

WARREN SPRING TABLE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

October 2020 Edition

Hello Everybody, and the good news is that league table tennis is back for a brand new season. Obviously, due to COVID things will feel and look a lot different than before with social distancing and mask wearing when not playing. Divisions will be a lot smaller to, with some clubs and players not participating due to several reasons but all COVID related. There will be no doubles and so matches will be best of nine singles.

Commencement of Season

Please note that the 2020/21 season will commence the week beginning **Monday 26th October**.

A Warm Welcome

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

C Team - Division 1. Aneta Kula, Marie Desdames, James Gronland

G Team – Division 2, Richard Foster

K Team – Division 3, Bob Brown, Mike Smith

L Team – Division 3, Ken Darlington, Gene Darlington, Mike Hurley

And re-joined; H team- Division 3, Danny Emery, L team – Division 3, Oliver Dorn

Club Subscriptions

These cannot be calculated until we are in a position to know how many matches are likely to be played in the league in the forthcoming 2020/21 season.

When this information is known the club will contact you again. In the meantime, please note our bank details if you would wish to pay electronically when fees are known.

Warren Spring Table Tennis Club

Account No: 26118568

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Practice and Play your Club Subscription Evening

This season there will be no practice and club subscription payment evening the week before the season begins as in the past. Currently you can practice at Wymondley on a Tuesday evening having first booked with David Kells. Restrictions

on player numbers at any one given practice evening (4 per session x 2 sessions per evening) will be kept in place but the Newnham venue will also be open for practice (4 players x 2 sessions) on Tuesday 20th October for those of you that wish to use that venue instead.

Collection of Handbooks, Scorecards, Balls and Keys

There will be no handbooks printed this season. All information will be online. I will be available on Tuesday 20th October at Wymondley to distribute balls and keys (if needed) to team captains whose teams are playing their matches at that venue whilst Bill Price will also be available on 20th at Newnham for team captains whose teams are playing at Newnham.

Teams, Captains and Venues

A team – Alan Shelford – Wymondley

B team – David Kells – Newnham

C team – Roger Bowler - Wymondley

D team - Eric Cawkill – Wymondley

E team – Mark Redford – Newnham

F team – ?????????? – Wymondley

G team – Jim Keirl – Wymondley

H team – Eric Morcombe – Wymondley

J team – Nigel Gibson-Birch – Wymondley

K team – Kim Jarvis – Newnham

L team – Ken Darlington - Newnham

Individual Registrations

Please remember, **if you have not yet renewed your membership for the 2020/21 season or submitted your name as a new member with Table Tennis England you only have until Friday 23rd October to do so.** You can do this by visiting the Table Tennis England website and linking on to **Membership, Membership Renewals and benefits and then Register or Renewal then Complete Membership then Register and Renew Online.** Your county will be Hertfordshire and your club Warren Spring Table Tennis Club. Alternatively, you can ring TTE on 01908 208863. Please note, that your results in the league will not count if you are NOT a paid up TTE player with 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.

Club Contact List

A copy of an up to date contact list will be 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.

Annual Club Tournament – 2020

It seems an age ago since the annual club tournament was held just before the country went into lockdown.

A smaller entry than in previous years, we had 28 competitors playing across four events.

Division 3

We had an entry of eleven in the division three competition played in two groups. There were no real surprises as the four seeded players all went through to the semi-final stage. Here No 1 seed Beau Casey defeated Kamil Tanaka 3 – 1 whilst the No 2 seed Erol Hasan had to concede to Noah Maidment through injury with the score at one set all.

The final saw Beau coming through to win the event overcoming Noah 10-12, 11-6, 11-9, 11-5



Division 3 winner Beau Casey



Division 3 Runner Up Noah Maidment

Division 2

Ten competitors playing in two groups of five took part in a keenly fought affair.

Group one saw the No 1 seed George Thorn lose to Meth Wijeyekoon who despite going down to Satveer Pawar's sister, Inderjeet, just managed to take the top spot from George on countback.

In group two it was the No 2 seed Satveer who came through undefeated after surviving a scare when pushed all the way by Heidi Oestreicher who herself finished as the group runner up. This was a theme that would present itself again later on in the competition.

The semi-finals saw Satveer beating George 3-1, whilst Heidi accounted for Meth 3-0.

The final had Heidi reversing her group defeat to Satveer as she put in a great performance to win the event 11-4, 12-10, 11-7



Division 2 Winner Heidi Oestreicher



Division 2 Runner Up Satveer Pawar

Division 1

Again, we had two groups of five playing in an event which provided some of the best and closest games of the weekend. In particular, Heidi, Satveer and George all playing up from division two went on to really make their mark against division one opposition.

In group one, the No 1 seed and England U/13 International Isabelle Lacorte came through with ease and without dropping a set to see off Joe Keckzes, Dave Saunders, Satveer Pawar and Paul Waterman whilst in group two it was high drama with close five setters involving No 2 seed Arshbir Singh an 11-9, 15-17, 10-12, 11-9, 11-8 winner over Heidi, Dante Lacorte's win, again over Heidi 8-11, 12-10, 11-6, 8-11, 12-10 and George's defeat of Dante 12-10, 9-11, 12-10, 8-11, 12-10 made for great viewing.

With everyone losing and beating different opposition and countbacks galore we finally had our semi-finalists. It was again relatively easy for Isabelle beating George 11-4, 11-7, 11-7, but No 2 seed Arshbir had once again a real battle with Heidi which he finally won by the score of 6-11, 13-11, 11-9, 10-12, 13-11

The final itself provided the upset of the tournament as Isabelle who had not dropped a set all day and seemed to be playing completely within herself surrendered a 2-1 lead to lose to a highly delighted and relieved Arshbir 4-11, 12-10, 2-11, 11-7, 11-9



Division 1 Winner Arshbir Singh



Division 1 Runner Up Isabelle Lacorte

Handicap

As is usual for this particular competition, there were plenty of close calls and nail biting situations before a conclusion was reached . Amongst the best were Cesar Ramirez-Milina's beating of Isabelle Lacorte, and dad Dante just coming through against Inderjeet Pawar. No real surprises in the semis as Heidi Oestreicher long pimpled rubber bamboozled Pablo Ramirez-Rioja and Satveer Pawar clinical finish saw off Dante Lacorte. The final saw Satveer gain revenge for his division two final defeat by beating Heidi in a really tense and tight affair 15-21, 21-20, 21-20.

This brought the end to a somewhat busy weekend for Heidi in which she played no fewer than 64 games of table tennis.



Handicap Winner Satveer Pawar



Handicap Runner Up Heidi Oestreicher