

June 2015 Newsletter

Storage for coaching trailer

We are lucky enough to have a great coaching trailer equipped with 4 tables, robot and other equipment which is used when we do visits to schools or other venues. At the moment this trailer is stored out in the open which means that its lifespan is being affected by the weather. We have been looking at more suitable places to store the trailer but commercial facilities are just too expensive. If anybody has room in a shed or garage and is prepared to store the coaching trailer please contact Marcel on 0417 870 181. We would be prepared to negotiate a suitable fee.

Leaking roof

With some of the heavy rain over the last few weeks we have been having trouble with leaks in the roof of the stadium. We have had Onkaparinga Council come out and inspect the roof and make some repairs but unfortunately the problem has persisted. It is not easy to identify where the leaks are occurring as the water is running down the inside of the roof and then pooling at the bottom of the insulation before slowly dripping out. We are continuing to work with the Onkaparinga Council on this problem. If you do notice that the floor on any of the courts are wet please let the duty official know immediately as it may be dangerous to play on that court.

Winter Competition

We have now gone through one complete round of the competition and unfortunately it has not all been plain sailing. We have had 3 players drop out of division 4 and although we have managed to find replacements a minor shuffle of some players was required. As the players who have stepped into division 4 were regular fill in players we now have a shortage of reserves for division 4. If you know any suitable fill in's for div 4 please contact John MUNRO. Hopefully things will run a bit smoother for the rest of the season.

Junior Competition

It is great to be able to report that we have 16 juniors competing in the Tuesday night junior competition as well as having about 5 kids coming out for coaching each week. The standard of play has been excellent and the results very close. Hopefully we will see some of these juniors and their parents taking part in our main competitions over the next few years.

Player's tournament and Lightning Carnival

The player's tournament and lightning carnival will be held during the next school holidays. Look out for the entry forms for the player's tournament which should be out in a couple of weeks. The division coordinators will be going around asking about who is playing in the lightning carnivals in week 9 and 10 of the winter competition.

Topics from the May executive meeting

Affiliation with TTSA – Several months ago we received some correspondence from Table Tennis South Australia outlining reasons why table tennis clubs should be affiliating with TTSA. Since then this has been a major topic of discussion amongst the executive committee and at the moment we are still undecided on this issue. The reasons not to affiliate are that the cost is a significant, the direct benefits to our club are limited and we have been able to run effectively as a club without being affiliated for over 13 years. The reasons for affiliation are support in dealing with legislative requirements in running a club, affiliation being a consideration in the granting of some government grants, insurance for registered players and the importance of a major table tennis club such as Southern supporting the state body. If you have an opinion about this topic please feel free to voice them to any of the members of the executive committee.

Late payment of competition fees – It was noted that a number of players had not paid the winter competition fee by the 2nd week of the competition. Normally this would mean that a \$5 late payment fee should apply for every week that the payment is late. As we had not yet reminded these players that they had not paid the competition fee it was decided not to enforce this rule for this season. However for subsequent seasons all players who have not paid the competition fee after the first week will receive a reminder and if the fee is still not paid by the 2nd week of the competition then the late payment fee will be applied. The reason we have this rule is so that coordinators don't have to constantly chase people up who have not paid their fees.

Reserve fees – Some discussion took place as to if a fee should be paid by people filling in and how many fees should be applied. It was agreed that a person filling in should pay the equivalent of the adult practice fee and if they are under 18 years the junior practice fee. This is regardless of if they are playing on another night or how many times they have filled in. A register of all fill in players used during the competition will be kept in the canteen.

Grant for defibrillator - An application has been lodged for an “active club” grant to purchase a defibrillator and we are expecting to hear if we were successful sometime this month. Interestingly after we had lodged the application we were contacted to check if we were affiliated with TTSA.

New website – We are currently working on a more modern website which will hopefully be easier to view on mobile phones and tablets as well as providing more functionality.

Old stock of equipment and clothing – Upon going through some of the cupboards quite a lot of old stock of equipment and clothing was located. As we have had this stock for quite a long time it was agreed to drastically reduce the prices and put them out on display next to the canteen. So please check out the display table and pick up a bargain. Some of the shoes are great value if you can find your size.