

OVERVIEW OF MENS SENIORS 2018/2019

Over 45's THE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

A close fought battle between 2 teams **Leverstock Green 1 – Townsend 1** This was a really tough league this year where no team won every match. So congratulations to **Leverstock Green** captained by **Mick Hooker** who eventually secured a 4 point lead over nearest rival **Townsend**.

GROUP 1a

Barnet 1 really sprung the surprise by winning the Group ahead of strongly fancied **Berkhamsted** who really came unstuck losing heavily at **Welwyn** on March 3. Although they beat **Barnet** at Barnet on April 7, the win was just not enough to secure the League victory that **Berkhamsted** were expected to get and therefore complete a unique rise to the Championship division. Expect **BERKHAMSTED** captained by **STEVE PASSMORE** to be in the "mix" in 2019 – 20

In other groups the winning pattern was very similar where ALL the winning teams dominated their various Groups by winning ALL their matches

GROUP 1B – BISHOPS STORTFORD 2

GROUP 2A – HODDESDON

GROUP 2B – HERTFORD

GROUP 3A – RICKMANSWORTH **

Keep an eye on **Rickmansworth 2 following a 2nd successive promotion

Other Groups

GROUP 3B – DAVID LLOYD 2

GROUP 4A – CODICOTE

Over 55's THE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

Two teams dominated the championship with **BISHOPS STORTFORD 1** and **HARPENDEN 1** far too strong for 3rd placed **David Lloyd Bushey**. **BISHOPS STORTFORD 1** had to wait until their last match of the season on May 5 when they secured the win needed against relegated **Brookmans Park**.

GROUP 1A - TOWNSEND 1 won a very close fought contest with **THE DRIVE - EDWARE**

GROUP 1B - BERKHAMSTED 1 – won comfortably and make a welcome return to the Championship division

GROUP 2A - HODDESDON 1 - without a loss all season making a welcome return to Division 1A

GROUP 2B - WELWYN 1 finished 7 points clear of nearest rivals **Berkhamsted 2**

GROUP 3A - BISHOPS STORTFORD 2 - also finished well ahead of nearest rivals **Welwyn** - Good performance

GROUP 3B - RICKMANSWORDTH 2 - won this in a virtual 2 horse race ahead of **West Herts**

Over 65's

DIV 1A

With the Over 65's now running two Groups –

The competition has now been running for 3 years – it was thought that **HARPENDEN A** would be dominant – so now it was a question of who could actually stop them as they have so many players to pick from and with Malcolm Fraser at the helm they could get even stronger. All the teams in DIV 1A made things quite hard for them but with 19 points **HARPENDEN A** retained the Over 65 Title for the 3rd time in succession. **Townsend** finished in 2nd place with 17 points.

DIV 1B

CASSIOBURY won the division with 25 points – 4 points clear of Runners up **HARPENDEN B** with 21 points.

GOOD SEASON FOR ALL CONSIDERING SOME REALLY BAD WEATHER TO CONTEND WITH

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