



The Hop Leaf Gazette was the 'In House' magazine of H&G Simonds Ltd brewery. First published in October 1926, it was circulated until the brewery's merger with Courage in the Autumn of 1961, when the Simonds name and hop-leaf log was dropped. Up until the mid-1950's, the Gazette would occasionally include updates on the League's progress, including the extracts below in relation to its inaugural season.

A New Bristol Skitties League

A Bristol and District long alley Skittle League has been formed for next season, to be called The Hop Leaf Skittle League.

Membership will comprise of skittle teams using alleys, either on ordinary licensed premises or at any registered club where "Hop Leaf" beers are sold.

The first league meeting is due to be held on Wednesday, May 11, at 3.30 p.m. at The Brewery, Old Market Street, Bristol, and all entries should if possible be in the hands of the acting league secretary, at that address, before the meeting.

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	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Points.
Cumberland " A "	14	11	1	2	23
Paxton Arms ...	14	11	0	3	22
Greyhound " B "	14	10	1	3	21
Black Horse, Redfield	14	9	0	5	18
Greyhound " A "	14	9	0	5	18
Peckett & Sons ...	14	8	0	6	16
Beaufort Arms ...	14	7	0	7	14
Cumberland " B "	14	6	1	7	13
Old Crown ...	13	5	1	7	11
Bell Hotel ...	14	5	0	9	10
Black Horse, Hambrook	14	4	0	10	8
Jacob Street Brewery ...	14	4	0	10	8
Co-op Upholstery ...	14	3	0	11	6
Brewery Transport ...	13	3	0	10	6

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THE "HOP LEAF" SKITTLE LEAGUE.

The first annual supper of the Skittle League was held at the Co-operative Hall, Bristol, on Wednesday, 17th May, when over 170 members were present during a very successful evening.

Mr. H. W. Griffin presided, and at the end presented the new championship shield, given by the Firm's Directors, and individual prizes to the captain and playing members of the winning team, the Greyhound Inn " B " Team, Fishponds. Mr. F. Holt, the team's captain, proudly accepted the splendid trophy, which we know will not be given up next year without a great effort. As a first-class sporting side, no one can begrudge these " Greyhounds " their success. Whether winning or losing they were always the same cheerful " boys," and set a high example for others to follow.

The knock-out cup was won by another first-class sporting side, the Bell Hotel, St. George, and this handsome new trophy (also provided by the Directors) will find a worthy place for its first public exhibition.



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