

WARREN SPRING TABLE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

October 2018 Edition

Fees Reminder

A reminder to those members who have yet to pay this year's membership fee that this should be done as soon as possible. In case you have forgotten, the fees are shown in the September issue.

League Roundup

With four weeks already gone in this season's league campaign, our teams all find themselves in good positions, with our premier division team lying in 5th place but only losing the one game so far, going down 2-8 to reigning champions Bedwell A.

It is a different story in division one where our F team top the division by 3 points from our C team who lie third.

In division two, Warren G are 3 points clear of nearest rivals Warren H. Both teams lock horns at Warren H's venue on Monday 5th November where fireworks are certainly guaranteed.

The third division sees our J team leading with 27 points, three clear of the second-place team.

Club hotshots at this stage are;

Premier – Arron Beckett 100%, Division 1 – Jim Dodds 91.7%, Barry Camis and Victor Ramirez-Rioja 88.8%, Division 2 – Barry Phillips 100% and Peter Thomson 88.8% whilst Sam Dermont has a 100% record in division 3.

Isobel at the European Mini Championships

Club member and current England No 2 at U/12 level, Isobel Lacorte returned home from these Championships held in France leaving a string of good results behind her. Her final finishing position 25th in the age twelve category was fourteen places better than that achieved last year. Her results were as follows;

2nd Qualification Group

Lost to Annet Kaufmann (Germany) 0-3, Lost to Ulyana Miashchanskaya (Belarus) 1-3

Consolation Group 2

Beat Adele Vinerte (Latvia) 11-6, 11-8, 11-5

Beat Amelia Gunnarsson (Sweden) 13-11, 8-11, 11-8, 11-5

Beat Karina Ivanauskaite (Lithuania) 6-11, 8-11, 11-9, 11-7, 11-8

Beat Margot Blaevoet (France) Score not available

Lost to Arina Rousselle (France) 11-1, 11-9, 11-7

Consolation R1

Lost to Nellie Franzen (Sweden) 0-3

I am sure I speak for all at the club in saying VERY WELL DONE ISOBEL on your great performance.



Isabelle (second right) with the England mini squad

New Members

We welcome the following players who have recently signed to play for the club.

Fred Burdett – H team – Division 2

Satveer Pawar and Gabbi Kay – L team – Division 3

And.... Shaneilly Edwards whom we have added to our NCL squad.

National Junior League

This season's NJL got underway during the weekend of 6th /7th October with our team's entered into the southern zone and playing at Cippenham TTC, Berkshire.

The first of four rounds ended with our A and B team's having a really good day and our C and D team's consolidating their league position.

In division one, our A squad of Bruce Yao, James Hamblett, Victor Ramirez-Rioja & Colm Bushell finished the day unbeaten and in first position just one point ahead of Ashford A, whilst in division two our B squad of Arshbir Singh, Sam Dermont, Joe Keczes & George Thorn found themselves joint top with Oxfordshire side Kidlington B.

The C and D team's consisting Satveer Pawar, Shaniely Edwards, Blayk Marquis & Kamil Tanaka and Heidi Oestreicher, Indu Pawar, Pablo Ramirez-Rioja & Dominic Mellor playing in divisions' three and four respectively were just below halfway with D having to play supposedly weaker opposition in the next round.

The individual averages for the weekend are not yet to hand and so will be calculated after the second weekend at the end of November and shown in our December issue.

The National Cadet League aimed at young players aged fourteen and under, and where we also have four teams entered, begins the weekend of 3rd / 4th November.

'A' team withdraws from Premier Division

Regretfully, and owing to several issues, our A team has found it necessary to withdraw from the premier division. This, if I remember correctly is the first time that we have had to withdraw a team in the history of the club. It is not something we take lightly but, on this occasion, we had little choice as it was unable to function. Alan Shelford, the teams remaining member has been transferred to the B squad.

St.Neots 1* Tournament

Held on Sunday 21st October, this tournament saw quite a few young players from the club take part and gave both Beau Casey and Satveer Pawar their first taste of tournament competition.

The Cadets (U/14's) was won by Victor Ramirez-Rioja who defeated his opponent 3-1 in the final. The consolation events saw Beau notch up his first win of the day, and he was unlucky later not to add another scalp to his belt. George Thorn, Pablo Ramirez-Rioja and Satveer also had successes in these events with George going furthest and unlucky not be thereabouts at the end.

In the girl's U/13 event, Indu Pawar had three hard games in her group and could have finished top with a little more luck. Having just come through against her first opponent 3-2 she then lost out to England ranked players Mabel Shute (Essex) and second seed Emily Cheung (Surrey) both in five legs.

At the Burton-Uxbridge tournament, Heidi Oestreicher scored an impressive win over Phoebe Tomlinson (Nottinghamshire), but failed to qualify after losing to the other girls in her group including the highly rated Lauren Loosemore (Devon).



Presented by the B teams' Elroy Edwards, the showcase was held at the Luton TTC on Sunday 30th September.

The mixture of serious table tennis coupled with some lighter moments and even a Caribbean drum band proved to be a resounding success. Spectators were invited to step up to the table to try and return the spin serves of England No 20, Gabriel Archampong (no great success achieved here), demonstrations played with small bats and large balls and vice versa and the sight of Bulgarian International Radoslav Kamberov in deep discussions with his new coach (appointed only a few minutes before) seven year's old Pablo Ramirez-Rioja was indeed a sight to savour. Add to this some amazing Caribbean food plus bar and you have an idea of what you missed. Results from the more serious stuff were;

Junior Boy's

James Hamblett defeated Victor Ramirez-Rioja 2-1

Junior Girl's

"Portuguese Pocket Rocket" Raquel Sao Pedro defeated Charlotte Marsden 2-0

Senior's

Gabriel Archampong beat Chris Cockburn 3-2

Star Match

Radoslav Kamberov (Bulgaria) beat Darius Knight (England No 6) 3-2

Another such venture is planned for London soon.

Luton Table Tennis Club Open Singles League

The league will be open to players at any level and at any age and will take place on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons beginning in November. There will be sixteen match dates available and competitors must choose eight dates from these in which to compete. The league will have a purpose-built ranking system and initially will be based on rankings and abilities. Cash prizes will be awarded at the end of competition on the basis of overall performance and progress. If you are interested in competing, please contact Elroy Edwards for more information and entry details.

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Congratulations

.....to the A team's Gabriela Tankel on the news that she is expecting her second child in February. As soon as we hear any news, we will let you all know.

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