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General Secretary's Report 2022

Our first full season since Covid restrictions were in place and it was completed without interruption. Three divisions of nine teams each meant we had a slightly less number of league matches this season. However, the Charles Stampe Trophy and Jim Bradford Consolation Plate events filled a number of weeks of the calendar. Malcolm Kay has passed the 'baton' on to Gareth Fox for the organising of both these tournaments for next season. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Malcolm for all his efforts over many years. Malcolm has agreed to umpire the finals of these events for the coming season and will continue his sterling work as Divisional Secretary. We wish Gareth well for the coming season. Gareth has also agreed to take over the responsibility of selecting and purchasing our trophies. He ordered the trophies which are being presented at the end of this AGM.

Cliffe Woods 1 beat Sturdee 1 in the Charles Stampe Trophy Final at Bluebell Hill Village Hall where the trio of Alan Longhurst, Chris Drury and Paul Cronin proved too strong for Neil Le Milliere, Wayne Matthews and Tim Vaughan. Meanwhile, the inaugural Jim Bradford Consolation event was won by Boxley 1 with a narrow victory over Rainham 2.

The Premier Division was won yet again by Howard 1 for the 13th time in the past 16 seasons of competition. Top of the Premier averages was Simon Forest with just one defeat in 40 matches which was a closely contested 5 legs against Mark Buckley.

Upnor A completed an entire season without defeat in Division One with their five player team who all had great seasons.

Division Two was won by Chatham Gannet who just pipped Luton Invicta 3 to the title. Jacob Goodchild made all the difference for Gannet recording a 97.22% average only losing once to Steve Neilson (Boxley).

We are expecting more teams to enter for the coming season and the league structure will be indicated at the AGM. The final decision on team placement and structure will be made at the committee meeting directly following the AGM.

At the recent Table Tennis England (TTE) AGM the resolution was passed to allow TTE to decide on their future levels of subscription fees (player licences). For the coming season however, they will remain the same.

We intend to continue with the TT365 platform for our League management and website for 2022/2023 season.

Once again we ask that if anyone is interested in assisting with the smooth running of the league, please contact me as we would be very grateful for any help you might be able to offer.

Good luck for the coming season

Gary Hentschel
Hon. General Secretary