

August 2016 Newsletter

Spring Competition

It is great to see we have 98 players for this spring season, there are a few new players and others that we have not seen for a while. We are also aware that a few people that wanted to play have missed out because they did not get their entries in on time so please make sure you put your form in before the cut-off dates. We stopped calling people when we got to 98 players and felt that we could not reach 105 which was the next cut off mark.

Putting the divisions and teams together fell into place reasonably easy this time around as by the time we separated the Wednesday and Thursday night only players and placed those that can play on either night into the most appropriate positions we pretty well ended up with 49 players for each night.

Putting the schedule together was a bit tricky as there were quite a few requests for byes on particular nights and in most cases we were able to meet those requests. We look forward to seeing how having a bye in the schedule helps in organising reserves.

Winter Competition Results

Congratulations to all the finalist for the 2016 Winter Season. There were some great grand finals with 3 of the 4 matches being decided by just the one game. The most improved player award went to Damien KING who at the beginning of the previous winter season was on 322 'ratings central' points and now sits at 935 'ratings central' points.



Falcons 10 (Peter HRES, Joshua STEVENS, Simon MUN, Nick LAAN, Steve HART)
defeated Blades of Glory 6 (Matthew LAMBERT, Ashley NORTH, Steve HAYNES, Damir KOLAR, Sam KOLAR)



Kangaroos 6 (Steven Haynes, Griff Blewett, Damien King)
defeated The Bald & The Beautiful 4 (Lee Quilliam, David Sweeney, Bryan Jordan)



Net Results (6) (Craig Farley, Ray Skippen, John Munro) defeated Chipmunks (5) (Jenny Poole, Tim Lorence, Alvan White)



Magpies (10) (Trevor Goldsmith, Bart Jansen, Zane Davies-Jensen, Ronan Gallagher, Callum Quilliam) defeated Wannabes (9) (Ingrid Flower, John Paul, Chris Gent, Peter O'Neil, Mitchell Sands)

Yinhe Seamless Balls

After persevering for 2 seasons with the DHS 40+ ball which were not lasting through even one night of competition and were prone to developing soft spots we have decided to change to the Yinhe seamless ball. This ball comes highly recommended on various internet forums for both the manner in which they play and their durability. We have trialed this ball on practice nights and all the reports have been positive. After 3 weeks of use we have yet to break one of the trial balls.



Table Tennis SA Winter Competition – 2017

It is our intention to enter some teams into the 2017 TTSA winter competition which is run on Monday and Tuesday nights. Planning for this needs to start happening very early in 2017 so we need to start thinking about this now. If anybody is interested in playing in this competition next year then please contact Marcel on 0417 870 181 so we can get some idea of how much interest there is.

City of Onkaparinga Veterans Tournament



Geoff Goss presenting prize to Paul LANGLEY for winning the over 40's singles

Southern ran the City of Onkaparinga Veterans Tournament on Sunday the 21st of August. There were 50 entrants of which 15 were Southern members. This is the first sanctioned tournament we have held for 14 years and for many players it was the first time they have visited our club. We have received some very positive feedback with both the way the tournament was run and the facilities at our club. Thanks go to Maurice QUINN for arranging sponsorship for the tournament through the City of Onkaparinga council as well as doing the bulk of the organising. Further thanks go to Brian JAMES for coordinating the draw and the running of the tournament on the day. We would also like to acknowledge Geoff GOSS, Bev JAMES and Jo STORKEN for their assistance in managing the canteen and other duties.

Matthew Lambert Poetry

Not only is Matthew one of the better players at our club but it turns out he is also a brilliant poet. I encourage everybody to visit his facebook site "[Matthew Lambert Poetry](#)" and have a read of his amusing and thought provoking poems. Don't forget to like his page. If you're not on facebook you can also have a look at his website <https://allpoetry.com/Belgarion74>. In the meantime here is one of his pieces about a sport which we all love.

Table Tennis is such an awesome game!
If you played it too, you'd feel the same

Anyone can play, no matter your age,
fitness or skill you can still engage

So many different ways to play
fast or slow, during night or day

All year round come rain or sun
I promise you it's so much fun.

So come some time and give it a go
If you don't you may never know!

By Matthew John Lambert 11 Jan. 2016