



Newsletter – April 2025

From the Chairman

The end of the season is upon us, and I welcome you to what is probably the last newsletter of the season. It is fairly short but nonetheless, I hope you will find it to be of interesting reading.

League Matches

After a long season, I am pleased to report that all teams have now completed their 22 matches which give us a total of **264** matches played. A tremendous achievement and my thanks and congratulations must go to all of you for the effort you have put in to make this happen.

This is the second consecutive season this has been achieved therefore the challenge for us all is to make it a hat trick next season!

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, it seems to me that this season has been very strong and very competitive which can only help raise the standard of the league in the long term. In addition to this as far as I am aware, all matches have been played in a spirit which reflects the ethos of this league which is competitive but above all else friendly and enjoyable. Thank you.

Team Handicap League

I had the pleasure of watching some games on Thursday evening in the team handicap final between Broadstone A and Ringwood. The standard of table tennis played by both teams was tremendous and immense credit must go to all the players concerned.

The eventual winners were Broadstone A who once again proved what a strong team they are.

Tournaments

Since the last newsletter one tournament has been played and the result is as follows –

Handicap Singles Wednesday 26th March 2025 which was won by Ryan Lewendon who beat Alan Lo in the final. Congratulations to them both.

The one remaining tournament for the season is the Drawn Doubles and Presentation Evening being played on Wednesday 30th April 2025 (Currently 22 entries)

We would welcome more entries for this tournament and if you would like to play, please make your booking as soon as possible using the online entry form on the league's website as entries will close on the Friday before. To login, all you need is your name and TTE number then you can select which tournaments you want to enter. Please do not just turn up on the night and expect to play as you will be disappointed.

If you have booked, and your circumstances change and cannot play, you must inform Ruth beforehand at ruthjatkinn@gmail.com

Presentation Evening

As mentioned above, the Presentation Evening will be held on Wednesday the 30th of April at the same time as the Drawn Doubles with the format being the same as in previous years. Refreshments in the form of a finger buffet will be available on the night although you are advised to bring your own drink as there is nothing available in the social club.

Please note, that at this stage we have not catered for anybody with either an allergy or who may be gluten intolerant, but please let us know if you are.

As always there will be a raffle and it has been traditional for the team captains to provide a prize on behalf of their team. I would be grateful therefore if all teams, and anybody else who wants to, could provide a prize please. We would also like everybody to buy some raffle tickets on the evening however we can only accept cash as unfortunately paying by card or any other means is not possible.

Inter League Matches

We now have dates for the two inter league matches which we play at the end of each season. The Dorset Inter League Cup will be played for on April the 27th at community hall in Stalbridge and the friendly match against the Blackmore Vale League will be played at the Child Okeford Hall on the evening of the 13th of May.

My thanks to Taki Hall for arranging the teams for both events and to all of you who have offered to play in them. We wish you all the very best and hope that you are as successful as we were last season.

And Finally

Finally, it only remains for me to thank you all for playing in this great league and if I don't happen to see you at the presentation evening, perhaps I will see you at the AGM in July. In the meantime, I hope you all have a terrific summer.

Rod Fry,
Chairman