

## NEWSLETTER – May 2023

### From the Chairman

I did say the April issue would be the last for the season, however here we are again with yet another one for you to read! Therefore, welcome to the latest newsletter which includes some updates and information following a committee meeting we had last week, all of which I hope you will find interesting.

### League Matches

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.

Having said that, it is sad to reflect that only five of the ten teams in the league were able to complete their full set of fixtures which I feel is disappointing. Therefore, the committee would like to see teams make a greater effort to get all matches played next season and where rearrangements need to happen, the league's rules (16.5) should be followed.

Captains, if you have to postpone a match for any reason can you please inform the Match Secretary at [wdttl\\_admin@wdttl.co.uk](mailto:wdttl_admin@wdttl.co.uk) so that he can keep a track on which matches are not being played.

### Team Handicap League

The team handicap league final between Broadstone A and Branksome A was played on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April. After a very close match, Broadstone A came out as winners of the title 10 – 9.

Having reviewed the format we played this season, the committee has decided that as it has proved successful and provided teams with more matches, the same format will be used again next season with a few alterations, namely:

- To use the final league positions of the 2022/23 season to decide the teams in the A and B groups.
- To play the team handicap league matches at the end of the league season as previously but to send out the fixture list in good time for captains to arrange teams, hall bookings etc.
- The individual player's handicap will be based on the averages achieved at the end of the 2023/24 league programme.

### Tournaments

The Drawn Doubles and Presentation Evening were held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April and once again provided an enjoyable evening of closely fought games, a raffle and refreshments. The drawn doubles tournament was won by Jane Foster and Josh Warren who beat Taki Hall and Tom Kilkeny in the final.

My thanks go to all the teams and individuals who provided raffle prizes, to Pauline and Angela for providing the refreshments and our thanks must go to Ruth once again for her excellent organisation of the tournaments.

Looking forward to next season, we will be using the online entry format again although Melvyn will be making a few modifications to the way we all use it. Additionally, Ruth has also asked that if you do book in for a tournament, please let her know if you cannot make it and have to cancel. It will help her immensely to organise the format of the event, groups etc. if she knows exactly how many players will be turning up.

## **Trophies**

As you will be aware from the number of emails sent out, we were unable to locate the holders of all of the perpetual trophies, we therefore decided to replace the lost ones with five new shields and one new cup, and for the first time in some years we were able to present a full set of trophies to the winners of the various categories. In addition, each winner and runner up also received a certificate.

To ensure these trophies will be returned, when requested, we have asked the recipients to sign for the trophy and thus be responsible for its safe keeping and return.

My thanks once again to the three individuals and three clubs who kindly sponsored the trophies.

## **Dorset Inter League Cup**

The Dorset Table Tennis Association organised the inter league cup event at Stalbridge on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> April and the Wimborne league entered two teams. The format for the day was that the four leagues in Dorset, namely Bournemouth, Blackmore Vale, Wimborne and Weymouth would play each other in two groups. Unfortunately, the Weymouth league was unable to provide any teams therefore two additional teams were made up players from the other leagues.

I'm pleased to say that the Wimborne teams finished second overall to the Bournemouth league which was quite some achievement. Although it was a long day, the organisation was really good and the matches were played in the right spirit.

On your behalf, my thanks go to Nigel, Krzysztof, Ian, Sue, Arthur and Rod for representing the Wimborne league.

## **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July starting at 7.30pm in the Broadstone Community Centre. The agenda and any proposals received 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.

If you have any proposals, want to see any rules changed etc. now is the time to prepare and send them to the General Secretary, Melvyn at [wdttl\\_admin@wdttl.co.uk](mailto:wdttl_admin@wdttl.co.uk)

We are always on the lookout for anyone wanting to join the committee; currently we want to reduce the workload that Melvyn has on his shoulders and do have a vacancy for a General Secretary who will be responsible for taking the minutes at meetings, dealing with any correspondence and being yet another voice on the committee. It is not an onerous role and as the committee only meets four times a year it does not take up much time.

Should this position be of interest to you please contact me at [rod\\_fry28@hotmail.com](mailto:rod_fry28@hotmail.com)

## **And Finally**

I hope you all enjoy an excellent summer (if we ever get one!) and I look forward to seeing you next season.

All the best

Rod Fry  
Chairman