

Lessons continue for the RGBB Pool Team



Whilst the local schools official term time was over by Wednesday 8th July the RGBB pool team was taught another tough lesson by the Seder village team, as they took us to school yet again.

After a huge loss last time the vastly changed RGBB team was confident of overturning the result and taking home the Axa Cup.

Things looked promising early on as the best of 3 singles matches were swapped between the teams. After the first 7 singles matches the score stood at 4-3 to Seder village, thanks to wins by Jerry Doncarolis, Olaf Brinkmann and Russell Taylor, however the early results proved to be a false dawn as the Seder team then went into overdrive winning the remaining 4 singles matches to take a commanding 8-3 lead at the break.

With 6 doubles matches remaining the RGBB needed to get off to a strong start to avoid the match being over early in the evening again. Unfortunately Seder continued to shine, winning the first doubles match to stretch the lead to an unassailable 9-3.

Things went from bad to worse as Seder village racked up all of the remaining 5 doubles to matches to record an emphatic 14-3 win after winning the double matches 6-0.

After another comfortable win Seder captain Fred Redden said "I would like to thank the RGBB for the match this evening. We had to make several changes ourselves tonight from the last match and we were a little concerned that the match would be very close. However the players that represented Seder village last time were superbly supported by our replacements, making this another really strong team to lead.

As always the RGBB bought a side that like us are as interested in the friendly and social nature that this event represents and played their part in a competitive, lively atmosphere. We look forward to defending the Axa Cup against them in August".

The RGBB were led by Gary Richardson for the night. He said "I was hopeful of a positive result after being so close early on. Jerry, Olaf and Russell did really well to get 3 wins early on, with some of the matches that we lost going down to the black ball in the deciding frame. Unfortunately the rest of the team and I were unable to chalk up any more wins to support them, as the Seder team really ran away with the match."

Gary went on to say "I would like to thank all of the players and supporters who turned up this evening as well as Fred and the Seder team for their fantastic hospitality. Clearly the best team won on the night and the leg pulling after my 2-0 defeat to one of the Seder ladies (Emma) will continue long after our return match. I would also like to thank tonight's sponsors Axa, who continue to support some of the smaller events that we run for the RGBB.

Tom keeps his cool to be crowned King of Pool



New RGBB member Tom Seymour

Taylor started his membership in the best way possible when he won the RGBB pool championship in September. The event took place in Arabian Homes impressive games facility, which comfortably housed more than 20 people for this event. Tom drew first blood in the best of 3 final encounter with Rick Armstrong by taking a 1-0 lead with some impressive potting and cue ball control. However Rick fought back strongly to win a very close second frame and set up a sudden death decider.

After the tournament Tom said "I am delighted to have won this competition. I had heard that the RGBB run lots of sports events and was keen to get involved in them."

The RGBB would like to thank Graham Ferguson and his Arabian Homes team for letting us stage this event on the village and look forward to continuing our close relationship with them.