



WEST WIRRAL DISTRICT CUB TUG-O-WAR TOURNAMENT

This year the above event formed part of the West Wirral District Cub Camp at Queens Charlotte Wood, Helsby. There were 6 packs on the camp, and all were able to field at least one team of 6 cubs. Whilst overnight the heavens must have opened (as our tents were wet when we woke up) as the morning went on the skies got brighter and the sun came out to shine on the event.



The format used was the same as previous years, with each Team taking on all the other teams in a League competition, (one at a time of course). As is the norm the larger camping Packs (having a larger selection of cubs to choose from) generally came out on top (a bit like China leading the Olympics table with Togo and Mauritius nearer the bottom). During the various contest's which ensued there were many epic battle's (and also a few red faced and hoarse Leaders) as each team gave nothing away. It looked like we could be there all day as each team

stepped forward and pulled for the honour of the Pack. However after nearly 2 hrs the following Teams were unable to overcome enough of the opposition and thus had to leave the field beaten but not disgraced.

Huggies Champions (4th Moreton)
The Duckbill Platypuses & The Jets (St Andrews Meols)
The Barnston Bruisers & The Barnston Bears (1st Barnston)
The Cannibals (1st West Kirby)



The semi-finals were even closer, however saw 'Thors Thunder' (1st Thurstaston) and 'The Psycho Maniacs' (1st West Kirby) overcome by their opponents after some very long 'pulls', and so they had to retire to review their tactics for next year. "2 more shredded wheats each for breakfast and you can all pull the trailer home for practice" was rumoured to be heard.

And so to the Final of which the results were as follows;-

2nd Place 'Thors Rock' – extremely unlucky for a third time and definitely a Team to watch next year (1st Thuraston)

1st Place 'The Kings of the Cub Cakes' – (the defending champions from last year and also the County Cub Tug-of-War champions) were the overall winners and lifted the Tournament Shield and earn the title of 'Cub Pullers of the Year'. (7th Moreton)



Despite the hype, the Tournament was run as a fun event (though some of the Leaders were very energetic), and over the morning many young persons upheld the Honour of the District, displaying the highest standards of sportsmanship along with a little friendly rivalry, and put on a spectacle to grace any fair camp site field.

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