

WARREN SPRING TABLE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

Welcome everyone to this our first club newsletter of the new 2014/15 season. I hope that you all had a good summer break and that you are all ready to face the new season fully refreshed.

Please take the time to read through it carefully as there is a lot of information to digest.

Commencement of Season

Please note that the new season will commence **week beginning Monday 15th September.**

A Warm Welcome

The club extends a warm welcome to the following players who all joined us over the summer period.

Les Fitch-F team-div 1; Mike Deeks-H team-div 2; Chris Denman & James Brown both J team-div 3; Matthew Smith & Russ Whitley both K team-Div3, Yvonne Freer-M team-div 3. Prash Murigendrappa-N team-div 3

Club Subscriptions

These are now due and it is essential that we receive everyone's in good time. Team captains are asked to monitor their team in order to ensure prompt payment. Subscriptions for this season are as follows;

Senior Players £85.00 and Junior Players £45.00

A change to the banking arrangements now mean that you can use either the Warren Spring TTC or Wymondley TTC club name to pay.

Members who play less than 50% of competitive games will pay a senior club fee of £20.00 and £5.00 per match whilst juniors will pay a club fee of £15.00 and £3.00 per match.

It was agreed at the club's 2014 AGM to raise fees by £5.00 p.a. so as to build up a fund for use towards our club's Diamond Anniversary which takes place in 2019.

Practice and Play your Club Subscription Evening

There will be a double practice evening on Thursday 11th September. Those members based at Wymondley i.e. teams A, E, G, J, M & N will be able to practice there, whilst those playing at Newnham i.e. teams B, C, D, F, H, K & L

are requested to go to the Newnham hall for practice. Even if you cannot stay long, it will be a good opportunity to pay your club subscription on time.

Collection of Handbooks, Scorecards, Balls and Keys

Please note that team captains for those teams playing at Wymondley i.e. **Arron, Rob, David, Jim, Nigel and Punit** will be able to collect handbooks, scorecards, balls and if necessary a key to the venue from me at the Thursday 11th September practice session from 7.30pm onwards. Team captains for those teams playing at Newnham i.e. **Gary, Jim, Mark, Steve, Ken, Ben, and Doug** will be able to collect their paperwork from Bill Price who will be at the Newnham venue. Should a team captain be unavailable then it would be appreciated if they could send a representative in their place.

Individual Registrations

Please remember, if you have not yet renewed your membership or submitted your name as a new member with Table Tennis England you only have until Friday 12th September to do so. Players who have not registered will have any results gained in the league removed. I would be grateful if captains could check that their team members are all registered.

Contact Details

By now, all team captains should have received the club's full contact list. Any member also wishing to receive a copy should get in touch with their captain and ask for a copy to be forwarded.

Plastic Balls

As most of you will be aware the balls used for table tennis are changing from celluloid to plastic. Most leagues including ours will continue with the celluloid ball for the upcoming 2014/15 season, but from August 2015 plastic balls will be compulsory. A small quantity of the plastic ball has been ordered for team captains so that they and their team can practice through the season in readiness for 2015/16.

Cobb Cup Final

Well done to our M team on winning the Cobb Cup for season 2013/14. The 197 point advantage over Broadway B from division one proved enough to guarantee them a victory by 31 points. Individual points total for the team secured on the night was;

Fabian Smith – 84, Doug Livingstone – 73 & Ben Phipps – 55.

Bon Voyage & Good Luck

The club would like to wish the Whittaker family, Andrew, Fiona and Eve all the very best as they have left these shores to begin a new chapter in their lives. Andrew has taken up a post of Deputy Head, at the International School in Phuket, Thailand, and began work at the end of August.

We are especially sorry to lose Eve who was starting to make a name for herself as an aspiring young cadet. In fact during the week she was readying to leave, she received an email informing her that she had been accepted into the Eastern Region playing squad. Club coach, John Giles, summed it up when he said "It is a great pity for now we will never know how good she may have become".

I have asked that they keep in touch and so will communicate anything of interest to you in newsletters to come.

Tony

The club is sad to announce the retirement from table tennis of Tony Wilson due entirely to medical reasons.

Tony was our longest serving standing member having joined us in 1981 from Bowaters TTC. (In those days's most industrial concerns had at least one table tennis team). Tony's career centered mainly on division two of the North Herts league with whom he played with a variety of different post team members including Debbie Hills (for several years) Mark Jones, Chris Lynch, Diana Jermyn, Ron Bent, Gordon Barnes and the late Brian Seed. Current members who were teammates with Tony include Tim Huxtable, Ken Savill, Steve Kilford, Elaine Hanworth, Steve King, Doug Livingstone and John Le Warne.

In 1997 Tony received The Terry Ives Trophy from the NHTTA for consistent fair play through the seasons

The club wishes Tony well in the years away from table tennis and we hope that he will grace our presence at our social events and tournaments in the future.