

Hi all,

Chair's Welcome

The Club has seen a major change with Tim standing down as Chair after 10 years and the AGM kindly electing me as your new Club Chair. Tim will be a hard act to follow, but I will do my best for the Club in this role. I am grateful that Tim remains on the Committee and his experience there will be much valued.

Jeff Yaxley is the new Club Secretary and I wish him all the best in the role.

The Club has renewed its Table Tennis England Premier Club Accreditation which, as well as insurance, gives the Club:

- Development and Accreditations
- Table Tennis England discounts
- Table Tennis England partner opportunities
- Access to the PremierClub national network

Details will be displayed on the Club Noticeboard (and the Club website) in due course.

As part of the Club's development we will be working towards renewing our **Clubmark** accreditation which, in summary, is a Sport England cross-sport accreditation scheme which stands for higher standards of equity, coaching and management. It also ensures the club has a safe, strong and successful infrastructure. Again, details will be placed on the noticeboard and on the website, so members can see how we are progressing.

The Club will also be launching a Facebook page soon and we will let you know when this is live and the information you can expect there.

At the AGM in May we discussed the pressures on the Club in relation to being successful and having a significant challenge in providing enough table time for our very healthy membership numbers in both junior and senior sections. This will be reviewed at all our Committee meetings with potential alternative venues and increases to Club opening times considered if membership stays high. We hope that everyone will re-join the Club next season and new members will be most welcome.

Following discussion at the recent Committee Meeting, in the light of the fact that the Club is only just breaking even each season and we now require some new tables, nets and other equipment, the Committee agreed that fees will be increased on 1st September as detailed below.

We start the Club up again, on **Thursday 6th September** at the usual time of 6.30pm until 8.30pm at King Edward VI School.

If any member wishes to discuss any Club issue with me, please feel free to do so either via email at hobines@btinternet.com or at the Friday session.

I look forward to seeing you all in early September.

John

John Waters

BSETTC Chair

Coaching:

Mick Palmer will be joining your Club coaches Tim and John again for some of the sessions and we will let you know the dates of these in due course. Myself and Jana will be assisting again next season. Goran will, no doubt, join us when he can and cover for the weeks when other coaches are not available. Any parents who are able to help will be most welcome. The help from some parents last season was grate particularly those who helped with scoring the tournament matches and getting out and putting away equipment. Thank you.

Membership:

Membership renewal is due on 1st September and a Membership Form can be downloaded at:

<https://www.tabletennis365.com/BuryStEdmundsTTC/Pages/Downloads>.

The fee has increased to £15.00 for the season. This can be paid either directly to Terry Thompson, our Treasurer, or to Tim or John at the Thursday sessions. Membership forms will also be available on Thursday evenings. For those wishing to pay directly into the Club's bank account details are:

Sort Code: 20-16-12

Account No.: 30219053

Please ensure you put a suitable reference on your transfer e.g. BSETTC Membership

Thursday session fees:

These have been increased to £4.00 per session with refunds for those playing League matches on a Thursday and any short notice hall cancellations by the school. Reductions for second and subsequent family juniors still apply. Fees will be collected either half-termly or termly depending on term length.

Details of all sessions and fees will be sent to you by the Club Coaches once the bookings have been confirmed with the school and at the latest by the first session on 6th September.

Table Tennis England:

You will need to renew your Table Tennis England registration if you haven't already done so. The link to the site is:

<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/membership/register-or-renew/>

You will need to buy Junior Player membership (£8.00 for the season) if you are playing in **any** Leagues or tournaments or Associate Membership if you are not. Please discuss this with one of the Coaches if you are uncertain.

Bury & District League:

The Committee has agreed the League teams, and those who said they were interested in playing will be registered. The Club have entered three teams in the 2-player Division. We will ask you to confirm and let you have details on the 6th September.

Match fees will be collected for all League matches next season. This will be £2.50 per junior player (£3.50 for Adults) and should be collected by the Team Captain for BOTH home and away matches. There will be no up-front League fees.

PJ Davis will be Commandoes Team Captain, Jana Allum, Conquerors Team Captain and Edie Huckel the Blackdragons Team Captain.

Suffolk & Cambs Border Junior Table Tennis League:

This is the Saturday afternoon league/tournament which the Club will be organising again next season. We hope to have one session during the autumn term and three in the Spring Term. Dates are yet to be agreed as we need to avoid other Leagues and Tournaments dates e.g. National Cadet League, and, of course, it depends on hall availability at King Edward VI School. Details will be issued in due course and we expect many of the juniors would like to play in this league. Table Tennis England Junior Player Membership is required for this League.

National Cadet and Junior Leagues (NCL & NJL):

As the title says these are national competitions with the winners of various regional tournaments going on to play in the National Competition. For the East Area the regional sessions will be held at Stowmarket TTC (at Stowupland School) on Sundays 4th November, 9th December, 13th January and 24th March. Closing date for entries is 20th September 2018 for NCL and 10th September for NJL.

These leagues are for improver and the better players. Cadets must be born in 2004 or later and Juniors in 2001 or later. We hope that the Club will be able to enter a team in the Cadet League. PJ and Isaac may consider playing in the NJL as they are now too old

for the Cadet League. However, if this is not possible Rougham TTC may offer BSETTC places in their teams. Please discuss with John on 6th September. The Club will be charging a nominal match fee this season as the team entry fee is now £82.00 per team and this cannot be fully funded by the Club.

Schools TT Tournament:

Whilst this is not organised by the Club we are very supportive of this national schools' initiative and will do our best to encourage schools in the West of Suffolk to support the competition. Details of Zone finals dates and onwards can be found on the Table Tennis England calendar here:

<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/schools/schools-calendar/>

Your school should advise you of local rounds dates.

Other Events:

Other events e.g. Club Tournaments, Regional individual tournaments, will be advised as and when they arise during the season.

As you will see from all of the above there are many opportunities to play the great game of Table Tennis again next season and, even with the increases, costs compared to many other sports, are very reasonable.

We hope you can see from the above how keen the Club is to help progress Table Tennis for young people in and around Bury St. Edmunds. With your continued support I'm sure we will all have another great season and we are sure that between us we can encourage more new members to come along.

We look forward to seeing you all again on 6th September.

Kind regards,

Jeff

Jeff Yaxley
BSETTC Secretary