

WARREN SPRING TABLE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

Hi everyone, for your enjoyment (our what do I hear you all say) here is the October Newsletter to help you pass the time now that autumn is fast closing in.

Additional Members

We have three new members who joined us after the season began. They are;

Division 1 – Maciej Demski

Division 3 – Mohammed Fakruddin and straight from our Sunday training/coaching group young nine years old Danny Emery.

Already Maciej has shown us that he will do more than hold his own in the first division, whilst Mohammed and Danny have already won games in the third division.

Annual Subscriptions

Thanks to those members who paid their annual subscription fee so promptly and a gentle reminder to those of you that have not yet done so. Remember that cheques can now be made payable to either the Warren Spring or Wymondley Table Tennis Clubs.

League Round-Up

The first week of the season opened up with an all Warren clash as our established division two side Warren G featuring Mike Deeks, Peter Thomson and Captain Ken Savill were brought down to earth losing 4-6 to our youthful J team the majority of whom were playing in division two for the first time. Man of the match was undoubtedly Piers-Gibson Birch who completed a hat trick of wins without expending too much effort. He was ably supported by Bruce Yao and Toby Snoxell.

Week two saw a further two matches in the second division involving Warren teams as the L team of Jim Kierl, Chris Denman and John Le Warne played host to Warren G who this time had Sam Taheri replacing Mike Deeks. At the finish it was the L team who remained unbeaten so far in this division by coming through 6-4. Team captain Jim made it six wins out of six whilst Chris added two (going down to Sam Taheri in four legs) and John Le Warne one.

Next it was Warren J again as this time they welcomed?? the F team. This was a match which produced a really great contest as F's Adrian Holmes slugged it out toe to toe with Piers Gibson-Birch over five gruelling legs consisting of some amazing rallies. In the end it was the experience of Adrian that saw him through by a score of 4-11, 11-8, 10-12, 12-10, 4-11. Adrian who remained unbeaten was well backed up by Captain Elaine Hanworth and Cadet Charlotte Marsden who both won one rubber each. A 6-4 win for the F team was made possible by a fine doubles

performance from Adrian and Charlotte as they just came through against Piers and Charlie Shephard by a score of 11-9, 6-11, 6-11, 11-5, 13-15.

There should be a special word of praise for Charlie whose tactics could not be faulted when beating Elaine whose awkward style makes her a difficult opponent for anybody.

Hot Shots

With five weeks of the league season now gone, the club can boast of some very good performances thus far. In the premier division, Arron Beckett leads the charge with a 100% record gaining twelve wins out of twelve, whilst in the same division Marek Mastalerczyk has eight from eleven making him currently on 72.7%. In division one, D team captain Rob Worrell also has a 100% record and with the club's new signing Maciej Demski recording 83.3% for the E team. In division two Adrian Holmes has now just dropped the one game.

National Junior League

Fifteen teams entered the above competition which was held at the Ellenborough Table Tennis Club in Enfield on Saturday 10th October. After assessing their strengths they were divided into two divisions, a first division of eight teams and a second division of seven teams.

Our two teams along with Coach David Kells arrived at Ellenborough in good spirits. The A team opened their account with a match against East London opposition Fusion 1, whilst our B team took on BATTs from Harlow. A confident performance from the A squad saw them dominate to come through as 8-1 winners; however our B side suffered a 0-9 defeat against a strong Harlow line up. Next up for the A team were host club Ellenborough A and you could see why they were crowned as last seasons' champions when brushing us aside 1-8. There was more misery for the B team and it came once again at the hands of a BATTs side. There was much interest here as Warrens' Charlotte Marsden had elected to play National Junior League for the club where she puts in a lot of training and if you thought she was going to show us any mercy you would be wrong as her team inflicted a 3-6 defeat with Charlotte remaining unbeaten for BATTs. Thank goodness she will be lining up for Warren Spring to head our National Cadet League campaign. The last matches of the first session saw the A team lose narrowly to Chelmsford A by a score of 4-5 and the B team still searching for their first win go down to the Graham Spicer club from Surrey by a score of 1-8.

Congratulations to the A's Charlie Shephard who finished on 60% and Ilyssa Lacorte who recorded three wins from nine games for the B squad on a day when wins for her team were hard to come by.

National Cadet League

As this publication goes to print, our NCL squad will be gearing themselves up for their opening set of matches over the weekend of 14/15th November at the Cippenham club in Slough.. This season we are putting three teams into the competition;

Our A team of **Charlotte Marsden, Bruce Yao and George Whitley** finished last season as runners-up in division two and now eagerly await to see whether Table Tennis England have promoted them to the first division.

Our B team of **Ilyssa Lacorte, Oliver Dorn, Matthew Ronayne and Samuel Dermont** contains a mixture of established players and newcomers to the competition and I am sure all will compete well when the time arrives.

The C team of **Sana Mohammed, Maddie Whitley, James Hamblett, Danny Emery and Amar Parmar** are all new to the NCL and are all looking forward to their first taste of competition in this event. I am sure that they will do both themselves and the club proud.

Wymondley Hall Refurbishment

This is to notify those teams playing at Wymondley that some refurbishment work is soon to be undertaken to the windows and walls. This work should not affect our evening hire. The timescale is as follows:-

New windows will be put in between 24th November to 27th November.

Walls will be plastered during the period 30th November to 4th December.

Care will be needed in case the wall plaster is still damp and the paint is not dry. I have been informed that the contractors should clear away each evening, but just to be on the safe side home teams should arrive a little earlier just in case there is some moving/clearing to be done around the seating area.

Wymondley Teams

Some of you may have noticed that the equipment area at the back of the hall has been tidied. Thanks should go to Paul Waterman who gave up his time to make this happen. Paul has asked me to make you all aware that upon finishing, the nets should go back into their cases whilst the scoring machine is put away in its plastic jacket to avoid damage.

I trust you will all adhere to Paul's request.

What's in a Name?

Did you know that the word Tory was originally given to the dispossessed Irish in the 17th century who subsisted by plundering the English. Does this not strike a parallel with the current government's policy on tax credit cuts?