

NEWSLETTER – August 2022

From the Chairman

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new season and I hope you will find it interesting and informative. Also, a special welcome to those players who have never played in the Wimborne league before.

It was so good to be able to complete the 2021-22 season in full and I hope that the new season will be equally friendly, competitive, and enjoyable.

Team Registration

Over the summer months, a few changes have happened to formalise the way in which we register teams and players hence the reason why your team captain has asked you for more information than usual. This information gives us an accurate information database of players for this season and going forward.

Please note that additional players can still be added to a team during the season if required up to the cut-off date of 31st January 2023.

Also please be assured that any information provided to the league is retained in an encrypted format to comply with GDPR regulations.

League Format

We have ten teams registered in the league this season and as in previous years, each team will play each other on a home and away basis. Each match will be in the usual format of 9 sets of singles and 1 set of doubles all played over the best of 5 legs.

The teams are:

Broadstone A, B, C, D, E and F

Stourpaine A and B

Ringwood

Branksome

As last season, we have decided to play all the league matches on consecutive weeks through to a conclusion except for a three-week break over the Christmas period. The league matches will start on the week commencing the 12th of September and are therefore scheduled to finish by Friday 10th February 2023.

Following this date, we will be starting the Team Handicap Cup matches and some of the tournaments with the intention that the league should conclude by the end of March or early April 2023. In addition to the main competition, we are planning to run a Plate knock out competition for those teams which are knocked out early and which will therefore extend the season for those teams. The final details of this will be published nearer the time.

Melvyn has done a splendid job sorting out the fixtures and once again they are available on the league website.

Table Tennis Balls

A change for this season is that the league has provided three boxes of Tibhar 40+SL balls to each team for use at home matches. The reason this has been done is to ensure that a new ball is used for each league match and players can be confident that the bounce, spin, weight etc. will be consistent whenever they play.

Please note that we have also introduced a new local rule to cover this (as 16.11 in the handbook) which states that the away captain should check and agree a new ball is being provided by the home team. Failure to do so could see the league imposing a 10-point penalty on the home team.

TTE Membership

Just a reminder to renew your membership with Table Tennis England if you have not already done so. The cost this season is £18.

Please be aware that if you have not done so by the start of the season, any points you score will not count towards your team's match score.

Tournaments

The dates for this season's tournaments have been set as follows:

07 December 2022 – Scratch Singles

04 January 2023 – Hard Bat

01 March 2023 – Veterans Handicap Singles

22 March 2023 – Handicap Singles

26 April 2023 – Drawn Doubles and Presentation Evening

Registering for the tournaments this season has now been simplified. On the league website under the heading Tournaments, you will find an entry form complete with instructions of how to complete and submit it. The form is not ready for use yet, but an email will be sent out when it is ready to be used.

Handbook

In keeping with last season, the league's handbook will be available to view online shortly although as it is still being prepared, it is not ready to publish at the moment.

And Finally

The Wimborne League has always been a competitive league in which to play but essentially it is also a friendly league hence the reason why it is enjoyed by so many of us. Therefore, let us make the 2022 – 23 season a friendly and enjoyable one and on behalf of the committee, I hope you have an entertaining season.

I look forward to seeing you all during the season.

Rod Fry
Chairman