

Isle of Wight

Table Tennis League

April 2020 Newsletter

Welcome to the latest IWTTA Newsletter. We hope you are all keeping well and, although we aren't able to play at the moment, we hope you will enjoy reading about your friends and team mates as we look back at last season.

News

Thursday Coaching

For a few months Glenn Morley had been running coaching sessions every Thursday between 10am and 1pm, helped by Tim, Pat, Spike and Neil. The cost of these was £4 per session and they were very well attended and enjoyed by players from all three Divisions, plus beginners, and were helpful in improving the skills of all involved.

Message from Wootton Table Tennis Club *by Deanne Puttick*

On behalf of Wootton Table Tennis Club (and I'm sure other Island clubs would agree) I would like to take the opportunity to say how much we appreciate the help we get from our two coaches at Smallbrook.

Mike works tirelessly to not only organise the morning sessions, arrange the leagues and individual competitions, but is always on hand and willing to help improve technique and provide coaching to those new to table tennis.

Glenn's Thursday morning coaching sessions are giving us not only a better insight into the vagaries of chop, spin, loop and ball control, but also the tools and knowledge to improve our all-round performance and hopefully help rid us of some bad playing habits. Glenn's endless patience coupled with his groan-inducing bad jokes make for a most enjoyable morning!

Having spoken to several players from different Clubs the general feeling is that the Island TT can only benefit from coaching with hopefully a ripple effect up the league as lower rank players improve.

League News

Division One

Division One ended up as a one-horse race as Scott, Glenn, Alex and Roger of Ryde A took the Championship with a lead of 28 points over second placed Shanklin Sharks. Ryde Royals had a good season, finishing third.

Alex finished the season unbeaten and team mate Scott lost only one match, against Hugh, who also had a brilliant season ending with a 92%-win average.

Alex – top of the player's averages





Scott lost only one match

Other top performers in Division One were Glenn and Jim who both finished on over 80%.



Jim, one of this season's top performers

Division Two

Vics C's Barry, Dave, Mike, and Trevor took the title, with Freshwater A and Havenstreet Locos vying for second place.

At time of going to press, Freshwater's Rob was on 92%-win average having played 51 matches, whilst teammate Lawrence and Ryde Rookies Pat ended on 91% and 93% respectively but had played fewer games. Ian, Dave Newnham, and Carl were all on over 80%.



Dave – in action for Vics C



Rob – top of the averages table on games played



Spike performed well in his first season in Division Two

Division Three

The Division Three title race was exciting and close run between St Lawrence Lizards, the much improved Ryde Revellers and Ryde Rackets. The Lizards came out on top so congratulations to Derek and his team mates on a great season. At time of going to press, the Revellers lay in second place but third placed Rackets still had a game to play and could move ahead into second.

Peter and Martin Dove finished on 100% average; Derek had 96% but had played many more matches, and another good performer was Alan who ended on 85%.



Heather - in action for Ryde Rackets

Alan – one of the top performers



Player Profile

In our occasional series we focus on Maggie Preston who plays for Ryde Red Kites in Division Two. Thank you to Matt and Maggie for providing us with this interesting article.

Maggie Preston by Matt Mair

Team: Ryde Red Kites

Division: Two

Maggie is married to Dave (1975) and they moved to the Island from Nottingham in 1995, living in Bembridge for two years before moving to their current house on the outskirts of Ryde. Maggie's busy life involves looking after their two dogs, Brachen and Toby, as well as their cat, Bandit. Maggie has three 'big' children, a son and two daughters, and is always very busy looking after the grandchildren, two being just eighteen months old and one of four years. Prior to playing table tennis Maggie gained a purple belt in the Kung Fu martial art discipline. The table tennis started around 1970 playing in the Nottingham League. Maggie fondly remembers those 'hard bat' days, in which she later has had success in the Smallbrook Hard Bat competitions.

Maggie's timeline at Smallbrook:

2004: Played for CPC Dynamos

2009: In the Summer League famously "took the scalp" of Jim Hall

2010: Runner up in the Ladies Singles

2011: Island Games representative, the highlight winning matches against Rhodes



- 2012: *Runner up in the Ladies Singles (v Anna Joyce)*
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 2015: *Winner of the Super Vets*
(v teammate Trevor Farmer)
Runner up in the Ladies Singles (v Temeesha Hobbs)
Winner Hard Bat Doubles with Chris Angus (v Roger West and Karen King)
Winner Ladies Doubles with Pauline Rorke
Team Runners up Division Three
 2016: *Runner up in the Mixed Doubles with Chris Angus*
 2017: *Runner up in the Gordon Burns Consolation Plate (v John Linington)*
Team Runners up Knowles Cup
Winner of the Mixed Doubles (with Tim Giles)
 2018: *Runner up in the Ladies Doubles (with Marlene Irving)*
Runner up in the Hard Bat Doubles (with Debbie Yates)



- 2019: *Runner up in the Hard Bat Doubles (with Peter Clarke)*
Runner up in the Ladies Doubles (with Marlene Irving) (v Temeesha Hobbs and Alison Botha)

Presently Maggie plays for Ryde Red Kites in Division Two with Tim Wakeley and Manfred Gelhard.

And finally:

During these very difficult times we are finding ourselves unable to play our favourite game and meet our friends and team mates for exercise and fun. We are probably all feeling a bit like this:



But never fear, there are some alternatives to keep us occupied until we are all back playing together again:

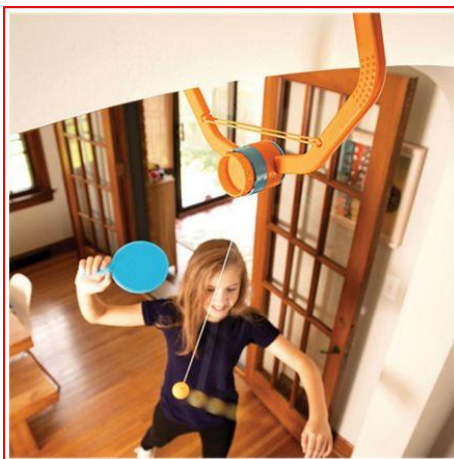
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Door Pong



How to play ping pong by yourself

Step one: stand next to table, and lightly hit ball down at table



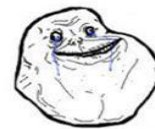
Step two: run over to other side as ball is still in the air



Step 3: trip over corner of table and crack head against floor as ball hits other side of table safely.



Completely true story

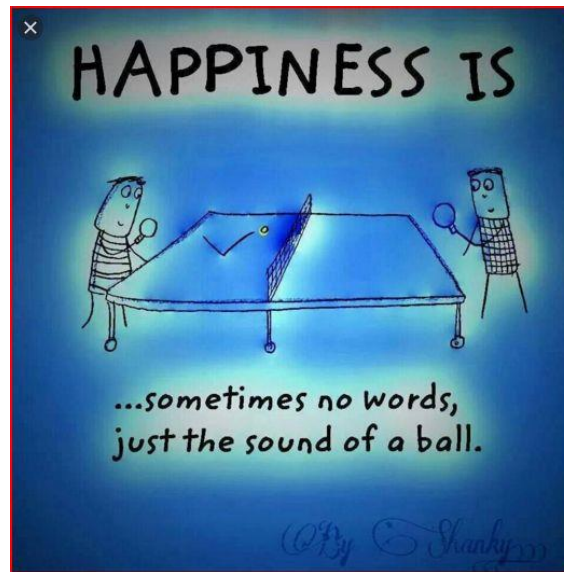


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Sean and Barry from Vics are lucky enough to have their own table!



Keep well, keep safe and remember we will all be back together playing our favourite sport again soon:



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