



## Newsletter – July 2024

### From the Chairman

Welcome to the mid-summer edition of the newsletter (given the recent weather, I say summer very loosely!) This latest version is intended to bring you up to date with what has happened in the league recently and what is coming up over the next few weeks. I therefore hope you will find the information below to be of interest.

### Annual General Meeting

The League AGM was held at the Broadstone club on June 27<sup>th</sup> with an excellent turnout of 15 members. If you want to look at what happened at the meeting, a copy of the minutes has been placed on the league's website under the WDTTL header and DOCUMENTS folder.

I am pleased to report that all seven of the existing committee members have agreed to continue in their roles for a further year. In addition, I am delighted to report that we now have a further three members who have joined the committee as Executive Members at this stage but with a view of taking on additional roles in the future. They are Sue Wynn, Taki Hall and Simon Fox and I take this opportunity to thank them for their willingness to join what is a hardworking and dedicated committee.

The new committee therefore consists of the following –

Chairman:	Rod Fry
Vice Chairman:	Ian Brown
Treasurer:	George Goodbody
General Secretary:	Melvyn Gregory
Match Secretary:	Melvyn Gregory
Tournament Secretary:	Ruth Atkin
Minutes Secretary:	Jim Hoare
Dorset TTA Representative:	Ian Brown
Welfare Officer:	Rod Fry
Executive Member	Sue Wynn
Executive Member	Simon Fox
Executive Member	Takako Hall
President	Jim Hoare
Vice President	Nigel Green

Two motions were put to the AGM and both were unanimously accepted by the meeting –

1. Revised and updated version of the League Rules and Constitution – carried with minor amendments to clauses 16.4c and 17.3.
2. Revised and updated version of the Team Handicap Rules – carried but with the addition of a set of doubles as well as the nine sets of singles. The committee will decide on how the averages for the doubles will be calculated and include this in the rules at a later date.

As the league is reasonably well off financially, it was agreed that the player registration fee should again remain at £15 for the coming season.

A copy of the above motions will be placed on the league's website.

## **The 2024/25 League**

As has happened over the last couple of years, all teams must apply to join the league for the coming season. Can you therefore please ask your club secretary or your team captain to register with the league if they want to enter a team. This can be done simply by sending an email to Melvyn Gregory at the following email address [w13.comms@wdttl.co.uk](mailto:w13.comms@wdttl.co.uk) detailing the club and team name if applicable. Player details or any payments are not required at this stage but will be requested once the committee has met and agreed each team's application.

I can confirm that we already have an entry from the Sharkstone Club who would like to enter again.

The closing date for any application will be the 13<sup>th</sup> of August and the committee will meet on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August to determine how many and which teams will be playing next season. We will also set the date for the start of the season at the meeting.

## **Tournaments**

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

Scratch Singles –	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Hard Bat Singles -	Wednesday January 8 <sup>th</sup> 2025
Veterans Handicap Singles -	Wednesday February 26 <sup>th</sup> 2025
Handicap Singles -	Wednesday March 26 <sup>th</sup> 2025
Drawn Doubles -	Wednesday April 30 <sup>th</sup> 2025
Presentation Evening -	Wednesday April 30 <sup>th</sup> 2025

As always, all of the tournaments will be played at the Merley Community Centre starting at 7.30 prompt.

To make it easier for all concerned, we will be altering the way in which players can enter the tournaments and further details on this will be published once the season has started.

## **Table Tennis England**

Later this month, your TTE membership will be up for renewal and please be advised that their fee has increased from £18 to £22.

## **Dorset Table Tennis Association**

The DTTA will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of July starting at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held on the online Zoom platform and should you wish to join the meeting you are advised to let Phil Hadley know at [philhadley1960@gmail.com](mailto:philhadley1960@gmail.com) so that he can send you the appropriate link.

## **And Finally**

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and look forward to seeing you all at some point during the new season.

Rod Fry  
Chairman