

Dorset Twinning Petanque League Newsletter 19/9/10

The final table for 2010 shows Sturminster Newton at the top with a clear lead over their rivals. After placing third at the halfway stage they finished strongly winning 5 of their last 6 games. Good progress was made by several teams with the bottom two clubs both beating last year's winners. Most interesting was the middle of the table where one point separated three teams with the extra point for an away draw playing a large part in deciding the finishing positions.

Team	played	won	drawn	lost	for	against	points
Sturminster Newton	12	7	3	2	530	392	40-20
Poole	12	5	4	3	506	403	35-25
Chetnole	12	6	4	2	484	462	33-27
Sherborne	12	5	3	4	488	464	32-28
Piddlehinton	12	6	1	5	461	465	32-28
Verwood	12	2	3	7	431	513	23-37
Shaftesbury	12	2	2	8	358	559	15-45

The end of season tournament saw 11 pairs competing in two groups with Dennis Williams and Brian Thompson (Poole) proving too strong on the day for Carole Williams (Poole) and Ian Wood (Chetnole). Once again the skittles evening was poorly supported, and with only 3 teams represented it was decided not to hold a captain's meeting. The day was blessed with fine weather and I had hoped that being a month earlier would encourage better support. It appears that the present arrangements are not suitable for the majority, and I would ask team captains if they have a preferred formula which would enable them to attend. I am prepared to carry on running the league next season but am quite happy to hand over if anyone wishes to take it on. It appears that we may lose another team next season as the present captain wishes to stand down and no volunteers have been forthcoming. Having had little success on the twinning front, would clubs be happy to accept teams from other sources? I have in mind that several clubs are running petanque courses for the U3A which may be able to provide teams to keep the league a viable proposition. Please let me know your thoughts on all of the above as it would be a shame if the league were to fold due to lack of support.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the fast approaching festive season, and look forward to seeing you all in 2011.