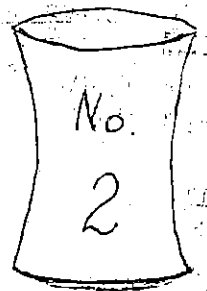




THE WINKING WORLD



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tiddle season!

Greetings to all winkers at the beginning of a new

This edition of "The Winking World" aims at bringing you up-to-date on what has happened recently in winking circles, and I hope that it will enable more Tiddlywinks matches to be played, and more Tournaments arranged, so that the season 1961 - 62 will continue the expansion that has taken place over the last few years.

A few clubs have sent in reports on their activities last year, but we would still like to hear from many more people, so that "The Winking World" can fulfil its function as a link between the isolated pockets of tiddle-activity in various parts of the country.

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OXFORD FIRST WINNERS OF THE PRINCE PHILIP TROPHY

The first Inter-University Competition for "The Silver Wink", a trophy presented by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, was completed during the Easter holidays when Oxford University beat Edinburgh University in the Final by 69 points to 43.

As reported in our last issue (see W.W. No 1.), Oxford qualified for a place in the Final by their victory over Cambridge. Edinburgh still had to defeat Manchester University, and this they did by a very narrow margin in one of the most exciting matches of the whole competition.

Oxford met Edinburgh for the Final in Chelsea, in a room which, our Special Correspondent reports, was hardly big enough for the players, let alone the spectators and cameramen from both I.T.V and B.B.C.

Oxford, already accustomed after their Semi-Final with Cambridge to playing in the alternate glare and darkness caused by TV cameramen filming short sequences of play, settled into their stride more easily than Edinburgh, and even though the Oxford First Pair lost on Mat One to the Edinburgh captain, Oxford were leading by 16 pts to 12 at the end of the first round.

In the second and third rounds, Oxford continued to beat Edinburgh convincingly, although the Edinburgh Second Pair put up a brave fight and narrowly missed a 6 - 1 win over Oxford's Third Pair. With only one round to play, Edinburgh found themselves trailing by 34 pts to 50, and needed maximum points from all mats to win. In fact, the last round was another heavy victory for Oxford by 19 to 9, bringing them victory by 69 pts to 43, and making them the first holders of the "Silver Wink". Congratulations to Oxford and their captain, Peter Freeman.

THE SILVER WINK 1961 - 62

18 universities competed in last year's competition for the Prince Philip Trophy, and we hope to have more than that this year; the competition is open to all universities of the British Isles, and the preliminary rounds will be played in 4 regions, centred on Cambridge, Oxford, Manchester and Edinburgh. The entry fee is 10/- which should be sent to the organising club in your region, in the form of a Postal Order made payable to the "National Playing Fields Association".

This competition must be well under way by Christmas, so please send in your entries to the regional organiser as soon as possible.

INTERNATIONAL TIDDLYWINKS MATCH 1961

Preview of ENGLAND versus SCOTLAND, in MANCHESTER on OCTOBER 28th.

The ONWARD HALL, 207 Deansgate, Manchester 3, will be the venue for this year's International Tiddlywinks match for the GUINNESS TROPHY (The Bombay Bowl).

Doors will be open at 2 p.m. and the Squidge - Off will be at 2.30 p.m. Admission will be 1/- for Adults and 6d for Schoolchildren, and as usual, all proceeds will be donated to the National Playing Fields Association.

In addition to the match, there will be an added attraction for the spectators in the form of Speed and Accuracy Competitions. The best performance of the afternoon in each competition (Speed - 24 winks from 18 inches) (Accuracy - 12 winks from 3 feet), will be rewarded with a Book Token value One Guinea, kindly donated by Guinness, who are again supporting us in this event.

All Tiddlywinks enthusiasts within reach of Manchester are asked to support this event, one of the most important in the Winking Calendar.

THE TEAMS

ENGLAND. The following have been selected to play:-

Pair One F.G. Kershaw (captain) and J.N. Bardsley (both of Cambridge)

This experienced Cambridge pair, both now in their 4th year of big-time winking, though they have not always played together, are expected to give the England team the example it needs.

Pair Two Miss C.A. Mills and Miss E.A. King (both of Oxford)

These players, now respectively Master of the Winks and Secretary at Oxford, had a very good record in the many matches they played last year and are well known for their great keenness and enthusiasm.

Pair Three J.G. Steele (Manchester) and T.P. Cook (University College, London)

Steele is one of the most consistent players in the Manchester team which so nearly reached the Silver Wink Final, and Cook is the captain of the U.C.L. Club which emerged as one of the best of last season, so, providing they combine efficiently, this pair should more than hold its own.

Pair Four H.G. Bolton (Bristol) and J.A. Smith (Leeds)

Bolton, now President of one of the senior Tw. clubs in the country, is a player of great experience; Smith, who at 18 is one of the youngest winkers ever to have represented his country, twice won the Northern Junior Tw. Championship, and is thought by many to be one of the best potters in the country. Bolton's experience and Smith's talent should blend to form a remarkably strong fourth pair.

Reserves Peter Freeman, captain of last year's successful Oxford team.

Robin Glasscock, ex-International, flying over from Belfast to be at the match.

SCOTLAND The Scottish selectors, anxious to pick a strong team to win back the trophy they lost at Edinburgh last year by 75 pts to 39, are delaying team-selection to the last possible moment. We do know however that several players have been reporting for special training and Keith Watson, Hugh Halcro-Johnston, Hugh Caldwell, John Brindle, Bob Williams, Rodney Kelly, Bob Trew, Martin Smith, (all of Edinburgh), Ken Veitch (Aberdeen), Neil Cartledge (St. Andrew's) are known to be among those from whom the Final eight will be chosen. Subject to release from the English clubs for which they now play, some Scottish stars now living South of the Border may be able to take part.

MATCH PLAY TIDDLYWINKS INCREASE IN PRICE.

The Official Manufacturers of Match Play Tiddlywinks, i.e. Marchant Games Ltd., Goldings Hill, Loughton, Essex, inform us that, because of increases in Purchase Tax and production costs, it will unfortunately be necessary to raise the price of a set of Match Play Tiddlywinks to 5/- during the coming season.

The officially approved surfaces, now used for all major tournaments, can also be obtained from Marchant Games Ltd., at a cost of 25/-.

FOOTNOTE

It is reported that Tiddlywinks is being used in a Liverpool mental Hospital as a means of mental rehabilitation for psychiatric cases. It is said to give a simple, easily-realised purpose and reduce frustration, which is exactly the opposite of what we might have expected. It was probably Tiddlywinks that sent most of the poor chaps there in the first place!

ADDRESSES

Below is a list of Tiddlywinks clubs, brought up-to-date as far as is possible when people will not write and tell the Secretary-General what is happening in their clubs; the list also contains names of private individuals interested in Tw. and possibly capable of raising a team.

- ALTRINCHAM G.S. - A.R. Astles, "Franken", Moss Lane, Timperley, Altrincham. Ches. wyth
- ABERYSTWYTH, University College of - K. Rowbotham, Plynlymon Hall, Victoria Terrace, Aberyst-
- BOMBER COMMAND Tw.C. - Fl.Lt. R.S. Atkinson, R.A.F. High Wycombe, Bucks.
- BRISTOL UNIV. Tw.C. - Peter Jones, 27, Limerick Road, Redland, Bristol 6.
- Bath Round Table Tw.C. - R.J.Green, 88, Holcombe Vale, Bathampton, Bath, Somerset.
- BENFER'S Tw.C. - Secretary, Social Club, Benfer's Laboratories, Holmes Chapel, Ches.
- Bury G.S. Tw.C. - Miss J. Moore, 133, Manchester Road, Rochdale, Lancs.
- BRIGHTON STUDENTS ASSOCN. - Secretary, Richmond Terrace, Brighton 7.
- BEMROSE SCHOOL, DERBY. - C. Butler, 172, Broadway, Derby.
- BRISTOL G.S. - J. Wilde, 70, Readley Road, Bristol 9.
- CAMBRIDGE UNIV. Tw.C. - R. Hand, Downing College, Cambridge.
- CAPEL Tw.C. - Miss Carol Hall, 16 Weare St. Capel, Surrey.
- COALBROOKDALE COUNTY H.S. - G. Carter, Coalbrookdale C.H.S. Ironbridge, Shropshire
- CARDIFF UNIV. - R.P. Hepworth, Students' Union, Dumfries Place, Cardiff.
- CHELSEA Tw.C. - C.J.M. Cooper, College of St. Mark and St. John, Kings Road, London S.W.10.
- DOVER NEW ELIZABETHANS - R. Cuff, 51, Valley Road, River, Dover.
- EDINBURGH UNIV. - M.F. Smith, 19 Merchiston Place, Edinburgh 10.
- GLADING G.S. Tw.C. - G. Rayer, 93, Cleveland Road, London, W.13
- EXETER UNIV. Tw.C. - B.J. Weller, Devonshire House, Stocker Rd. Exeter.
- ESSEX INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE - R. Page-Wood, Essex Inst. of Agric., Writtle, Chelmsford, Essex.
- THE FLYING DISC CLUB, BIRMINGHAM - C. Flood, 236, Robin Hood Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham 28.
- FINCHLEY SCHOOL Tw.C. - D. Nelson, End House, Church Crescent, Finchley, London N.3.
- GIPSY HILL COLLEGE Tw.C. - Miss E. Race, Kenry House, Kingston Hill, Kingston-upon-Thames
- GLASGOW UNIV. - J.N.H. Cameron, c/o Union, Glasgow University, Glasgow.
- HULL UNIV. - Peter Booth, The University, Hull.
- HARE HALL Tw.C., ROMFORD - T. Newland, 41, Tees Drive, Romford, Essex.
- HANDFORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE - Mrs J.I. Campbell, 18, Woodlands Road, Handforth, Ches.
- KENT COLLEGE, CANTERBURY - G. Trott, Kent College, Canterbury. Kent
- LEICESTER UNIV. - J.F. Clayton, Union, University Rd. Leicester.
- LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE - R. Clayton-Jolly, "Grove", Ashby Rd. Loughborough.
- LUTON Tw.C. - R. Emery, Borough Treasurer's Dept., Town Hall, Luton Beds.
- LONDON UNIV. - T. Passmore, 2, Orchard Avenue, Whetstone, London N.20.
- LEEDS UNIV. - Secretary, c/o Union, University Road, Leeds 2.
- MANCHESTER UNIV. - c/o B. King, 27, Hathersage Road, Manchester 13.
- MARPLE CONG. Y.C. Tw.C. & - Philip Smith, 18, Rushton Drive, Marple. Ches.
- MANCHESTER G.S. - D.M. Walton, 259, Dialstone Lane, Stockport, Ches.
- NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE Tw.C. - J.S. Fallaize, 26, Friarside Rd, Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne 4.
- NOTTINGHAM UNIV. - P.J. Owen, The Union, The University, Nottingham.
- NATIONAL PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION - Capt R.C. Harry, 71, Eccleston Square, London S.W.1.
- NORTHAMPTON ENGINEERING COLLEGE - D. Mason, Union Society, St. John's St. London E.C.1.
- NATIONAL COLLEGE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY - K.P. Hillman, N.C.F.T. St Georges Ave, Weybridge. Surrey.
- OLDHAM YOUTH TIDDLYWINKS ORGANISER - J.B. Hyland, 37, Rochdale Road, Oldham, Lancs.
- OXFORD UNIV. - Miss E.A. King, St. Hugh's College, Oxford.
- ORPINGTON Tw.A. - A.C. Housden, 129, Repton Road, Orpington, Kent.
- OAKINGTON R.A.F. - Secretary, No. 1 Officers' Mess, Oakington, Cambs.
- POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS - K.A. Ottosson, 81, Kenton Rd. Harrow, Middlesex.
- PURLEY PANTHERS, - Secretary, Hillview, Westbury Lane, Purley Reading, Berks.
- QUEENSBURY CASUALS - J.A. Smith, "Oakley", Towers Road, Poynton, Ches.
- RANELAGH WORKS IPSWICH - D.P. Stanley, Ranelagh Works Recreation Club, Ipswich.
- READING UNIV. - Miss S. Clifford, The Union, The University, Reading.
- ROSSALL SCHOOL - R. Geldert, Pelican House, Rossall, Fleetwood.
- ROYAL HOLLOWAY COLLEGE - Secretary, Royal Holloway College, Englefield, Egham Surrey.
- SHOREDITCH TRAINING COLLEGE - P. Snowball, Shoreditch College, Egham, Surrey.
- SOUTHPORT YOUTH TIDDLYWINKS ORGANISER - Miss D.J. Rawlinson, Education Offices, 99/105 Bond St.
- SILICONES, MIDLAND LTD. BARRY GLAM. - R.A. Sturgess, Midland Silicones Ltd. Barry, Southport.
- SEBRIGHT SCHOOL - A. Cooper, Sebright School, Wolverley, Worcs.
- ST. GABRIEL'S COLLEGE - J. Marley, St. Gabriel's, Cormont Road, London S.E.5.
- ST. PAVLS CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL - J. George, Choir House, Dean's Court, E.C.4
- ST. SWITHIN'S SCHOOL - Miss V. Kennedy, St. Swithin's School, Winchester.
- SWANSEA UNIV. - A. Chick, "Gelly Deg", Peniel Green, Llansamlet, Swansea.
- SOUTHLANDS COLLEGE - Miss S. Croft, 65, Wimbledon Parkside, Wimbledon, London S.W.19.
- SQUIDGERS OF SUSSEX. W.M. Stean, 140, Warren Drive, Ifield, Crawley, Sussex.
- Tern Hill R.A.F. - B.A. Slater, Officers' Mess, R.A.F. Tern Hill, Market Drayton, Shropshire.

ADDRESSES (cont.)

UNIVERSITY GUILD CLUB - Secretary, 5, Great Charles Street, Birmingham 3.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON - T.P. Cook, U.C.L. Union, Gower St. London W.C.1.
WALLISCOTE Tw.c. - P.J. Hunt, 6 Severn Road, Weston - super- Mare, Somerset.

THE E.Tw.A. RULES 1961-62

There will be no change in the E.Tw.A. Rules for the coming season. The experiment idea outlined in W.W. No. 1 has caused much interest and a certain measure of support, but not enough to justify a permanent change.

Note on Desquopping: - On the desquopping shot, the player's wink must first come into contact only with his own wink. The shot must be short, continuous, and in the course of the shot, the squidger may only touch winks which were vertically below the covering wink at the beginning of the shot.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

LEICESTER UNIVERSITY reports a very successful Tiddlywinks convention held in the Town Hall Square, Leicester, on March 11th. Oxford, Cambridge, Nottingham, Leicester, Loughborough, and the National College of Food Technology all took part. This was held in connection with the Leicester Rag Day, but the Leicester club is hoping to hold a similar event this year in aid of the N.P.F.A. Details from the Secretary, John F. Clayton.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY reports that 13 matches were played last year, of which 10 were won. There is a Winks League between the various Faculties, Halls of Residence and other Colleges in Bristol and this is thought to be the first time a league of this sort has been arranged.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON reports a successful season, with all but two of their matches won. U.C.L. plan to make a serious challenge for the Marchant Trophy this season.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY reports a widespread interest this year among Freshmen. A good omen for the Inter-University Varsity Match? Tw. is also flourishing on a college basis and an even bigger Cuppers Competition is planned for this year.

THE FLYING DISC CLUB, BIRMINGHAM reports the remarkable achievement of 44 winks in 3 minutes for the 4 - Pot Relay. They already hold the English record with 39 winks. Their latest performance has not yet been ratified.

THE MARCHANT TROPHY - ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

This trophy can be challenged for by any club in England, by submitting a record of their recent performances to the Sec - Gen of E.Tw.A. The holders must defend their title once every 3 months but not more than once a month. A team which challenges unsuccessfully cannot challenge again for a year. The present holders are OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

RECORDS

There have been no changes in the English records since February.

- a) ACCURACY - 12 winks from 3 feet. 24 shots by Peter Kershaw (Manchester G.S.)
- b) SPEED - 24 winks from 18 inches - 35 seconds by Robert Goodsman (Flying Disc Tw.C.)
- c) 4 - Pot Relay - 39 winks through 4 pots in 3 minutes, by the Flying Disc Tw.C. Birmingham.

NORTHERN JUNIOR TIDDLYWINKS CHAMPIONSHIP 1962.

The N.J.Tw.C. will be held for the 4th consecutive year in LEWIS'S, Manchester, on JANUARY 2nd and 3rd, 1962. The "Evening Chronicle" Trophy, at present held by Colin Flood and Michael Halsey (Flying Disc Club, Birmingham) will be presented to the winners.

The tournament is open to anyone between the ages of 12 and 18 inclusive on January 1st, 1962. It will be a Knockout Doubles Tournament and players should enter as pairs.

A letter containing - Names of both players, an address for replies, a stamped addressed envelope, and a 2/- Postal Order made payable to the National Playing Fields Association, should be sent by December 14th to -

Hon. Organiser, N.J.Tw.C. 45, Offerton Lane, Stockport, Ches.

AUNTIE BERTIE'S COLUMN FOR DISTRESSED WINKERS WILL BE HELD OVER UNTIL THE NEXT ISSUE BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE OF SPACE. AUNTIE GERTIE WILL ALWAYS BE GLAD TO SOLVE ANY PROBLEM YOU MAY HAVE, SO DON'T HESITATE TO WRITE. THE REPLY CAN BE SENT, IF YOU WISH, IN A PLAIN ENVELOPE.