

ST TITUS

This year's league was an exciting campaign. During the first half of the year we played very well as a team, often with one pair rescuing the other from a bad card. We scored 3 30-0 victories which was a team record, (previously we had only ever had 2 30-0's in one season) and one 29.

The last few matches went quite poorly, not only did we lose 20-10 to Isolated Menaces but Bernard Goldenfield also perched his red wine precariously on my bookcase, but not for long as it crashed on my white carpet moments after. He tried to apologise by playing a slam in part-score but the damage was done.

We then had our annual ridiculous loss to Grasshoppers (the highlight being when I bid a ludicrous slam which partner played well for one off, the other pair had stopped in part-score then been pushed to game which our team-mates had beaten on a trump promotion!) before needing to avoid disaster in our final match. The hands were quite flat but a few poor leads from the team captain meant it was a narrow loss. There was a well bid slam that was flat, and we took a large penalty on the last board to seal it.

This years campaign was a true team effort, every player sat our at least one match and every player played at least one match with at least two different partners.

Well done to Alan Mould, Gary Hyett, Rodney Lighton, Toby Nonnenmacher and Michael Newman.

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