# WARREN SPRING TABLE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

Hello to everyone both old and new. I hope you all had a great summer returning to table tennis fully refreshed for what promises to be a long, hard but enjoyable season.

The club continues to expand, and we now have fourteen teams' seven of which play at Wymondley and seven at Newnham.

Due to injuries and other unforeseen circumstances the club is looking for two extra players to fill vacancies in DIVISIONS ONE and THREE.

Brian and Richard, sorry to hear about your situation and we all wish you speedy recoveries and are looking forward to you both playing regularly again as soon as possible.

#### Commencement of season

Please note that the 2011/12 season will commence on the **week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** September.

#### ETTA Individual Membership

A Final Reminder. Please remember, if you have not yet renewed your membership or submitted your name as a new member you only have until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September to do so. As my previous e-mail stated, players who have not registered with the ETTA but who have played league matches will have any results gained in the league removed.

# Can team captains please check with their players now if you have not already done so and let me know of those that have registered within their teams?

### A Warm Welcome

To the following players who all joined us over the summer period.

Premier Division: Simon Proffitt, Angela Smith (A team)

Division Two: John Le Warne, Roger Willoughby & Chris Musk (Warren LABB) Sam Taheri (H team)

Division Three: Michael Reading (M team), Peter Fabian (N team), Kevin Yao (N team)

And welcome back – Tony Wilson (L team) & Debbie Hills, (H team) the latter has spent the last three years locked away studying.

#### **Club Subscriptions**

These are now due and it is essential that we receive everyone's subscription in good time. Team captains, you will need to monitor your team to ensure that these are paid promptly. As members are now being asked to renew their ETTA affiliation fees direct, your club subscription has reverted back to the 2009/10 amount of £80.00 for adults and £40.00 for juniors or those still in full time education.

## **Club Practice**

There will be a double practice evening on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Those members with their playing venue at Wymondley this season i.e. A, E, F, J, K, M, N teams will be able to practice there, whilst those playing at Newnham i.e. B, C, D, G, H, L, & Warren LABB are requested to go to the Newnham hall for practice.

### Collection of handbooks etc

I have just been informed that the handbooks **will NOT** be ready for the commencement of the season. Therefore I have e-mailed all captains with an attachment which shows the information they will require to begin the campaign. They will be able to see fixtures, divisional line-ups and contact details if there is a need to get in touch with opposing captains. However scorecards, balls and keys to venues where appropriate will be available and team captains for those teams playing at Wymondley will be able to collect these from me at the Wymondley practice session on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September. I will be at the hall from 7.30pm onwards.

For those teams playing at Newnham, Bill Price will be doing the same thing on the same date and at the same time.

# **Playing Up**

As most of you will know, the North Herts League allows someone from a lower division to play up for a team in a higher division 5 times during the course of a season. This season the club has produced a designated list of players who will be able to play up for an allocated team if asked. Designated players and teams are as follows.

A Team – Rob Worrell B Team – John Giles C Team – Matt Hellon D team – James Abrams / Kevin Yao E Team – Dante Lacorte F team – Likely not needed G Team – Likely not needed H Team – Sahib Matharu J team – Kevin Yao Warren LABB – Ian Drakes

We are pleased to announce that both Alan Aldridge and Tony Wilson will be playing as emergency reserves.

### Junior Corner

Congratulations to club members

Isaac Beevor on being selected as one of a small team of juniors that will travel to Hungary in early September for a weekend of coaching and tournament play.

Pooja Sharma, who has been asked to represent the Ellenborough club from North London in the Junior Girls British League again this season.

National Junior League – The North Herts team for this season's competition contains three members from our club namely, Robert Chapman, James Abrams and Barney Ross-Smith. The team is completed by Ryan Barton of the Bedwell club.

### First Two Weeks of Matches

In order to help captains and players plan in advance of the release of league handbooks, the following gives the first two weeks matches for each of our individual teams.

### Fixtures Week One

A team vs Warren C – Home – Tues 13<sup>th</sup> September B team vs ARTO A – Away – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September D team vs Warren E – Home – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September F team vs Bedwell F – Home – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September G team vs Broadway C – Home – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September H team vs Broadway G – Away – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September J team vs Bedwell H – Away – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September K team vs Broadway H – Home – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September L team vs Broadway J – Home – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September M team vs Broadway K – Away – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September N team vs Bedwell K – Away – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September Warren LABB vs Broadway E – Away – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Fixtures Week Two

A team vs Royston B – Away – Wednesday 21st September B team vs Royston A – Home – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September C team vs Bedwell A – Home – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September D team vs Bedwell Pink Panthers – Away – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September E team vs Royston C – Home – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September F team vs Broadway C – Away – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September G team vs Broadway D – Away – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September H team vs Settlement Great Tits – Home – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September J team vs Warren N – Away – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September L team vs Warren M – Away – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Don't forget to check my calculations just in case I have made an error. Almost unheard of of course!!!!

Alternatively, the full fixture programme is now available on the NHTTA website.

### Roger