

NORTHUMBERLAND NEWS

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Congratulations

To Eddie Smith and Dave Godbold who won the Veterans doubles at the recent English National tournament in Sheffield. Also to Eddie who was runner up in the Veterans singles to Abdul Wuraola of Surrey.

Eddie also did well in the Northern Masters Veterans in Blackpool being runner up to Keith Williams (Lancs) and also doubles runner up partnered by Steve Hall of Somerset.

Northumbria League

Latest league tables are enclosed with this newsletter. Also a list of outstanding results. It has been decided to extend the season in view of the disruption caused by the Easter holidays and the fire at the Oxhill club. All matches must be played by 10th May 2008 and all results received by Adrian Barnes by 13th May 2008. Any results not received by 13th May will be automatically awarded 10-0 to the away teams.

League Secretary

Adrian Barnes has done an excellent job since Dave Scholfield retired but is unable to carry on next season. Aubrey Drapkin will look after the Summer League but it is essential that a new League Secretary is in place for next winter season. Anyone who would like to be involved should contact Aubrey as soon as possible. Please note that this is extremely important to the continuation of the league for the future. If you think you can help, please come forward.

K.O. Cup

The draw for the semi finals has been made and is as follows :

Ouston 'B' v Cramlington Casuals or Newton 'D'
Whitehouse Lane or NSYM 'B' v North Fire 'B' or North Fire 'A'

All cup matches to be played as soon as possible as it is hoped to play the final before 10th May 2008

Summer League

The summer league will commence on 19th May 2008 and entry forms have been sent to all club secretaries. Entries must be received by Aubrey Drapkin no later than 30th April 2008. If you wish to play in the Summer League please let your club secretary know as soon as possible.

Regulation changes

A reminder that any proposals to amend the League Regulations must be sent in by 31st May 2008. These should be sent to Aubrey Drapkin.

Presentation of Trophies

In recent years the winners and runners up in the Winter League have had to wait until the Annual Conference in September to receive their trophies. This year, all winners and runners up will be invited to come along to Cramlington TTC on a date to be arranged, have the opportunity to have a game and receive their trophies.

Cadet Regional League

Our cadet squad of Ryan and Dean Richardson, Debbie Dawson and Jack Highmoor had a good season in the Regional Cadet League held at Billingham finishing in third position.

Junior Tournament

It is hoped to take a squad of juniors and cadets to the Northfield 2 Star Junior Open in Billingham on 10th May.

Referees and Umpires

International Umpire and National Referee, Aubrey Drapkin, has been appointed as referee for the British League Premier weekend on 12th and 13th April and as referee for the Northfield Junior. He is also to be assistant referee at the National 6 Nation Cadet event at Loughborough in June. County Umpires Steve Ralph, Nigel Coe and Adrian Barnes have been appointed to the British League Premier weekend.

It is hoped to run another umpires course next season to try to increase our squad of qualified umpires.

Junior Trials

The Richardson brothers, Ryan and Dean, take part in the National Trials in Derby this month having qualified from the Regional Trials. Ryan plays in the cadets and Dean in the under 11s.