

NEWSLETTER - April 2023

From the Chairman

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break and did not overindulge on all the chocolate that was being made available. So tempting....

Welcome to the latest, and probably last, newsletter for this season which includes some updates and latest information all of which I hope you will find interesting.

League Matches

All but two of the league matches have been completed although these are unlikely to be played, due to injuries and illness in the teams concerned and one other match was conceded because of a lack of player availability.

I believe we have all enjoyed a good league season and I must thank all the team captains for making every effort to get matches played on time and where this was not always possible, for rearranging an alternative date.

Tournaments

The third tournament, the Veterans Handicap Singles, was played on the 1st of March and there was a good turnout and an enjoyable evening although quite a late finish. The tournament was won by Tom Kilkenny who defeated Steve Dedman in the final.

The fourth tournament, the Handicap Singles, was played on the 22nd of March and once again it was well supported and enjoyed by all who took part. The tournament was won by Steve Dedman who defeated Krzysztof Skwarek in the final.

Our thanks must go to Ruth once again for her excellent organisation of the tournaments.

A final reminder that the Presentation Evening will take place on the 26th of April and currently we have 18 entries, but as we can take up to 24 there are still spaces available so if you want to play, please get your entry in no later than the 19th of April. Alternatively, please contact Ruth at ruthjatkin@gmail.com

The evening will follow the usual format with the playing of the drawn doubles, some refreshments, and a raffle.

Captains can I ask for the donation of a raffle prize from your team please and any other prizes will also be welcomed from players who would like to contribute.

Missing Trophies

As you are aware from the number of emails sent out about the lack of trophies we have in our possession, we have arranged with our supplier Wessex Trophies to buy five new shields and one small silver-plated cup for the highest average.

So that we are able to maintain a history of previous winners, there will be a plaque mounted on the rear of each shield detailing the winners dating back to 1990.

As you can imagine, the cost of replacing the trophies is a burden on the league's finances but I am pleased to say that we have three individuals and three clubs who have been incredibly kind and have sponsored the six trophies we have bought. On behalf of the League may I thank you all for your generosity.

Team Handicap League

The team handicap league matches have been completed and congratulations go to the Broadstone A team who won Group One with 58 points and Branksome A team who won Group Two with 64 points.

The final will be played at Broadstone on Monday the 24th of April. Good luck to both teams.

Inter League Match – Blackmore Vale League

The Inter League match with the Blackmore Vale league is scheduled for Monday 24th April starting at 7.00pm at the Child Okeford village hall. The match will be played on three tables although there is a possibility of playing on four tables depending on the level of interest from players in both leagues.

This is always an enjoyable match and as we won it last season, it would be nice to win it again! If you would like to play, please contact me at rod_fry28@hotmail.com, although to date nobody has yet come forward. We do need at least nine players to make up three teams please.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 6th July starting at 7.30pm in the Broadstone Community Centre. Further details will be sent out nearer the time, and it is a good opportunity for you to raise any issues you have with the way the league is run so please make every effort to be there if you can.

And Finally . . .

As we are virtually at the end of the season, I probably will not see many of you again until we all start preparing for next season. Therefore, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a great spring and summer period and (fingers crossed!) some sunny and warm weather to enjoy!

All the best

Rod Fry
Chairman