

## NORTHUMBERLAND TABLE TENNIS NEWS

January 2008

### From the Chairman

I wish you all a happy New Year and hope to see many of you during the second part of the season.

As I am aware that not every secretary or team captain has access to the NTT website I intend to circulate a news update to every club with enough copies for one per team on a monthly basis. As we near the end of the first half of the season there are a considerable number of missing results. This may be because matches have been postponed or that cards have not been sent to Adrian Barnes. Some cards still go to Dave Scholfield although I sent out new cards with Adrian's address on them. Please destroy all cards with Dave Scholfield's name and address. Any cards sent to him will be treated as a late result. I am pleased to update you with the composition of the board of directors of NTT. They are now as follows :

Myself (Chairman) John Donnelly (Vice Chairman) Adrian Barnes (League Secretary) Nigel Coe (County Secretary) Brian Pierce (Treasurer) Pauline Long (Publicity Secretary) plus Peter Wilkinson, Alan Hedley, Ray Lydall and Nigel Rodgers. If anyone out there is interested in joining the board please let me know as we still need volunteers.

### Newcastle Grand Prix

This was a big success both from a tournament point of view and from the financial side of things. Thanks are expressed to Newcastle City Council for the free use of Eldon Leisure. For the record the Mens singles was won by Scotland's Stewart Crawford and the Womens singles by the Chinese player Xu Shu Ying. Thanks to all who helped over the two days of the event.

### Junior Trials

Congratulations to Ryan and Dean Richardson (both CTTC) who qualified for the next stage of the National trials. Ryan finished second in the cadets and Dean third in the under 11s in the first session which was held at Billingham.

### Northumberland Closed Tournament

This will be held at Cramlington on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2008. Entry forms will be sent out shortly. Please support this event.

### Wilmot Cup

The Northumbria League side of Dave Godbold and Bart Vermoesen unfortunately did not get through the first stage of this year's competition. They beat Sunderland 3-2 but lost out 0-3 to Stockton.

### Lifeline

Division 4 side Lifeline have at last managed to organise home premises which are as follows (home night Wednesday) Newcastle Central Girls High School, Eskdale Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4DS. Matches played in gym which is a separate building.

### Westgate

A reminder to division 4 clubs that team No.9 in this division is Westgate (home night Wednesday)

### K.O. Cup

Second round matches must be completed in the near future and in any case no later than 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2008.

### Former Players

It is good to hear that Gordon Bissett, who played in our league for many years, is still an active veteran playing in both the Bournemouth League and the Yeovil League.

Another old timer who has just found a new club at the age of 80 is Les Waters. Having moved to Allendale he is now playing for Cinderhope in the Tynedale League.

### Oxhill Y.C.

Following the fire at Oxhill they are unable to play home games at present. Alan Westwater hopes that this will be resolved by the end of January. In the meantime clubs are asked to assist by hosting Oxhill where possible.

### Reminders

1. No new players can be registered after 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008 for this season.
2. No players can play for a lower ranked team than that for which they are registered.
3. A player may play for a higher ranked team or teams than that for which they are registered on only five occasions if they wish to continue playing for their original team.

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