



## Newsletter – April 2024

### From the Chairman

Welcome to the latest newsletter which will probably be the final one as we are now nearing the end of the season. This latest version is intended to bring you up to date with what is happening in the league over the coming weeks and I hope you find the information below to be of interest.

### League Matches

I am pleased to report that all of the league matches have now been played and for the first time in many years no matches have had to be awarded because they could not be played. My congratulations and thanks to everybody concerned at club level for organising the matches and where necessary sorting out alternative dates when matches have been postponed.

For the umpteenth year running, the Broadstone A team have to be congratulated as the champions once again having scored an impressive 587 points from their 22 matches. The tussle for second place went down to the wire over the last few matches and the Ringwood team with 463 points just pipped the Stourpaine A team who finished with 462 points.

### Team Handicap

All of the Team Handicap matches have now been played and the final will be between the winners of Group 1, Broadstone A and the winners of Group 2, Broadstone B. The final is being played at Broadstone on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of April.

Good luck to both teams involved.

### Tournaments

The Veterans Handicap Singles was played on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February but was not completed on the evening as we ran out of time. The final will now be played on the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> of April as part of the Presentation Evening when the two finalists will be Nigel Green and Ian Brown.

The Handicap Singles was played on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March with a good turnout of players. Unfortunately, a number of players who had booked did not turn up which caused Ruth to change all her group schedules but nonetheless, a good evening was enjoyed by all those who played. The winner was Josh Warren with Ray Lovell taking a well-deserved runner up spot.

The Drawn Doubles will also be played on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April and there are still spaces available for more players in this event and it would be good to see a few more entries please, especially as this is also the Presentation Evening when we celebrate the team and individual winners for the season. Refreshments will also be available and best of all the evening is free! (That is apart from a raffle which will be held during the evening)

Please remember that entries for this event can only be made using the entry form to be found under the **TOURNAMENTS** header on the league's website. If you have not entered online, please do not just turn up on the night expecting to play as you may be disappointed.

If you have entered the Drawn Doubles and will not be able to make it that evening, will you please remove your name from the list on the website or contact Ruth direct at [ruthjatkin@gmail.com](mailto:ruthjatkin@gmail.com) to withdraw.

Captains, as usual, we will be having a raffle on the evening and would be grateful if you could supply a prize from your team if possible please.

### **Interleague Match Dates**

The Dorset Table Tennis Association Interleague Cup event is being played on Sunday the 21st of April and I am very grateful to the 6 players who have put their names forward to play for the Wimborne league. I have sent a full information pack to each player detailing the procedure for the day, however if you are playing have not received a copy, please let me know.

The Inter League match with the Blackmore Vale league will be played on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April starting at 7.00pm at the Child Okeford village hall and so far I have 7 players for this match and need two more please, so that we have 3 teams of three players per team. This is always an enjoyable match in which to play, and if you want to be part of a team please let me know by email at [rod\\_fry28@hotmail.com](mailto:rod_fry28@hotmail.com).

### **And Finally**

As indicated earlier, this may be the last newsletter for a while and the next notification from the league will be giving you the date for the Annual General Meeting which will be held sometime in July. I can confirm that the committee will be putting forward some motions for adoption at the meeting and full details of these will be provided to you before the AGM.

It would also be good to see more players at the AGM as it is your opportunity to have a say on the way the league is run, also for you to bring forward any changes you would like to see happen in the league and an opportunity to join the committee and play an active part in the running of the league.

In conclusion and on behalf of the league committee, I hope you have an enjoyable few months of spring (if we ever get one!) and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Rod Fry  
Chairman