To all Team Captains

The principal places in all three divisions of the League have now been decided. The results in Divisions 1 and 2 have turned out to be amazingly close.

In Division 1, One Off in a Laydown beat Penarth Menagerie 12:8 in their last match. That was just enough for them to overtake Royal Bulawayo. So One Off in a Laydown won the League with 64 Victory Points to Royal Bulawayo's 63, Cardiff All-Stars and Penarth Menagerie following them with 58 and 56 respectively.

The Champions were represented by Simon Gottschalk (capt), Simon Richards, Steve Webb, Tim Barsby and (subbing in one match) Julian Pottage. Congratulations!

If you think that a one-point margin is narrow, look at what happened in Division Two! There, Ace of Clubs won their last match against Rhiwbina Ruffnecks by 18 VPs to 2. That placed them equal on Victory Points with Bridge Endplayers, 82 VPs each. But Bridge Endplayers had won the match between the two teams, so securing the Divisional title on the tie-break. Pencoed Punters were a close 3rd with 76 VPs.

The Division 2 champions fielded the same four players throughout: Steve Burgoyne (capt), H John Evans, Linda Pinnock and Marjorie Morris. Well played!

There is one match left in Division 2 that I hope will be played because the outcome will affect the ranking of all four teams in the division below 3rd place. And that could affect who plays in which division next season. So, Brecon Bees and Rhiwbina Ruffnecks, please try to arrange an on-line match.

Division Three had been effectively concluded some time ago. Newport Dragons were clear winners on 67 VPs with The Allsorts second with 59 VPs. Well done the Dragons' unchanging squad of Keith Edwards (capt), Mike Clarke, Helen Houston and Mrunalini Dewan!

I know it is hard to envisage how bridge might be played in 2021, but this League will continue, one way or another. You won't have to take any final decision about playing until the new year comes, but it would help me if you could tell me whether you expect your team to play, and if so whether you would be prepared to play matches on-line if necessary. I know that some captains will be handing over responsibility to colleagues. Thank you for all you have done to organise your teams and please do pass this message on to whomever you expect / hope will look after your team in future.

PRIZES: In the past bottles of wine have been awarded to winners of each division at the EWBA AGM. We don't know when that might next happen! So, if captains of the triumphant teams can let me know addresses for deliveries I will arrange for wine to arrive at your door.

All the best

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