Alford B	15	13	2
Savage, Daniel	21	Penketh Cons C	14	12	2
Callan, Neil	15	Penketh Cons C	15	12	3
Charlton, Ste	12	Warrington Cons	13	11	2

*Mike Mannion is a new player therefore not eligible for player of the year as per league rules

Player Breaks:	Division 2	
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Player	Team	Break
Brown, Wayne (-48)	Newton Cons	105
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Chester, Mike (-37)	Newton Cons	67
Oakes, Philip (10)	Alford B	51

Across the two divisions we seen 89 breaks recorded over 30 so far showing a good level of scoring.

Competitions

In addition to the two divisions where we have for our weekly league matches, we also have seven different knockout competitions which take place on Monday or Tuesday evenings respectively.

Each of the following competitions will be down to the quarter final stage by the start of February and are as follows;

- Individual Handicap (First Monday of each month)
- Team Handicap (First Tuesday of each month)
- Individual Merit (Off Scratch) (Second Monday of each month)
- Team Championship (Off Scratch) (Second Tuesday of each month)
- Pairs Handicap (Third Monday of each month)
- Three Man Team (Third Tuesday of each month)
- Senior Individual Handicap (Over 55) (Fourth Tuesday of each month)

The Senior Individual Handicap is the newest of the competitions as this was introduced at the start of the 2023/24 season and was a successful event with a really positive number of entries.

The current high break across the competitions in the 2024/25 season is Dave Newton with a break of 71.

Roll of Honour – 2023/24 Season

Here are is a list of winners from the previous season;

Division 1

- Winners – Irlam Steel
- Player of the Year – Ian Bate (The Hatter ‘A’)
- Highest Break – 76 Break - Gary Lunn (Woolston ‘A’)

Division 2

- Winners – Grappenhall & Thelwall British Legion ‘A’
- Player of the Year – Matt Attwood (Kings Club ‘B’)
- Highest Break – 87 Break - Wayne Brown (Newton Cons)

Competitions

- Individual Handicap – Pat Wisedale (Grappenhall Ex-Serviceman’s Club ‘A’)
- Team Handicap – St Benedicts
- Individual Merit – Lee Kelly (Woolston ‘A’)
- Team Championship - Grappenhall & Thelwall British Legion ‘B’
- Pairs Handicap – James Fredericks & Dean Griffiths (The Grange ‘A’)
- Three Man Team – Paul Duffy, Steve Morley & Mark Taylor (Alford ‘D’)
- Senior Individual Handicap – Ian Bate (The Hatter ‘A’)
- Competitions Highest Break – 73 Break – Paul Dean (Newton Cons)

Clubs & Teams

Club	Teams
Alford Hall Sports & Social Club	Alford 'A' Alford 'B' Alford 'D'
Grappenhall and Thelwall Royal British Legion	GTBL 'A' GTBL 'B'
Grappenhall Ex-Servicemens Club	GESM 'A' GESM 'B'
Irlam Catholic Mens Social Club	Irlam Catholic
Irlam Steel Recreation & Social Club	Irlam Steel
Kings Club	Kings Club 'A' Kings Club 'B' Kings Club 'C'
Monk Sports Club	Monks 'A'
Newton-Le-Willows Conservative & Unionist Club	Newton Cons
Penketh & Sankey Conservative Club	Penketh Cons 'A' Penketh Cons 'B' Penketh Cons 'C'
St.Benedicts Social Centre	St Benedicts
Tetley Walkers Sports & Social Club	Walkers 'A' Walkers 'B'
The Grange	The Grange 'A' The Grange 'B'
The Hatter	The Hatter 'A' The Hatter 'B'
Warrington Conservative	Warrington Cons
Warrington Deaf Centre	Deaf Social 'A' Deaf Social 'B'
Woolston Royal British Legion	Woolston 'A' Woolston 'B' Woolston 'C'