

# MILLENNIUM TTC

## 2009 – 2010 NEWS LETTER

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**WELCOME** to all our members, old and new. This season we have a number of new players turning out for our seven teams, and we would like to specially welcome Balazs from Hungary ('C' Team) and Adam and Bartosz from Poland ('D' Team). The 'B' Team has a new player, Paul Cox, who will replace William Chan. Wil has decided to take a year off to study for his accountancy exams, so we wish him the very best of luck, and look forward to seeing him back with one of the first division teams next season. In the third division team there are some new faces, playing in the league for the very first time – they are Ian Harrison, Mark Pallett, Reuben Cox, James Beer, Nikita Webb.

Our best wishes also go to Becky Bragg who will be out of the Banbury table tennis scene for the next three years studying at Keele University. Hopefully, she will find a local club where she can continue playing.

Finally thanks and best wishes go to Matthew Bragg, Luke Blades and Harry Bissett who are taking a rest from the game to concentrate on their studies over the next twelve months.

As well as saying hello and goodbye to our old and new members one of the main reasons for issuing this 'NEWS LETTER' is to bring all our members up to date with what is going on this season – so please read and take note of the following important items.

### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

As usual we are urging you to pay your annual subscriptions at the earliest opportunity - at the time of writing this article there are around twenty five members yet to pay their subs. This represents a large sum of money – approximately £1200 and we have had to pay the registration fees for each individual player and team before we start the season. There is also, over the next eight months, almost £2000 hire charges for the hall at Mollington. So please save your Committee members the time and trouble chasing outstanding

payments – our time can be best used for other more productive activities which will benefit the club.

If you have not yet visited the club's website please do – there you will find under the heading Treasurer's report details of the club's finances, which will give you an accurate idea of where the money goes and how important it is to keep up to date with subs and other forms of income.

### **MATCH KIT BOXES**

This year and with economies in mind we have dispensed with the practise of providing each team with its own home night kit box, Instead each division will have two fully equipped boxes, both clearly marked. Please make sure that you use the correct box on match nights and report any shortages or breakages to a committee member when the need arises. All the essential items you require will be in the boxes including match cards, balls etc.

In each box there is a Manual, which contains fixture lists, contact details for other clubs, sets of rules for MTTC, BDTTA and the Laws of Table Tennis, plus many other helpful items of information.

It seems some people are a little reluctant to use the scoring machines, but please bear in mind that it provides spectators it provides with vital information about the match in progress, as quite often the scorer's voice cannot always be heard above the background noise in the hall.

### **WEBSITE**

We have had the website for three years now and so far it has not been very active. Things have change and this season, thanks to Johnathan Pape, we are up and running. Johnathan kindly volunteered at the AGM to take charge of the administration of the site and you will see that there is currently more information to be seen than we have had in the past. We intend posting match results and current items of interest at regular intervals. Contributions from members would be gratefully accepted, so if there is something you want to say contact Johnathan, his details are on the website, and he will do his best to accommodate your views.

### **SCHIJNDEL 2009**

This year it is our turn to visit our friends in Holland, and we will be making

the trip between the dates of 28<sup>th</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November. There are only eight on the trip, but this will not stop us from enjoying ourselves – our friend in Schijndel will certainly see to that!

### **FRIDAY NIGHT COACHING/ PRACTICE SESSIONS**

The usual Friday night sessions have now started and for the beginners and younger players keen to improve their skills there is the early – 7.00 to 8.30 session devoted to them, with the 8.30 to 10.00 slot available to the established players looking for practice and more competitive action.

### **FUTURE FUND RAISING EVENTS**

Details will be announced shortly on two events we have planned over the season to raise funds for the club and at the same time keep the members annual subs to a minimum.

The first one will be a quiz night at the Mollington village hall – a date has yet to be arranged. This will involve teams made up of club members, club supporters and people from the village. Nigel Davies a past member and friend of the club will organise the quiz itself with the catering etc being arranged by your Management Committee. So please be ready to offer your support to this venture and as soon as we know when the relevant details will be circulated to everyone and posted on the website.

The second event will take place towards the end of the season and be based on last season's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Handicap Tournament/Barbecue and Disco. This time it will be publicised earlier and the gap between the end of season and the event will be minimal. Once again, once we have fixed a date members will be notified and details posted on the web site.

**FINALLY.** All we need to do now is wish everyone of our players and teams the best of luck over the next eight months or so. Most of all enjoy yourselves and give your full support and loyalty to your fellow team members

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