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Club September Newsletter

Our busy Summer season continued with our Open Pairs and Open Triples championships, plus our melees and very competitive Saturday Club which includes our latest members – Rob Close and Jane Williams. Welcome to them.

Our annual Open Pairs championship was held on 2nd August, with 9 teams competing. The final was contested by Jerome Rousseau/Philippe Bonnet against Emily Adams/Gareth Potter. Jerome's team won the final, but Emily/Gareth were declared the Stockton Pairs champions, as the highest placed all-Stockton team. Jeff and Maisie Rand won the plate competition. Emily and Gareth also entered the Whitnash mixed pairs competition and won the Bronze final to enhance their reputation.

Our annual Open Triples was held on 23rd August, with 10 teams competing. The final was contested by Alfie Potter with two friends against Catherine Black, Steve Neal and Rick Hayes. Alfie's team emerged as champions.

There was a turn-out of 18 for the July melee and after three rounds there was just one player with three wins – Rick Hayes. As the games were timed, there was the possibility of a draw, and unusually there were three players who won two games and drew their third: Rich Rushton with +16, Richard Collyer with +13 and Catherine Black with +5.

There was a turn-out of 9 for the August melee and after three rounds there were two unbeaten players - Nouri Beladaci with a +25 points advantage and Anthea Sansom with +9. Rich Rushton was third with 2 wins +14

With just five weeks to go in the Stockton's Summer League, Nouri Beladaci is in the lead with 84 points, well ahead of Steve Neale with 74 and Greg Coyne with 64. After 26 weeks of the annual Singles League Nouri and Steve are again battling for the title, with 20 and 19 wins respectively.

The club has done very well in Regional competitions, and we will be cheering for Alfie and Jeff in the Inter-Regional Championship, Alfie and Nouri in the Champion of Champions triples and Nouri and Richard Collyer in the Veterans Champion of Champions.

We will be entering two teams in the forthcoming European Cup for Clubs and look forward to similar success in this and the Regional Winter Pairs which starts on 1st November at Penkridge.

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