

WARREN SPRING TABLE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

September 2016 Edition

Warren Youngsters Win Two Bronze Medals at National U/10 to U/13 Championships.

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Commencement of Season

Please note that the 2016/17 season will commence the week beginning **Monday 12th September.**

A Warm Welcome

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

Stuart Marquis (J team, division 2), John Gallagher (K team, division 2), Blagovesta (Vesty) Gerova (L team, division 3), Jack Thorn (M team, division 3).

Club Subscriptions

These are now due and it is essential that we receive everyone's in good time. Team captains are asked to monitor their team in order to ensure prompt payment. Subscriptions for this season are as follows;

Senior Players £95.00 and Junior Players £50.00

Remember, you can use either the Warren Spring TTC or Wymondley TTC club account name when paying.

Members who play less than 50% of competitive games will pay a senior club fee of £20.00 and £5.00 per match whilst juniors will pay a club fee of £15.00 and £3.00 per match.

Associate Membership fees will be £15.00 per annum.

Practice and Play your Club Subscription Evening

There will be a double practice evening on Tuesday 6th September. Those members based at Wymondley i.e. teams A, E, F, J, L & M will be able to practice there, whilst those playing at Newnham i.e. teams B, C, D, G, H & K are requested to go to the Newnham hall for practice. Even if you cannot

stay long, it will be a good opportunity to pay your club subscription on time. I will be taking money at Wymondley whilst Bill will do so at Newnham.

Collection of Handbooks, Scorecards, Balls and Keys

Please note that team captains for those teams playing at Wymondley i.e. **Arron, Paul, Rob, Jim, Nigel & Eric** will be able to collect handbooks, scorecards, balls and if necessary a key to the venue from me at the Tuesday 6th September practice session from 7.45pm onwards. Team captains for those teams playing at Newnham i.e. **John M, Mark, Steve, Bill, Ken, & John G** will be able to collect their paperwork from Bill Price who will be at the Newnham venue – same time. Should a team captain be unavailable then it would be appreciated if they could send a representative in their place.

Individual Registrations

Please remember, if you have not yet renewed your membership or submitted your name as a new member with Table Tennis England you only have until Friday 9th September to do so. Players who are found not to have been registered will have any results gained in the league removed. In order to play league table tennis you must be registered with Table Tennis England and have 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.

Plastic Balls

The club took the decision at its AGM to play with plastic balls this season. The North Herts TTA then also ruled that all competitive table tennis in North Herts should also be played using plastic balls.

On this issue, I have received some advice from my supplier. Plastic balls are best kept in warm (but not hot conditions) so the secret is not to keep them somewhere that is likely to get cold e.g. in a car boot in winter as they tend to get brittle and therefore break more easily.

Club Contact List

A copy of an up to date contact list has been 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.

National Cadet League

Our teams for the National Cadet League this coming season have now been chosen and are as follows.

A Team – Bruce Yao, Danny Emery, James Hamblett & Oliver Dorn

B Team – Samuel Dermont, Matthew Ronayne, Victor Ramirez Rioja & Arshbir Singh

C Team – Andrew Girkis, Meth Wijeyekoon, George Thorn, Isabelle Lacorte & Maddie Whitley.

Details concerning entry fees, venue, match dates and team strip will follow in due course.

Nationals

Congratulations to Danny Emery and James Hamblett who reached the semi final stages of the boy's U/10 event at the National Championships thus ensuring that both won bronze medals.

Five club hopefuls arrived in Preston on the weekend of 25/26 June having received letters of invitation from Table Tennis England to participate in this, one of two most prodigious events in the annual English Junior table tennis calendar.

Ilyssa Lacorte was invited to play in the girls U/13's, Sana Mohammed and Maddie Whitley in the girls U/11's, and Danny Emery and James Hamblett in the boy's U/10.

The Saturday morning opened with the girl's U/13's in which Ilyssa was drawn against the No 1 seed Jasmin Wong from Yorkshire, Anaya Patel from Berkshire and Lucy Vernon from Staffordshire. Although Ilyssa was seeded in the group to go through with Jasmin she was not able to find the kind of form that she has displayed recently in tournaments and so was unable to progress.

Eyes firmly on the ball. Ilyssa in action against England No. 1 Jasmin Wong in a group game.



In the girls U/11's, Sana who is now studying in India and consequently has not played a competitive match since December fought off her rustiness to come through her group as runner up behind No 2 seed Amy Marriott from Yorkshire. A typically battling three set win over Jessica Moggeridge from Dorset clinched her place in round one where she fell to No 6 seed Lara Gimbuta from Devon.

At the same time Maddie was trying her hardest to overcome three very solid opponents in her group. Although playing some good table tennis she was not able to triumph over her opponents on this occasion in a group that saw Megan Jones (Shropshire) and Lucy Gent (Cleveland) go through.

On the Sunday and in the boy's U/10's, Danny and James saw off the competition to both head their groups and progress to round one. Here both boys's faced difficulties as opponents Nate Saunders (Worcestershire) and Thomas Palmer (Middlesex) respectively proved stiff opposition taking sets before our youngsters prevailed. In the quarter finals James had to really dig deep to ground out a 11-5, 10-12, 11-9, 11-9 win against the very talented Jakob Piwowar from Devon (who incidentally also had the prettiest coach in the arena) whilst Danny was playing the game of his life putting out the No 3 seed Gene McGee (Cleveland) by a score of 11-8, 11-8, 7-11, 11-7.

In the semis James was up against the class act of the event in No 1 seed Connor Green from Nottinghamshire who really turned on the power beating James in straight sets. In the meantime Danny was facing second seed Oliver Marc-Murray from Surrey and gave him an initial scare taking the first set before going down in four.



James and Danny proudly displaying their bronze medals, with coaches John and Roger.

In the girls U/13 doubles competition, Ilyssa and her partner Anaya Patel made it through to the semi final stages before going down to the No 1 seeds

and eventual event winners Darcie Proud (Lincolnshire) and Ruby Chan (Yorkshire).

A terrific well done to all our competitors who themselves had achieved great things by even being invited to the finals and thereby showing us what a fine pool of young talent we have at the club.

Volunteer for Club Website Maintenance

Our club website is in desperate need of updating. Is there anyone out there with internet skills that would be willing to bring this resource up to date and then to maintain it. The club would also give you the official title of Site Manager but alas no payment.

Making History Almost

Ilyssa Lacorte becomes only the second player in the club's fifty seven year history to be playing division one this season at only twelve years of age. The other player wascan you guess? Answers to me on a postcard etc etc