

WARREN SPRING TABLE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

Here we go again with our first club newsletter of the new season and it's a big hello to everyone both old and new. I hope you had a great summer returning to table tennis fully refreshed for what promises to be a long, hard but enjoyable season.

Commencement of season

Please note that the 2013/14 season will commence **week beginning Monday 16th September**.

Practice & Play your Club Fee Evening

There will be a double practice evening on Thursday 12th September. Those members based at Wymondley i.e. teams A, E, F, J, L N & P will be able to practice there, whilst those playing at Newnham i.e. teams B, C, D, G, H, K & M are requested to go to the Newnham hall for practice. Even if you cannot stay for long, it will be a good opportunity to pay your club subscription on time.

ETTA Individual Membership

Please remember, if you have not yet renewed your membership or submitted your name as a new member you only have until **Friday 13th September** to do so. Players who have played league matches but who have not registered with the ETTA will have any results gained in the league removed.

A Warm Welcome

The club extends a warm welcome to the following players who all joined or re-joined us over the summer period.

G team – div 1, Allan Aldridge; H team – div 2, Richard Pettengell; L team – div3, Alan Dorn; M team – div 3, Ben Phipps, Fabian Smith, Carrick Livingstone & Stuart Ponting; N team – div 3, Andrew Whittaker, Fiona Whittaker & Jim Keirl.

Congratulations to juniors Bruce Yao, Charlie Shephard & Toby Snoxall who have made it through our training squad and are now ready to play competitive table tennis next season.

Club Subscriptions

As stated above, your annual subscription is now due and it is essential that we receive everyone's in good time. Team captains; please monitor your team to ensure prompt payment. Subscriptions for the coming season are as follows;

Senior Players £80.00 – No change - Junior Players £40.00 – No change

For members who may play less than 50% of competitive games (league & cup) the senior club fee is £15.00 and £5.00 per match whilst the junior club fee is £10.00 and £3.00 per match.

Collection of handbooks, Scorecards, Balls & keys

Please note that team captains for those teams playing at Wymondley i.e. **Arron, Rob, Paul, Dave K, Nigel, Andrew & Punit** will be able to collect handbooks, scorecards, balls and keys from me at the practice session on Thursday evening 12th September from 7.30 onwards. Team captains for those teams playing at Newnham i.e. **Gary, Jim, Mark, Steve, Ken, John & Ben** will be able to collect their paperwork etc from Bill Price who will be at the Newnham venue. Should a team captain be unavailable it would be appreciated if they sent a representative in their place.

Warren Cadets in Action

The month of June was a busy one for our young Cadets. The Waterside (Southampton) Open event saw Bruce Yao, Eve Whittaker and Charlotte Marsden take part in the U/13 event. All did very well in this their first real tournament with Bruce winning four of his singles in the two competitions played all against more experienced opposition. The girls were not to be outdone either as they battled in a round robin group of nine. Charlotte managed a victory and took a leg off the eventual semi finalist Victoria Coll (Oxon) whilst Eve in her final game of the day saved her best till last with an impressive victory against stern opposition in a girl from London's Greenhouse club coming through 11-9 in the fifth and finishing with two fine smashes.

The following week saw these three joined by Charlie Sheppard and Cian Armstrong for the Harlow Banded event. Once again it was Bruce doing exceptionally well winning his group in the boy's Band 3 and only going out at the Quarter-Final stage. Charlie finished 3rd in what turned out to be a really tough group but gave his all in just losing out to the eventual group winner. Cian at only nine years old thoroughly enjoyed himself and gained valuable experience.

In the girls Band 2 event both Charlotte and Eve finished in 3rd place in their respective two groups of five. After matches to determine final placings it became a really tight affair with Charlotte just taking 5th place from Eve who finished one behind in sixth.

All cadets should be congratulated on their performances at these events where wins are always hard to come by especially when you are just starting out on your table tennis journey. All showed determination; resolve and tremendous character and the club's future would look to be in safe hands.



Eve in action at Harlow

Cobb Cup Final

Warren B ; Isaac Beevor, John McCance & Marek Mastalerczyk
Broadway K; Chris Hart, Richard Hart & Luke Barry

I witnessed Broadway K in an earlier round in this handicap cup competition and remarked then that they would win the event being well handicapped for their standard of play. This came true in the final as our B team struggled to keep Broadway down to four points a leg. That said, we were still in contention with a couple of games to go being just 24 points behind. Isaac had produced some fine play being far too sharp for his opponents whilst both John and Marek had produced good individual performances at times through the evening. The turning point came late on as John was desperately unlucky to face a row of net cords from his opponent Luke in a game that was always going to be difficult anyway. At the close it became apparent that we had just lost out by 16 points. Never mind lads, there is always next season.

Let Loose in London

To mark the opening of John's (our club coach) club Crown & Manor in London we took a mini bus full of excited youngsters to that picturesque part of town better known as Islington for a series of matches against the local talent. Whilst most played in an all comers competition we did take an A team squad to play against similar opposition.

Sadly this squad became much depleted as we lost Robert Chapman a few weeks before followed by the sudden withdrawal of both James Abrams and Yu Ning Tzeng on the day. However, we remained undaunted and the replacements namely Jai Gu and Amit Shah performed well and did not let their more experienced team partner, Pooja Sharma, down. Unfortunately we could not secure a victory against stern Crown & Manor opponents although Pooja remained unbeaten on the night seeing off Crown's No 1 player 8-11, 11-9, 13-11 in an exciting finale.

Everybody that took part thoroughly enjoyed themselves as the noise in the bus coming home testified to. Extended thanks should go to Andrew Whittaker for securing the bus and driving it on the night and daughter Eve for leading the entertainment on the way back.

New North Herts Website

For those of you that still do not know, there is a new North Herts website which can be found at the following link.

www.tabletennis365.com/northherts

Opening fixtures

To help teams plan their opening games in advance of the handbook, here are the first four fixtures for all teams.

Warren A

17/9 – home – Broadway A
25/9 – away – Bedwell B
3/10 – away – Royston C
8/10 – home – Royston B

Warren C

17/9 - away – Bedwell A
23/9 – home – Warren B
2/10 – away – Bedwell B
10/10 – away – Royston A

Warren E

16/9 – home – Ravens
24/9 – away – Pink Panthers
30/9 – home – Arto A
9/10 – away – Bedwell D

Warren G

18/9 – home – Pink Panthers
25/9 – away – Arto A
2/10 – home – Bedwell D
9/10 – home – Warren F

Warren J

16/9 – away – Broadway E
26/9 – home – Bedwell G
2/10 – away – Royston E
10/10 – home – Warren H

Warren L

19/9 – home – Bedwell K
27/9 – away – Warren N
3/10 – home – Warren M
7/10 – away – Broadway G

Warren N

16/9 – away – Broadway J
27/9 – home – Warren L
30/9 – away – Settlement
11/10 – home – Warren P

Warren B

17/9 – home – Bedwell B
23/9 – away – Warren C
1/10 – home – Royston A
7/10 – away – Skylarks

Warren D

19/9 – home – Broadway D
23/9 – away - Ravens
3/10 – home – Pink Panthers
9/10 – away – Arto A

Warren F

16/9 – away – Broadway C
24/9 – home – Bedwell D
1/10 – home – Royston Rebels
9/10 – away - Warren G

Warren H

19/9 – away – Bedwell G
25/9 – home – Royston E
2/10 – away – Bedwell F
10/10- -away – Warren J

Warren K

16/9 – home – Broadway F
24/9 – away – Arto B
30/9 – home – Bedwell H
7/10 – home – Bedwell F

Warren M

16/9 – away – Broadway G
24/9 – home – Broadway j
3/10 – away – Warren L
8/10 – home – Settlement

Warren P

20/9 – home - Cornerstone
26/9 – away – Royston G
4/10 – home – Bedwell K
11/10 – away – Warren N

Waste Bins at Wymondley

Would all members please take note of the following message from John Laflin the custodian of the Wymondley venue.

"I have put a recycling notice above the bin in the kitchen, that it should only be used for recyclable waste, not food or plastic bags which should go in the bins outside. I suppose we are all familiar at home with all the new waste disposal regulations. I put the notice up because the refuse collectors left a note saying we were not using the bins properly".