

NEWSLETTER – February 2023

From the Chairman

Welcome to the latest newsletter which includes some updates and latest information all of which I hope you will find interesting.

Since the last newsletter, the league matches should have been completed by the 11th February and the new format for the team handicap started. Please see below for more detail on this.

League Matches

Although not all of the league matches have been completed, we must congratulate the Broadstone A team for successfully winning the league for the eighth consecutive season which is some record! Congratulations also go to the Stourpaine A team who have secured second place once again.

I had high hopes this season that we could complete the league programme on time but unfortunately as I write this article, there are still four matches yet to be played. In addition, one match has already been conceded and 30 points awarded which is not a true reflection on league positions. Captains can I ask that you make every effort to make sure the outstanding matches are completed before the end of the season and no further conceded matches please.

Although there are league rules covering the postponement of matches, the committee has for now been reluctant to enforce them, but we may have to consider doing so next season if the trend continues.

Tournaments

The second tournament, the Hard Bat Singles, was played in January and there was a good turnout of twelve players and I understand that it was busy evening enjoyed by all who took part. The winner was Josh Warren who defeated Geoff Cherril in the final. Our thanks must go to Ruth once again for her excellent organization of the tournament.

Can I remind you that the dates for the remaining tournaments are as follows:

- 01 March 2023 – Veterans Handicap Singles (Please see the latest email from Ruth if you want to enter)
- 22 March 2023 – Handicap Singles
- 26 April 2023 – Drawn Doubles and Presentation Evening

The Presentation Evening will take place on the 26th of April and currently we have 19 entries, as we can take up to 24 there is still space so if you want to play, please get your entry in no later than the 19th of April please. The evening will follow the usual format with 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.

Team Handicap League

The team handicap league has started and although (as I write) we only have two results registered; the format appears to be working well. Melvyn has done a splendid job enabling all the results and league positions for this competition to be viewed on the website. It can be found under the header of Handicap and then Results.

With reference to the earlier comments about postponing matches, captains can you please make every effort to get the handicap matches played on time. A copy of the scorecard should be sent to Melvyn as soon as possible please.

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

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 nearing the end of the season and with spring just around the corner, I hope you enjoy the remaining matches and tournaments.

Rod Fry
Chairman