

Summer Season

It is hard to believe we are already half way through the Summer Season. There have been some great matches and I have already seen quite a few 'upset' results. There are certainly some players who are improving rapidly and climbing up the rankings fast. Looking at the premierships tables there are a couple of teams who are struggling but it only takes a couple of good weeks in a row and they could still sneak into the finals where anything can happen.

Quote of the Month

Found this quote and thought it was a good approach to take into a table tennis match.

"The person who has the most fun wins".

Payment of Fees

This is the first season in which we have accepted 'electronic transfer' as a method of payment and it has been very popular. For the first time in years every player has either paid or made alternative arrangements by the end of the first 3 weeks of competition. This may also have had something to do with the \$5 a week fee which applied to those that had not paid by the second week of competition and which some people were caught out by. We did note that some people looking to work out how much they had to pay could not find the fees on our website once the entry form was replaced by the competition schedule. We will fix that up for future seasons.

Flooring

You will notice that the floor has had some more protective coating applied at the ends of the tables. Unfortunately the product which we used to apply is no longer available so the contractor has been experimenting with alternatives which will be suitable for our requirements. However to assist in the floor lasting it is important that players wear non marking shoes. It was noticed that in the first session after the floor had been redone there were black marks on one of the courts that could not easily be buffed out. It is also important to try not to walk any grit into the hall or have any stones stuck in the bottom of your shoes.

Umpires chair baskets

You may also have seen that each court now also has a basket placed under the umpire's chair. This basket is for the storage of the protective table sheets while tables are being used. The reason for this is that we have had a player fall by sliding on one of these sheets which was hanging over a barrier but lying partly on the floor. So please do not hang these sheets over the barriers where they can be a hazard and use the provided baskets. It also makes the place look a lot tidier.

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President Southern Table Tennis

WI-FI Hotspot

As a service to all our players and visitors we have decided to trial having free wireless internet access for anybody in our stadium. A quick scan on the device you are using should allow you to find our Wi-Fi and the password will be available at the canteen.

www.tabletenniscoaching.com

This is a fantastic website run by Larry HODGES which I highly recommend everybody to have a look at. There are lots of interesting coaching articles and some very well thought out weekly playing tips. The best aspect to the website however is the daily blog. The blog has lots of links to some of the more unusual occurrences associated with table tennis such as youtube clips of celebrities playing table tennis and basically anything else remotely to do with table tennis. It is certainly a website that can get you thinking about both your game and table tennis in general.

State Rankings

I happened to be checking out the new "Table Tennis South Australia" website and noticed that some of our players managed to qualify in the 2012 state rankings. Well done to those players which includes

Steve HART ranked third in the open men's division

Eric MASON ranked first in the over 60's men and fifth in the over 50's men

Lynda LAWRIE ranked third in over 50's women

Cynthia LANGLEY ranked first in over 70's women and third in over 60's women

Dyson LANGLEY ranked fourth in under 13 boys

Items for this Newsletter

I have been meaning to mention this for a while but if any southern players do well in an external tournament or win a premiership in another competition let me know so that we can include that achievement in this newsletter. It is always interesting to hear how other players are going when they play away from our stadium. If anybody can think of any other issues that they would like to see included in the newsletter just let me know.

Winter Competition

It is time to start thinking about the winter competition which commences on the 1st of May 2013 and concludes on the 5th of September 2013 (15 weeks of matches plus finals). Nomination forms will be out very shortly and are due in by the 4th of April 2013. Division 1 will be played on Thursday nights. If you know anybody who might be interested in playing now is the time to encourage them to come out and have a go.

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