

HESKETH ARMS BOWLING CLUB

SEASON REVIEW 2018

Welcome to the *Hesketh Arms Bowling Club Season Review 2018*. The Club continues to go from strength to strength, with several of our league teams again being successful in their respective divisions and cup competitions. We were also able to complete an expanded programme of internal club competitions, as well as staging open singles and doubles events.

SOUTHPORT LV LEAGUE

Premier Division Pts

1.	Hesketh Eagles	203
2.	Mere Brow	194
3.	Scarisbrick NSC 'A'	165
4.	London Tigers	161
5.	Fleetwood Hesketh 'C'	159
6.	Zetland 'B'	136
7.	Victoria Park	110
8.	Crowlands	77
9.	Hesketh Falcons	68

1st Division Pts

1.	Hesketh Harriers	201
2.	London Lions	174
3.	Fleetwood Hesketh 'B'	154
4.	Zetland 'A'	149
5.	Scarisbrick B.C. 'C'	143
6.	Sandbrook Park	125
7.	Tarleton	120
8.	Zetland 'D'	115
9.	Scarisbrick NSC 'B'	72

Having missed out by just three points in 2017, the Eagles went one better in 2018, winning the Premier Division Championship by nine points from 2nd placed Mere Brow. Congratulations to captain Chris Harding and all his team. The team merit went to Fergal Wright, who had an outstanding season, winning all of the 14 games he played.

In the 1st Division, the Harriers made it a double LV League success by also finishing as champions under their new captain Jason Chapman. Well done to all concerned and in particular to Peter Croston on winning the 2nd Division merit.

Eagles Merit Winner :
Fergal Wright - 14 wins
 Falcons Merit Winner :
Wayne Graham - 8 wins
 Harriers Merit Winner :
Peter Croston - 15 wins

SOUTHPORT PARKS LEAGUE

The Kites, under the captaincy of John Unsworth, enjoyed another good season in the 1st Division of the Southport Parks League. They finished in 4th place, just behind 3rd placed Tarleton B.C.

The highlight of the season was success in the 1st Division Knockout Cup, which they won with victory against Crowlands in the final, held at Scarisbrick Bowling Club.

Congratulations to Bill Bloor, who was the Kites' team merit winner with 15 wins.

	<u>1st DIVISION</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1.	Formby Our Lady's	187
2.	Victoria Park 'A'	186
3.	Tarleton	162
4.	Hesketh Kites	160
5.	Fleetwood Hesketh 'A'	149
6.	Crowlands	133
7.	Scarisbrick NSC 'B'	131
8.	Holmeswood 'B'	129
9.	Fleetwood Hesketh 'B'	110
10.	Ainsdale 'B'	102
11.	Scarisbrick B.C. 'B'	96
12.	Sandbrook Park 'A'	75

Kites Merit Winner : Bill Bloor, 15 wins

BURSCOUGH LEAGUE

Having gained promotion by winning the Burscough League 3rd Division in their first season, the Vultures enjoyed another strong campaign in the 2nd Division, eventually finishing as runners-up to Croston Subscription B.C. by just four points.

There was further success for the Vultures in the 2nd Division Knockout Cup, which they won by defeating Tarleton 7-1 in the final, played at Mawdesley Bowling Club. They now look forward to the 2019 season, when they will be competing in the strong 1st Division for the first time.

In the 3rd Division, the Ospreys continued under the captaincy of Mark Rowlinson. In addition to being captain of this team, Mark also acts as league delegate on the Club's behalf and the Club Officers thank him for his work in carrying out this important role.

In 2018, the Ospreys finished in 7th place, just three points behind neighbours Botanic Gardens. Congratulations to Graham Meadow, who won the Ospreys team merit with 7 wins out of only 9 games played.

FINAL TABLES

2nd Division

1. Croston Subscription	107
2. Hesketh Vultures	103
3. Zetland 'A'	89
4. Croston Black Horse	66
5. Tarleton	63
6. Hoole Village Hall 'B'	62
7. Holmeswood 'B'	46
8. Hoole Village Hall 'A'	44

Merit Winner :Chris Porter, 11wins

3rd Division

1. Mere Brow	114
2. Longton VM 'B'	84
3. Burscough RBL 'B'	78
4. Zetland 'B'	73
5. Mawdesley 'B'	66
6. Botanic Gardens	57
7. Hesketh Ospreys	54
8. Crossens 'B'	50

Merit Winner :Graham Meadow , 7wins

SOUTHPORT VETERANS' LEAGUE

Following their success in winning the 3rd Division Championship last year, 2018 saw the Hobbies competing in the 2nd Division alongside George Hitchmough'sMerlins.

The Merlins enjoyed another good season, finishing in a strong 4th place, having won 13 games out of the 22 played. Their merit winner was Peter Smith, with 17 wins. Hopefully 2019 will see the Merlins make a serious challenge for promotion to the top flight.

In their first season in this division, the Hobbies, captained by Roger Van Beever, put up a creditable showing in finishing in 8th place, well above the danger zone. Their team merit was won by Peter Jozwik, with 14 wins.

2nd Division

Pts

1. London Sphynx	187
2. Banks 'B'	175
3. Freshfield 'A'	161
4. HeskethMerlins	155
5. Hesketh Bank	143
6. The Northern	136
7. Botanic 'A'	135
8. Hesketh Hobbies	118
9. Fleetwood Hesk. 'B'	116
10. Scarisbrick B.C. 'A'	114
11. Crossens	97
12. Sandbrook Park	87

**Merlins Merit Winner :
Peter Smith, 17 wins**

**Hobbies Merit Winner :
Peter Jozwik, 14 wins**

AUGHTON & DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS' LEAGUE

The Club continued to run two teams in the Wednesday afternoon Aughton & District Senior Citizens' League, which was this year re-structured into a two division format.

The Kestrels were again competing in the 1st Division but this year under new captain Malcolm Hodge. This is a tough division, with some of the top players in the area playing in it but the Kestrels had a satisfactory year of consolidation, finishing in a comfortable 9th position out of 13 teams. Their merit winner was the ever consistent Jim Doherty with 14 wins, thanks to a slightly superior aggregate to second placed Jim Halsall.

In the 2nd Division, the Hawks, captained by George Hitchmough, had an excellent season. They won 19 games to finish in 3rd place, just 8 points behind runners-up, the Northern Club. It is believed that this will be enough to secure a place in the top division for the 2019 season, which will make for a couple of interesting "derby" fixtures between our two Wednesday teams. Congratulations to Peter Smith, who won the Hawks' merit with an impressive 20 wins.

<u>1st Division</u>		<u>Pts</u>
1.	Zetland	226
2.	Mere Brow 'A'	210
3.	Burscough CC Vets	192
4.	Hurlston Hall	173
5.	Burscough RBL	160
6.	Victoria Park 'A'	158
7.	Freshfield B.C.	147
8.	Aughton Institute 'A'	129
9.	Hesketh Kestrels	125
10.	Scarisbrick B.C.	122
11.	Mere Brow 'B'	116
12.	Aughton Town Green	109
13.	Dog & Gun	53

Kestrels Merit Winner: Jim Doherty - 14 wins

<u>2nd Division</u>		<u>Pts</u>
1.	Stanley Arms B.C	219
2.	Northern	205
3.	Hesketh Hawks	197
4.	Crossens	163
5.	Maghull Vets	155
6.	Sandbrook Park	149
7.	Cockbeck Seniors	145
8.	Tin Tab Seniors	141
9.	Ormskirk Park	136
10.	Kensington House	128
11.	Victoria Park 'B'	104
12.	Lydiat Vets	91
13.	Aughton Institute 'B'	91

Hawks Merit Winner :Peter Smith -20 wins

MAGHULL BOWLING LEAGUE

After finishing just four points short of the second promotion spot last season, it was predicted that our Maghull League team would make a strong challenge for honours in 2018.

This proved to be accurate as the team, now called the Owls, had an outstanding season. Captained by Club President, Sue Davies, they lost just two games all season in deservedly winning the 4th Division Championship.

As if winning the championship wasn't enough, the Owls made it a double success by winning the 4th Division Knockout Cup against Ormskirk Bowling Club.

Congratulations to Peter Smith, who made it a hat-trick of merit wins, winning 12 games and finishing narrowly ahead of Tony Wakefield on aggregate.

4th DIVISION

1.	Hesketh Owls	146
2.	Ormskirk B.C.	135
3.	Brooke Hotel 2	127
4.	Our Lady's 2	104
5.	Burscough RBL 2	99
6.	Sefton & Thornton 2	86
7.	Northern 2	73
8.	St.Gregory's	63
9.	Formby Park 2	55

**Merit Winner :-
Peter Smith, 12 wins**

CLUB COMPETITIONS

The Club ran an expanded programme of internal competitions during the 2018 season, with the introduction of the Ladies' Championship and a fourth pairs competition, the Last Chance Cup.

The successful competitors were :-

	Winner(s)	Runner(s)-Up
Rose Bowl Rose Bowl Plate	Fergal Wright Alex Rimmer	Bill Bloor Dave White
Spring Pairs Spring Pairs Plate	Sue Andersen / Ken Rimmer Terry Corfield / Dave White	Rita Stanley / Fergal Wright Pat McArthur / Richard Rawcliffe
Coronation Cup Diamond Jubilee Plate	Bill Bloor John Unsworth	Fergal Wright SueWignall
Vice-Presidents Trophy Vice-Presidents Plate	Sue Andersen / Mike Milne Bill Bloor / Dave White	Jason Chapman / Ken Rimmer Chris Harding / Sue White
Chairman's Shield Chairman's Plate	Jim Halsall / Pat McArthur Mike Burrill / Fergal Wright	Dave Bedford / Terry Corfield Alex Rimmer / Peter Smith
President's Cup President's Day Plate	Mark Rowlinson John Unsworth	Chris Harding Irene Nowell
Championship Cup	Chris Harding	Dave Bedford
Ladies' Championship	Sue Davies	Janice Hobson
Last Chance Cup Last Chance Plate	Wayne Graham / Norma White Mike Milne / Bill Nowell	Noel Morgans / Tony Wakefield Sue Andersen / Pat Miller

OPEN COMPETITIONS

The Club ran two open competitions in 2018, both of which attracted entries from all over the North West, as well as local bowlers and our own members. The winners were:-

	<u>Winner(s)</u>	<u>Runner(s)-Up</u>
Open Singles	Ray Bevington (Golborne Sports)	Barry Davis (Formby Our Lady's)
Bernard O'Malley V-P Trophy (Open Doubles)	John Clark & Barry Davis (Formby Our Lady's)	Chris Harding & Jon Roberts (Hesketh Arms)