

## RILEY CUP COMES HOME AFTER 35 YEARS OF WAITING!



Left to right:  
**Third Team squad**  
Nick Clifford  
Chris Codrai  
Steve Drayke  
Mike Riley  
Mackenzie Nichol  
Robin Wright  
Mark Wilson  
(Inset inspirational  
Captain, Rob Cooper -  
on holiday)

**You can now sing the tune” It’s coming home, it’s coming home the Riley Cup is coming home!” As it is here after a 35 year wait !**

Wiggy men's 3rd team beat a particularly strong Stillington 1<sup>st</sup> team, possibly the strongest team they have ever had...and at the beginning of the night we could not see the end result being anything but another loss for Wiggy, again!

**New member Steve Drayke(No.5)** playing as a reserve in his first representative match for the club, played tricky Giles Bilton and under immense pressure, he played well & lost 15-4, 15-5,15-9. But that was advantage Stillington.

**Mackenzie Nichol (no.1)** played to a full gallery and only conceded 7,8 & 9 points. A great performance against Dominic Pegg and he reached his target set by absent captain Rob Cooper. Still advantage Stillington.

**Nick Clifford(no.3)** played Marc Thomas an opponent he has not beaten in 5 years.

Marc did make mistakes and Nick was, like the rest of the team pumped up for the match!

As the game progressed so did his confidence and Nicks drop shots and tight drives worked well and he won the first game.....that is a double whammy for the strongest team expecting to win every game, excepting at no. 1. Nick scored 15, 13 and 11 points & Wiggy were more like back on level terms.

**Chris Codrai (No.4)** against Anthony Baines...who not long ago was Stillington number 1. Chris performed out of his skin, he also won the first game & according to Duncan Cook was nearly ill in the gents after the first game with the effort he put in! He scored 15, 6 & 8 points..maybe Wiggy were in with a chance?

Finally **Mark Wilson (no.2)** playing young Tom Howell....pumped up and he also unbelievably won the first game..a lot of court miles were covered which showed in the second game but he rallied in the third game to score great points. He scored 15 ,4 & 11.

Wiggy had scored 161 points and Stillington 194. So to the handicap reveal , the difference was 33 points in Stillingtons favor. The handicap was 45....so Wiggy 3 had won by 12 points.....

**To make it a really memorable night** , Mike Riley who was our 4<sup>th</sup> ever club champion & donated the trophy was in the Club to present it.

He said after years of never winning the trophy that he donated to the Y & D League that it was a very proud night to be presenting the Trophy finally to Wigginton & to Nick Clifford( a player who played in the same team as Mike in the 80,s) Thanks must go to our Captain Rob Cooper who was on holiday in Albania but who's enthusiasm and target setting got us to the final and ultimately victory! Thanks also to the fantastic support of our members.



(Pictured right. Presenting trophy to Nick is Mike Riley ..otherwise known as “Mother” or “ Old Mother Riley” to name a few nicknames(as you are aware this club has since its inception been keen on nicknames!)

Really great to see you “Mother”

