

WARREN SPRING TABLE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

May 2019 Edition

Hi Everyone and welcome to this the last edition of our newsletter for this season. We shall commence again just prior to next season 2019/2020 with the first copy coming out in early September.

Season's Roundup

Several of our team's finished the season on a high with both the F team and the G team finishing as divisional winners and cup winners / runners-up respectively. There was also cup success for the L team who bagged the handicap cup competition probably the most difficult of all to win.



**Triumphant L Team
after winning the
Cobb Cup**

**l-r Satveer Pawar,
George Thorn,
Meth Wijeyekoon**

Commiserations to our J team who fell at the final hurdle in the Henderson cup going down to Broadway in a close fought contest.

Congratulations to our F squad of Victor Ramirez-Rioja, Colm Bushell, Captain, Stuart Marquis, Dave Kells and Dante Lacorte on finishing in top spot in division one and gaining promotion to the premier division next season.

The same applying of course to our G squad, Captain, Terry Everitt, Barry Phillips, Arshbir Singh, Joe Keckzes, John Langley & John Cox who finished top of division two and who will now play in division one next season.

Junior Corner

NATIONAL CADET LEAGUE

A very well done to our A team of James Hamblett, Victor Ramirez-Rioja and Arshbir Singh on becoming division one winners of the NCL Southern Zone when matches were completed at Cippenham on the 24th March. After leading the way for much of the season, it was a near run thing in the end with the boy's coming home with just four points to spare. A special mention

must go to George Thorn who was asked to play up for the absent James Hamblett, and who did a great job taking matches that ensured we did just enough.

Our B team managed to consolidate their position in division two with good performances on the day from Meth Kijeyekoon and Blayk Marquis. A well-deserved thank you to Satveer Pawar who again was asked to play up (in place of George) and who managed to win some really important games for his team.

In division three, our girls' C team were weakened by the absence of Shaniely Edwards, but although reduced to two players, Heidi Oestreicher and Indu Pawar put in a superb performance on the day to not only climb the table but were just pipped for second place.

Once again, a really good last day meant that our D team who had struggled to make an impact early on in the competition was able to finish in the higher reaches of division four. Stand out player was Pablo Ramirez-Rioja making his debut in this event at just seven years old.

NORTH HERTS CLOSED JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

The recent North Herts Junior Tournament held at the Hitchin Boy's School saw young players from our club dominate proceedings throughout the afternoon with all finals featuring Warren Spring players.

In the boy's competition, the U/13 winner was Beau Casey who beat Pablo Ramirez-Rioja, whilst the U/15 winner was Victor Ramirez-Rioja defeating George Thorn. Probably the best final of the day was the U/18 which saw Meth Wijeyekoon taking the title from favourite George Thorn in five hotly contested sets.

The girl's event was a "round robin" between all six girls that entered. Not surprisingly, England ranked Isabelle Lacorte took the title defeating Indu Pawar in straight sets.

NORTH HERTS MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR GIRL

The club offers congratulations to Indu Pawar on receiving this award from the North Herts TTA. I believe it was a close run thing with one or two girls in the frame but well done to Indu on coming good this year.

Club Diamond Anniversary Table Tennis Event

As most of you will know, 2019 is the year we celebrate the club's Diamond Anniversary. To mark this occasion, we are holding a weekend of table tennis over the period 9th – 10th November at the St.Neots table tennis centre. On Saturday there will be events for players from our local leagues whilst the Sunday will be given over to elite players both men and women from around the country. I know that Paul Waterman would like more entries for the

Saturday event so if you know of somebody playing in other leagues that you feel would be interested make sure you spread the word and or let Paul know.

In the elite event, we so far have 23 for both men and women who have expressed an interest, so at present we are on track to achieve our target numbers. With stars like Ethan Walsh (England No 3 junior), Sam Wilson (England No 33) and Adam Jepson (England No 37) the day should offer some very good calibre table tennis to view, so well worth coming along. In the lady's competition Mollie Patterson (England No 6) , Moldovian international Elena Todirca and the best female Polish player in the country Daria Dzierbicka have all expressed an interest to play.

Club AGM

This year's AGM will be held at the Newnham Village Hall on Wednesday 19th June commencing at 8.00pm. Members will receive last year's Minutes and an Agenda a week or so prior to the meeting. It would be nice to see as many of you there as possible.

New Player

We would like to welcome Martin Klopstock to the club. Martin will be playing division one for us next season.

Next Season

Talking of next season, I am desperately seeking a player of division one/two standard. If any of you should know of anyone who is looking to join a club then please let me know as soon as possible.