

Report courtesy of Shirley Clements

West Country League 2007

This years West Country League was tinged with a little sadness. We said goodbye to Gill Pittard-Pinchen who was retiring from the league after running the Division 2 competitions since we started. She has run her division so efficiently and has always been there for me to bounce ideas off. I will really miss her.



Gill Pittard-Pinchen with her teams of 2007

A big “thank you” to Gill for all her hard work and to Tony Bragg from Penzance for agreeing to take over Gill’s job. Brave man !!!

And so to the League. Here they are again.



The City of Bristol winning all three leagues in Division 1. They didn't get it all their own way this year. Plymouth Swallows and Helston Gym Club pushed them in the C league but other commitments kept Plymouth and OLGA out of the final match so it was left to Helston to try and steal the championships. They put up a good show but the City of Bristol were just too strong for them. Coming into the final match there were 4 teams on equal points in the B league; City of Bristol, Swansea Gym Club, Bristol School of Gymnastics and Helston. All the teams worked well in the final but the City of Bristol stormed to a clear win. Helston just pipped Swansea to second place and BSG were fourth. The City of Bristol won all the matches in the A league so it was left to the rest of us to fight over the minor places.

Final results

A league	B League	C league
1 st City of Bristol	1 st City of Bristol	1 st City of Bristol
2 nd Plymouth Swallows	2 nd Helston GC	2 nd Helston GC
3 rd Swansea Gym Club	3 rd Swansea GC	3 rd OLGA
4 th Bristol School of Gymnastics	4 th Bristol School of Gym	4 th Plymouth
5 th OLGA	5 th OLGA	
	6 th Plymouth	

Division 2 was much more open. All the matches had been very close and the clubs had all shared the points. The A league was finally decided by a count back. Baskervilles and West Wilts were equal on points but the result went to Baskervilles. Clevedon were 3rd but all the results were very close.

In the B league the final match was eventually won by Writhlington but they had only competed in one match so the final result was left to maths. Baskervilles lost out this time. They finished equal on points with newcomers Newton Abbott but on this occasion the count back went against them. Newton Abbott ,in their first year in the league became B league Champions. Well done. Penzance just lost third place to West Wilts ;another close fight; and Writhlington and Clevedon with only one match a piece were 5th and 6th.

The three teams in Division 2 C league were all on equal points going into the final so it was going to be a nail biting last match. Clevedon unfortunately lost Samantha Quantrill to injury so started the day with only two competitors. Penzance were determined not to be second this year. They competed well on all pieces and finished comfortable Champions. Baskervilles fought hard but couldn't quite score enough. Despite this Baskervilles must have been happy with their weekend with a first and two second places.

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A league

- 1st Baskervilles
- 2nd West Wilts
- 3rd Clevedon Gym Club
- 4th Penzance GC
- 5th Writhlington

B League

- 1st Newton Abbott
- 2nd Baskervilles
- 3rd West Wilts
- 4th Penzance
- 5th Writhlington
- 6th Clevedon

C league

- 1st Penzance
- 2nd Baskervilles
- 3rd Clevedon