



# CON B SKITTLES

## End of Season Match Report 2010 – 2011

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What an amazing season we have had in the second division of the CSL skittles league. To say that it had its ups and downs would be an understatement. Games we expected to win we lost, games we expected to lose we won and to cap it all we even drew a couple of them. This goes to show (as I have often said in these reports) that skittles is a funny game and that it's just not predictable in any way, shape or form.

Despite the fact that we stayed out of the relegation zone most of the season it was very surprising to see that we never actually managed to gain a clean sweep of 14 points to 0 on any of the matches. We did, however, have five matches where we were trounced, but these didn't come until the second half of the season. Were we complacent because we had got to the second division I have no idea. But we still managed to hold our own.

On four of the matches we only dropped two points, which was good to see. This included our first match of the season against The Wanderers who were promoted to the second division in the 2009 – 2010 season and eventually finished second in the table so now they face life in the fast lane of the first division. So, good luck to them.

Looking at our results overall, the two matches we drew on were home matches so we must have been doing something right on those games. It was also good to see that we were faced with playing against The Wookurs who had been in the second division for many years. It felt very strange being the away team on our own alley when we played them near the start of the season. Needless to say, we lost the first match against them possibly for this reason, I don't know. But when we had the re-match and we were the official home team we were victorious. What made this even more special to us was that we managed to gain two clear points overall from them when you add up each of our scores over the two matches we played them in. Always a nice thing to do!

I think our most successful match of this season was when we played against The Dambusters on their alley in March at The White Hart. It looked like we could not do a thing wrong all night. We had our best score of the entire season totalling a massive 524 pins overall and won the match 12 points to 2. The man of this match was Grandad who scored 67, the highest away score of the second division. For this he was presented with a trophy on the presentation evening at The Webbington in May. Grandad has very kindly supplied me with a couple of photos of his trophy that I've included in this report, very well done to him. Can he make it a double and do the same again next season? You will have to keep your eyes peeled on this site for the reports to see what happens.

Another excellent achievement was the fact that our gracious Captain managed to hit a sum total of 14 spares during the season, but alas he could not make the top slot for the highest average of the season. That went to Dave, so very well done to them too.

We also had a few new players join the team to replace a couple who through work commitments or otherwise could not take part this season and I think by and large they played well



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especially as they had to get used to us and we had to get used to them too. It will be interesting to see how they fare next season now they seem to have settled in. Again, watch these reports to see how they do.

I think that just about wraps up this final report for now. I will be back in a few weeks time with a pre-season rundown as soon as I have any details of fixtures and when the season starts etc.

Can I just say in closing that if you are not already on my mailing list for an e-mail alert for site updates then please drop me a line on our team e-mail address of [conbskittles@googlemail.com](mailto:conbskittles@googlemail.com) and I will add you to my regular update list etc. You can always request to be taken off this list if you want, again just drop me a line requesting removal from the list and I will oblige. The addresses you give me for this service remain only for e-mail alerts for site updates or important announcements so you can rest assured that you will not get anything else from me as a result of giving me this information. I look forward to welcoming you back to this site towards the middle or end of August for the start of the 2011 – 2012 Season. So keep looking in for changes. One final thing I would like to add is that if you are a regular visitor (i.e. team member – yes, I know you visit regularly!) and you would like to see something specific included on the website then please let me know through the team e-mail address and I will see what I can do. I cannot guarantee to include all requests but between us let's get this site noticed.

Till the start of next season please enjoy the summer of fun.