

WARREN SPRING TABLE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

Commencement of the Season

Please note that the 2015/16 season will commence the week beginning Monday 14th September.

A Warm Welcome

The club would like to offer a warm welcome to the following new joiners.

A team- Premier Division: Stephen Sale & Dave Beddall

F team – Division two: John Gardner

L Team – Division Two: Earnest Denman & Samantha Pearson

M Team – Division Three: Eric Morcombe

Welcome back to Elaine Hanworth, Adrian Holmes & Piers Gibson-Birch, F team and J team respectively; division two.

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

Remember, you can use either the Warren Spring TTC or Wymondley TTC club account name when paying.

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.

You will see that there has been no rise in fees this year; however, looking at our income and expenditure over the past couple of years there may well have to be a small increase for the 2016/17 season. Getting you prepared just in case.....

Practice and Play your Club Subscription Evening

There will be a double practice evening on Tuesday 8th September. Those members based at Wymondley i.e. teams A, D, F, J, K, L & M will be able to practice there, whilst those playing at Newnham i.e. teams B, C, E, G & H 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, Paul, Elaine, Piers, Nigel and Jim** will be able to collect handbooks, scorecards, balls and if necessary a key to the venue from me at the Tuesday 8th September practice session from 7.45pm onwards. Team captains for those teams playing at Newnham i.e. **John, Mark, Steve, Ken, & Doug** will be able to collect their paperwork from Bill Price who will be at the Newnham venue – same time. 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 11th 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 in time for their first matches.

Plastic/Celluloid Balls

The decision taken at the North Herts TTA's AGM in May was that it would be left up to individual club's / teams to decide what type of ball would be in use for the coming season. We as a club decided to continue to use the celluloid ball. The main reasons being;

(a) They were cheaper

(b) The design and manufacture of the plastic balls was still in its infancy and it was felt that in 12 months time the product would be subject to more testing and be of better quality.

Cobb Cup – Semi Finals

Back in May, we saw that the club had done amazingly well to get two teams through to this stage of the competition, but could one or both go even further?

Our J team faced possibly the toughest task in taking on Settlement Kestrels who had without doubt the best player playing in division two, Gavin Booth who was ably supported by the Lee brothers Steve and Kerry. J team captain

Jim Keirl had gone for youth choosing Charlotte Marsden, Bruce Yao and the experience of John Le Warne to try and combat the big threat that was posed. We did have a handicap advantage and it almost saw us through but we were just beaten by a mere 15 points. Credit to both Bruce and Charlotte who took legs off both the Lee's and played exceptionally well all evening.

Whilst this was happening, our K team were battling Settlement Skylarks from the premier division. Again, we had points advantage but the Skylarks are nothing if not a fastly experienced team with sisters Sandra Harper (a top ten England women's veteran) and Hertfordshire County Captain Janice Laing in their squad. Even the K's Fabian Smith who finished the season in division three with a 100% average found the going much too tough as the team succumbed to defeat by some 20-30 points.

Summer League

Many congratulations to our team of Gabriela Tankel, John McCance, Marek Mastalerczyk, Alan Shelford and Gary Keers who playing under the name of Wiff Waff Riff Raff secured the top division summer league title for the third year running.

Club Contact List

A copy of an up to date contact list has been emailed to the Chairman and all team captains. If any member would also like a copy could they contact me direct and I shall send one off to them.

National Junior and National Cadet League

The coming season see us putting two teams into the NJL and three teams into the NCL. The teams are as follows;

NJL – A Squad: Bruce Yao, Charlie Shephard, George Whitley, Joshua Ybenez and Sam Kester.

Sam comes into the A squad for Charlotte Marsden who has opted to play for BATTIS Harlow in the NJL, although we are extremely pleased that she will continue to represent us in the NCL.

NJL – B Squad: Ilyssa Lacorte, Matthew Ronayne, Thomas Ronayne and Oliver Dorn.

NCL – A Squad: Charlotte Marsden, Bruce Yao, George Whitley

B Squad: Ilyssa Lacorte, Matthew Ronayne, Oliver Dorn, Samuel Dermont (Reserve)

C Squad: James Hamblett, Danny Emery, Sana Mohammed, Amar Parmar & Maddie Whitley (Reserves)

New England Junior Ranking List

As is usual at the beginning of a new season, Table Tennis England has produced their new ranking list and the club is very proud to announce that five of our youngsters have been included. They are:

Girls U/13

Ilyssa Lacorte (England ranked No 23)

Boys U/13

George Whitley (England Ranked No 96)

Oliver Dorn (England Ranked No 165)

Cadet Girls (U/15)

Charlotte Marsden (England Ranked No 37)

Cadet Boys (U/15)

Bruce Yao (England Ranked No 171)

These youngsters work incredibly hard at their coaching and training sessions and so it is nice to see all that hard work paying off with them securing good ranking placements, not an easy thing to achieve.

Ilyssa

Congratulations to Ilyssa Lacorte on being selected for the Eastern Region B performance training squad. No doubt her rapid rise in the England ranking order had something to do with this.