**Subject: Hemel TT - Closed Championships**

Hello All,

Please distribute to your team ..

Hopefully you are all now back into the swing of playing table tennis, again, after the possible excesses of Christmas! The League program takes three weeks off in February / March, so rather than let your game get rusty, why not roll up and play in the League's 'Closed Championships' competition?

The **HEMEL League's CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS** have rolled around again, and it is your chance to pit your game against fellow League players in a variety of events. For the princely sum of just £10, you can enter as many events (for which you qualify) as you like - for some players this could be up to eleven events including doubles, whilst everyone qualifies for at least five events - so that's just £2 per event (or less)! Some events are open to everyone, such as Open Singles, Open Doubles, Handicap Singles, 'Random' Doubles & Mixed Doubles, whilst other events are limited by Age (Junior Singles, Veteran Singles, SuperVet Singles and UltraVet Singles), others by your team's Division (Division 2 / Division 3 Singles), whilst the Ladies also have a Singles and a Doubles event. Entry for a single event is just £5 (or £2.50 as one of a pair in a doubles event), with reduced prices for juniors.

See the attached **Entry Form**, and/or the **League website** for more details. There are five Qualifying Nights, starting on Friday, 23rd February, continuing on the following two Tuesdays and two Fridays, culminating in Finals' Night on Friday 16th March at Adeyfield Hall, to which you are also invited to come along and watch, even if you've not made it through, and you'll see some very good games involving some of the League's top players competing for the blue riband events. All events take place at Adeyfield Hall, with events starting at around 7:45pm, except for Friday 2nd March – which is kindly being hosted at St. Georges Hall. Entries close on Thursday, 22nd February.

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The League website's Home page is :-

 [**https://www.tabletennis365.com/HemelHempstead**](https://www.tabletennis365.com/HemelHempstead)

 .. from where you can find all the Fixtures, Results, League Tables, Player Averages, Wren Cup draw, etc,

**Details of the League's Closed Championships will also be on the website.**

Remember , if you want to send in any Match Reports to go along with your Scorecards, please feel free to do so (publishable!), and I will post them up along with the Scorecard on the website for people to see. Also remember to check that the Doubles Pairings have been recorded on the scoresheet, as I quite often have to \***guess**\* who played the Doubles!

A final request - there are a number of matches (fortunately not as many as in some seasons) that have had to be **Postponed** for various reasons (Hall unavailability, player unavailability (assuming the other team agreed), etc. However, the League Rules advise that a re-arranged date should be advised to the Match Secretary (i.e. me) within 28 days of the scheduled date. This, however, is rarely happening, and whilst I appreciate it can sometimes be difficult to arrange a date, whichever team postponed bears the onus of trying to get this sorted out, and they also stand to forfeit the game if it cannot be arranged. If not at your own venue, then ask the opposing team captain for possible dates!

Kind regards,

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