

WARREN SPRING TABLE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

Hi everyone, this will be the last newsletter of the season and we shall resume publication in September. I hope that you all have a great summer and will come back fully refreshed.

Seasons' Roundup

Once again the club has had a very good season with our A team securing 2nd place in the premier division for the 6th year (yes six) running, and with the G team achieving a likewise position in division two. In the third division it was very much a "clean sweep" as our teams secured places 1st to 4th.

Congratulations to our J and L teams who finished as winners and runners up respectively. In the cup competition finals, Warren E finished behind Bedwell D in the McClaughlin Cup, whilst Warren G found themselves in a similar position against Graveley Dragons A in the McClaughlin Inter. The Henderson final however was an all Warren affair as the J team overcame our M squad.

Hot shots for the club were; Premier Division – Arron Beckett 81%, Division Two; David Kells and Alan Dorn both 79.5%, Division Three - Fabian Smith 100%, Kevin Yao 95.2%, and Carrick Livingstone 90.9%

Our junior coaching sessions on a Sunday afternoon have become extremely popular and we now have over 40 youngsters on our books. So much so that we have had to introduce a waiting list with so many keen to take up the sport and wishing to learn how to play the game properly. Adult trainers to work with the kids are always in demand so if you would like to help in whatever way please give David Kells a call.

IYSSA SHINES AT BATTS 1* TOURNAMENT

Sunday 12th May will be a day that young club member Ilyssa Lacorte will not easily forget. Playing in the BATTS Harlow 1* Open Tournament, Ilyssa fought her way through to the final of the U/13 girls event taking many formidable scalps along the way including Lucia Shakespeare (Surrey) and Erin Greensmith (Durham).

Ilyssa on her way to the Girl's Under-13 Final



Her most notable achievement came in the semi finals when she took on and beat Federica Bonato Tazartes (Middlesex) the England ranked No 12 at U/13 level and top seed for this event, in a thrilling contest. This was all the more amazing when you



consider that Ilyssa is ranked some 44 places and 310 ranking points below Federica.

In the final, Ilyssa faced Patricia Ianau a young Romanian girl also from Middlesex. Patricia had a very awkward style and possessed a good range of spin serves which Ilyssa found difficult to play. Although she bowed out in straight sets our eleven year old should be very proud of her overall performance.

Ilyssa receiving her Runner-Up award from BATS veteran player Dave Wright

North Herts Junior Closed Tournament

Although Ilyssa had decided to take a rest due to her marathon effort at BATS the day before, the club was still very well represented in a field of some 28 competitors with all our other major "stars" in action. The competition turned out to be an incredible one for us with our youngsters taking all but one of the honours in the events played. It was true of course that Ethan Walsh from the Bedwell club was not present but that meant a more level playing field for the others and should not detract from the overall achievement that was made by our young players. Results;

U/12 Girls

Winner: Sana Mohammed (Warren Spring)

Runner Up: Madeline Whitley (Warren Spring)

U/15 Girls

Winner: Charlotte Marsden (Warren Spring)

Runner Up: Rebekah Barry (Broadway)

U/12 Boys

Winner: George Whitley (Warren Spring)

Runner Up: Oliver Dorn (Warren Spring)

U/15 Boys

Winner: Bruce Yao (Warren Spring)

Runner Up: George Whitley (Warren Spring)

U/18 Mixed Singles

Winner: Charlotte Marsden (Warren Spring)

Runner Up: Bruce Yao (Warren Spring)

Picture Puzzle

Although I did not receive any responses to this item in the last edition, I am sure that some of you would have guessed that the photograph was that of our A team player Angela Smith (nee Mitchell) as a demure young lady of around eleven years' of age ?? – Angela, would you remember where it was taken??

Adieu

The club said farewell to two of its strongest players at the end of the league season. Simon Proffitt and Tom Carr both from our A team left for pastures anew, Simon along with his partner Jackie are now enjoying life on the Isle Of Wight whilst Tom and wife Julie are heading off to the West Country.

AGM Reminder

A reminder that this year's AGM takes place on Tuesday 16th June at the Bucks Head, Little Wymondley, and beginning at 8.00pm.

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At the time of distribution, both our K and J teams had made it through to the semi-finals of the Cobb Handicap Cup. I am sure we would like to wish both teams well in their soon to be matches against Settlement Skylarks and Settlement Kestrels respectively.