

Welcome to a new season

Welcome to season 2015 -16. As you probably know by now we are open five nights of the week. There are regular practice sessions on Mon, Wed and Fridays and coaching groups on Wed, Thurs and Fridays. We will be providing the opportunity for players of all ages to participate in leagues and competitions. More than ever we will be relying upon the help of our members to keep the club running. Whilst many of you will not have the time to help us with admin during the week or tasks at weekend events, there are some things you can do whilst you are the club which will make it easier for us all.

Setting up and collecting fees.

It is always a rush to get everything set up and sometimes the laptop and the desk is not ready to collect fees. If there is a sheet ready, record your name and the fee on it and put the payment in the pot. It does not help if you just leave your money on the desk. If you have been helping to set up tables please pay your fees when you can see that the desk is ready. Please pay before you play - **do not hand in your payment at 10.00pm when the laptop has been put away!**

Packing away

Sometimes when we have a lot of admin to do it escapes our notice that many tables are still left out and most people have gone home. When you are ready to leave please put away some tables, nets and possibly barriers. Most people are aware of the fact that nets are packed away in a particular fashion, but many members are unaware that the barriers need to be lined up in a way that they will best fit a small space in the cupboard. We will need to replace many of the barriers so your help with this would be appreciated.

I hope that you will have an enjoyable season and look forward to seeing you at the club.

Colin French, Chairman

WEEKLY DIARY

We are now open 5 nights a week, with a new session on Wednesdays from 7.00pm - 9.00pm. There will be a coaching group as well as practice tables available.

Mondays

Open Practice 7.00 – 10.15
STTA League 7.00 – 10.15

Tuesdays

STTA Premier League 7.00 – 10.15
STTA League

Wednesdays

Open Practice 7.00 – 9.00
Coaching 7.00 – 9.00

Thursdays

Coaching 7.00 – 9.00

Fridays

Junior Coaching 6.30 – 8.00
Open Practice 7.00 – 10.15

Membership

Membership forms are available on the website and at the desk. Membership begins from 1st September and if you have not renewed your membership please do so asap. You can leave your membership form with payment at the desk.

STTA

The STTA League is nearly upon us – it starts on the week beginning Monday 28th Sept. We are entering 17 teams, so it is a difficult task for John to sort out players. If you have not done so please confirm that you are available to play and also make sure that you have paid your STTA fees via the membership form. Players need to pay club membership as well as league fees. Don't forget to renew your Table Tennis England membership as well.

If you have not played in the league before maybe you can give it a try. If you are unable to play in a team regularly, then perhaps you can consider being a reserve. We have had a lot of players, for various reasons, who are unable to play this season so we are still looking for players at all levels.

If you can help please contact John asap.

Fees

This season sees an increase in fees for most practice and coaching sessions, but our Membership and STTA fees have stayed the same. We have to take into account the increased hall hiring fees this coming season as well as the fact that last season we raised less income from less weekend events.

PRACTICE

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

Members £3.50
 Non Members £5.00

COACHING

WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Members £4.00
 Non Members £6.00

FRIDAYS (Juniors)

Termly (14 weeks) £40
 Weekly £3.50

Two special events we need your help with – see next page



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As already mentioned some of our fees have been increased for this season. A large part of our revenue comes from the events that we organize, most of these are at weekends.

We can only run these events if we can get help from our members, so it is in everyone's interest that we hold as many events as possible. Just a little of your time would be appreciated.

How can you help?

Setting up on a Friday night:

When there is a weekend event we will stop practice at 10.00pm and move all the tables and barriers into position for the event. As soon as this is done practice can then continue if there is time.

Depending upon the type of event we need help with the following:

Serving **REFRESHMENTS** in the Coffee bar.

Setting up and working the **SOUND** system. Putting up **BANNERS** etc.

UMPIRING when there are junior or beginners events.

RECORDING and entering scores on master sheets.

MONITORING TABLES and chasing up result sheets not handed in.

Keeping the whole place tidy.

Do you have **FIRST AID** skills?

PACKING AWAY If you are unable to attend the event but can spare an hour or so at the end of the day, helping hands to pack away are always needed. Very often at the end of play the participants leave without helping to pack away. So your help putting tables and chairs away would be greatly appreciated!

EVENTS

Sun 3 rd Oct	Over 65 & Over 75's (at Eastleigh)
Sat 10 th Oct	Nat. Junior League 1
Sun 11 th Oct	O65 & O75's am
Sun 11 th Oct	Young Players pm
Sat 14 th Nov	O65 & O75's am
Sat 14 th Nov	Young Players pm
Sun 15 th Nov	Nat. Cadet League 1
Sat 21 st Nov	Nat. Junior League 2
Sun 6 th Dec	Nat. Cadet League 2
Sat 12 th Dec	County Cadet Comp.

UMPIRES / SCORERS NEEDED SAT 3RD OCT



We are organizing an Over 65's and Over 75's event at Fleming Park Eastleigh for 100 players!

With 18 tables we need a lot of umpires, please help if you can. Starting time 9.30 until approx. 2.30pm.

If we can get a large number of umpires then we can all have some spare time between matches. If you can only be there for a couple of hours it would be a great help.

OVER 65 & 75 EVENT (at Eastleigh)

Saturday 3rd October

UMPIRING
Recording
Monitoring Tables

NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE

Saturday 10th October

Friday Setting Up
Recording
Refreshments

OVER 65 & 75 EVENT (at Waterside)

Sunday 11th October
10.00am – 2.00pm

Because the event at Eastleigh was vastly oversubscribed we are running this extra event, so that more people can play

Refreshments / Umpiring

YOUNG PLAYERS EVENT

Sunday 11th October
2.00pm – 6.00pm

This event is for Primary and Secondary School players – beginners as well as players who have been playing for a while. It takes place after the Over 65 and 75's event!

Refreshments / Umpiring
Packing up late Sunday afternoon

NEW SHIRTS

We now have new club kit from Topspin. We have a good stock of shirts and other items please ask for more details