

Dear 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 **Friday 7th September** at the usual time of 7.00pm until 9.30pm 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 hopbines@btinternet.com or at the Friday session.

I look forward to seeing you all in early September.

John

John Waters

BSETTC Chair

Membership:

Membership renewal is due on 1st September and a Membership Form can now be downloaded from the Club Website at:

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

Also, Membership forms will be available at Friday evening sessions – please see Terry Thompson.

The fee has been increased to £25.00 for the season. This can be paid either directly to the Treasurer or to the Club Committee Member “on duty” on a Friday. Everyone who comes along on a Friday evening is encouraged to join the Club.

The Club Bank details for those wishing to pay by transfer are:

Sort Code: 20-16-12

Account No.: 30219053

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

Friday session fees:

These have been increased to £4.50 per session for Club Members and £6.50 for Casual players.

Table Tennis England:

All those attending a Club session must have some level of Table Tennis England Membership. Please click on the attached link to register as a member or discuss with

a Club Committee Member on a Friday. You will require Player Membership if you are playing in the League, otherwise Associate Membership will be enough.

<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/play/membership/>

The Club will need your Table Tennis England Membership number to ensure you are covered by the relevant insurance arrangements.

BSETTC League Players:

All League players will pay a match fee of £3.50 (£2.50 Juniors) for every match they play both at home and away next season. This fee arrangement was introduced last season and has proven to be more successful than the previous “up front” cost. However there was still a loss for this Club activity. Team captains will collect match fees for every match and pay it in to the Treasurer. The Team captains are:

Saxons – David Unwin

Vikings – Jeff Yaxley

Romans – Robin Wallace

Crusaders – Terry Thompson

Normans – Goran Gelevski

Commandoes – PJ Davis

Conquerors – Jana Allum

Blackdragons – Edie Huckel

We still need more players to fill these teams so please talk to a Committee Member about what playing in the League is all about and the standard and commitment required. If you have already agreed to play, please encourage others to do so.

Coaching

The Club is arranging for Mick Palmer to deliver two coaching session for Adults during the Autumn term. Mick’s sessions last season were well attended, and we hope they will be popular again. Details will be provided in due course.

Club Tournaments

The Club will be holding its annual Members and the Hard Bat tournaments again this season. Dates will be published once arrangements have been made.

Social

Unfortunately, the senior section meal out did not happen last season but we plan to hold this again next season and, in addition, seniors will be invited to the 10-Pin bowling evening in mid-July.

The Club Committee look forward to seeing you all again on 7th September.

Kind regards,

Jeff

Jeff Yaxley

BSETTC Secretary