

WARREN SPRING TABLE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

September 2017 Edition

Success at National Finals Secures England Call Up for Isabelle

After reaching the final of the Girls National U/11 event where she went down in four sets to the No 1 seed Anna Green from Nottingham, club member Isabelle Lacorte was delighted to receive an invitation to represent England at U/11 level at the European Mini Championships which were held at Gymnase Des Malteries and Leclerc, Schiltigheim, France over the period 25th to 27th August. News of Isabelle's progress in France will feature in the next edition.



Isabelle on the podium with her silver medal at the National Championships

Commencement of Season

Please note that the 2016/17 season will commence the week beginning Monday 11th September

A Warm Welcome

To the following players that joined us during the close season period;

B team – Premier Division – Jonathan Schuchart

F team - Division 2 – Colm Bushell

H team – Division 2 – Joe Keczkas

K team – Division 3 – Mike Roberts

L team – Division 3 – Mike Gifkins

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 £98.00 and Junior Players £52.00

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.

A reminder that our bank details are;

Club: Warren Spring TTC

Account No: 26118568

Sort Code: 77-05-11

PLEASE SEE ITEM DIRECTLY BELOW.

Main Decisions Taken at club's 2017 A.G.M.

- Subscription rise; Club budget tight, given the annual turnover, hence the small increase.
- The following measures are to be brought in to help stop the issue of long overdue subscription payments

"All monies should ideally be paid by September 30th of each year (in line with existing club rules) but **MUST** be paid by 31st December. Any payments received after the 31st December will incur a £20.00 penalty for adults and a £10.00 penalty for juniors. Members likely to play in less than 50% of matches will initially pay the full fee of £98.00 or £52.00 respectively BUT WILL receive a refund at the end of the season dependent on the number of matches played.

If a member feels that they have an exceptional circumstance which may make payment difficult, then their request to defer or to make an alternative amount will go forward to the club's finance committee who will review matters on a case by case basis".

- The Club Secretary/Treasurer gave notice of his intention to retire from these posts with effect from April 2020, although a replacement secretary will need to be found by the 2019 AGM so that a gradual transition can take place. It is expected that he will continue to support

our juniors by continued coaching and mentoring although in a reduced capacity.

- To help with the development of our growing number of juniors, the club will hold two training sessions per month beginning in September.

Practice and Play your Club Subscription Evening

There will be a double practice evening on Tuesday 5th September. Those members based at Wymondley i.e. teams A, B, E, F, J, K & L will be able to practice there, whilst those playing at Newnham i.e. teams C, D, 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. I will be taking money at Wymondley whilst Bill will do so at Newnham.

Collection of Handbooks, Scorecards, Balls and Keys

Please note that team captains for those teams playing at Wymondley i.e. **Arron, John Mc, Paul, Jim, Nigel, Eric & Jack** will be able to collect handbooks, scorecards, balls and if necessary a key to the venue from me at the Tuesday 5th September practice session from 7.45pm onwards. Team captains for those teams playing at Newnham i.e. **Bill, Mark, Ken, & John G** will be able to collect their items 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 and paid your membership or submitted your name and paid as a new member with Table Tennis England you only have until Friday 8th September to do so. Players who are found not to have been registered/paid will have any results gained in the league removed. In order to play league table tennis you must be registered with Table Tennis England and have a valid Membership Number. I would be grateful if captains could check that their team members are all registered in time for their first matches.

Congratulations

To Club Member Ilyssa Lacorte and Associate Member Charlotte Marsden on winning bronze medals when playing for North Herts and finishing third behind winners Crawley & Horsham and runners up Hull at the National Bromfield Trophy event held in June.

Ilyssa and Charlotte with their bronze medals

New Table

Thanks to renewed sponsorship for the coming season, we have been able to purchase a new table for Wymondley. Our next aim is to be able to do likewise for Newnham. 'Watch this space'.



National Junior / Cadet League

Our teams for the above competitions have now been agreed and are as follows:-

NJL – A team; Bruce Yao, James Hamblett, Victor Ramirez Rioja, Thomas Ronayne

NJL – B team; Colm Bushell, Joe Keczkas, Arshbir Singh, Samuel Dermont, George Thorn

NJL – C team; Matthew Ronayne, Meth Wijeyekoon, Charlie McDevitt, Andrew Girkis

NCL – A team; James Hamblett, Victor Ramirez Rioja, Danny Emery, Arshbir Singh

NCL – B team; Isabelle Lacorte, Meth Wijeyekoon, George Thorn, Charlie McDevitt

NCL – C team; Matthew Roberts, Heidi Oestreicher, Inderjeet 'Indu' Parmar, Francesca Preston

We wish all our young players, some entering competition for the first time, the very best of luck in these events.