

# **WARREN SPRING TABLE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER**

This is our last newsletter before the summer break. I hope you have all enjoyed the read brightening up those dark winter months and wish you all a good summer..

## **Summer Practice**

Would members please note that the club's summer practice evenings will run every Thursday at the Great Wymondley Village Hall commencing on 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Cost is £3.00 per evening. Juniors and cadets are most welcome.

## **Club AGM-2014**

There were two main points to note from this year's AGM which concerned finance.

1. Diamond Anniversary Fund – Some five years ago the club held a series of events to mark its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. These included a “top six tournament” in which six of the then England top twelve players took part, a “free raffle” and a special anniversary dinner. In five years time our club will be celebrating its “Diamond Anniversary” and in preparation for this the AGM voted to increase all subscriptions by £5.00 per year so as to create a “Diamond Anniversary Fund”. Next season's fees will therefore be £85.00 for adults and £45.00 for juniors. The money raised will be put towards a further set of events which will mark this prestigious occasion. Ideas are now being considered so if you have any please make them known to either Bill Price or myself.

2. This year there was some confusion with regard to payments of cadet travel costs where this involved taking them to matches or tournaments. The AGM resolved that from next season all participants should pay equally for their cost of travel, such costs to be paid directly to the club.

## **Cobb Cup Semi Final**

Well done to our M team and commiserations to our N team after they met each other in this year's handicap cup semi final. The M team of Fabian Smith, Ben Phipps and Doug Livingstone took on Jim Keirl, Kevin Yao and Bruce Yao and emerged victorious. It was pretty much nip and tuck all the way but two match-up's near the end were crucial and gave the M side the points they needed. They now face Broadway B from division one in the final.

## **North Herts Junior Closed Tournament**

The club did remarkably well at the recent Junior Closed Tournament which was held at the Hitchin Boy's School. We had "clean sweeps" in both the boy's U/12 event and the girls U/13 & U/16 events and bagged runner-up spot in the boy's U/15. In reaching the U/15 final, Charlie Shephard played exceptionally well in his semi final against a higher ranked opponent, Ewan Fewell of Bedwell coming through in five legs.

Results are shown where our juniors figured in the finals.

Boy's U/12: Winner; George Whitley (Warren Spring), R/Up; Oliver Dorn (Warren Spring).

Boy's U/15: Winner; Ethan Walsh (Bedwell), R/Up; Charlie Shephard (Warren Spring).

Girl's U/13: Winner; Charlotte Marsden (Warren Spring), R/Up; Eve Whittaker (Warren Spring).

Girl's U/16: Winner; Charlotte Marsden (Warren Spring), R/Up; Eve Whittaker (Warren Spring)

## **Congratulations**

To club Cadet Eve Whittaker who had an amazing weekend at the recent Harlow Spring Junior Tournament. On Saturday, Eve reached the Consolation Final of the girls U/14 event just losing out to the highly rated Ruth Marsden (Kent) – no relation to Charlotte – on the way, whilst Sunday playing in the U/13 event saw her get the better of England No 37 Lucia Shakespeare (Surrey) before going down to England No40 Lois Perryman (Sussex) in a truly thrilling contest.

And to Charlotte Marsden on being presented with the North Herts TTA Jones award for the most improved junior girl in North Hertfordshire.

## **Volunteers Needed**

No, do not let the heading put you off and please read on.

We have keen youngsters wishing to take part in the National Junior League (aged over 14 years) next season but we need a volunteer(s) to help with transport and form filling on the day. It would involve four Saturday's a season with the venue likely to be either Enfield or Slough. I would explain what has to be done with regard to the paperwork. If you feel that you would be in a position to help these young players then please get in touch.

### **ETTA Individual Registrations**

Just a reminder to you all not to forget that your ETTA Membership will need to be renewed after the 1<sup>st</sup> July. Registration must be done by each individual themselves through the ETTA website. You will not be able to participate in the league next season until you obtain a registration number so it is important that you remember to do so.

I will be on hand to explain the process to new members should they require any assistance.

### **Team Formations 2014/15**

After weeks of soul searching and discussion we are almost there. I will send the completed team listings out to all members as soon as I am able.