

CROWBOROUGH TABLE TENNIS CLUB
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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Welcome to the September edition of the Club Newsletter.

So, that's summer gone - I can tell as my fingers are really cold as I type this! But seriously, I hope you've all had a good time and enjoyed your holidays.

The Wealden League season will soon be starting, Friday Club Nights continue and we have a visit from John Hanna (see opposite).

Continue to enjoy your table tennis.

WEALDEN LEAGUE

We will again field two teams in the Wealden League for the 2015/16 season, which commences in the week of 5th October.

You'll remember that, last year, our teams took the top two places in the League and the 'B' side is still gunning after the 'A's! Good luck to both teams as usual.

Fixtures are displayed on the Notice Board at the Jarvis Brook Hall and, if you're not a League Player, it may be worth popping in to watch a match.

These are played on Monday evenings.

JOHN HANNA

I've just heard from John Hanna, who currently resides in California. He played for the Club as a junior back in the early 1980's.

He is shortly making a trip to the UK and France and will be visiting the Club on Friday, 18 September, where he hopes to get in some games against Club Members.

He said 'I don't see many names in the Newsletter from the past, but if you have their details, players like Roger Bacon, Geoff Barnes, John Davis, Roger Gorringer, Alan Wells, John Hoadley may be interested in a mini reunion. I would love to see Mick Denness if he is up for it. I heard about Maureen, which is truly sad. Those two were my mentors when I first started at 12 years old at the White Hart Pub. I appreciate that some may not be around.....but it would be nice to see some of them , if possible.'

We have lost contact with a lot of those John mentioned, but if you can turn up on the evening or have any contact with those mentioned, please let me know.

Thanks, and we look forward to seeing John again.

P.T.O.

MEDIA SNIPPET 1

If you thought you'd been in a long rally, have a look at the following link and, while you're waiting, decide who wins the point.

www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/table-tennis/34146609

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Another reminder that these are now outstanding from both those playing in the League and Friday social players.

The Membership Form was sent with the minutes of the AGM on 20 June and subs can be paid directly to Phil Wilmowski or on Friday nights.

It would be really helpful if these could be paid as soon as possible. Thanks.

PLASTIC/POLY BALLS

It appears that Clubs in the Wealden League can decide whether or not to use the new Plastic Balls in the League this season. It appears this will be mandatory from 2016/17.

In the event, the Club will be purchasing both old and new balls and, whilst we will probably continue with the celluloid ones in the League, we can also trial the new ones.

CLUB NIGHTS

These continue on Friday nights between 8pm and 10pm, although numbers have been very low through the summer period. Now that the nights are beginning to draw in, perhaps it's time to return to playing again?

Just turn up to play at the Guide HQ in the Jarvis Brook car park.

MEDIA SNIPPET 2

Tonbridge teenager, Helshan Weerasinghe, has been selected as part of the eight-strong England Squad for the Commonwealth Championships to be played at Surat in India in December.

He also played at the European Youth Championships in Bratislava back in July. He won three out of four matches played, but missed several through injury. The Cadet Boys team kept its place in the Top Division.

CONTRIBUTIONS

No, not monetary ones! If anyone has any ideas for articles, or indeed articles themselves, for inclusion in future issues of the Newsletter, I would be very pleased to receive them. Thanks!

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