

Northumberland News

Northumbria League

Unfortunately Blaydon 'B' have had to resign from division one. All matches played will be deleted from the league table.

Handbook amendments: Tyne Dock – Correct mobile phone number for Phil Marshall is :-
07711106009.

Our league secretary, Dale Aitkenhead, has just moved house and his new address and telephone number is as follows :

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Tel: 01670 790363 Mobile 07540897558.

A reminder that all score cards must be sent to Dale and not to Aubrey.

The number of postponed matches is causing concern. Please do not postpone matches unless there are exceptional circumstances. Fixtures should be played in accordance with the fixture list.

League tables as at 15th November 2009 are enclosed.

County Sides

The veterans' squad of Eddie Smith, Geoff Salter, Jim Stamas, Neil McMaster, Dale Aitkenhead, Karen Henry and Christine Burke played at Ormesby in the first session of the Veterans County Championships division 2A. They beat Lincs 6-4, Norfolk 6-4, Essex IV 8-2 but lost to Leics 4-6. Unfortunately they inadvertently broke the rules in the mixed doubles against Lincs when the same man played in both matches. This will undoubtedly mean that the Lincs result is changed to 5-5.

The Senior side is in action in the Senior Division 1A over the weekend of 12/13th December when they play Lancs, Durham, Cambridge and South Yorks. All of the matches in the division are being played at Cramlington so it is an opportunity to see the county side in action.

League Representative Sides

The junior two man team of Dean Eadington (Byker) and Alex Guttridge (Cramlington) played in the Carter Cup at Hull but despite putting up a good performance and gaining valuable experience they lost all three matches, to Leicester, Hull and Chesterfield.

The cadet sides made a good start in the Cadet National League at Billingham. The first team of Ellis Cooper (Cramlington) Dean Richardson (Cramlington) and Lee Eadington (Byker) won all of their matches to gain 32 points and are in second place behind Ormesby A (35 points). Their wins were 9-0 against Sunderland, 8-1 against Ormesby B and Scarborough B and 7-2 against Helmsley.

The second team of Adam Curran, Ryan Guttridge, and Harry Dungate (all Cramlington) beat Northfield B 7-2 and Ormesby B 5-4 but lost out to Ormesby A 0-9 and Scarborough A 3-6 to finish the first session in sixth place.

Tournaments

A successful Newcastle Grand Prix was held at Eldon Leisure on 24/25th October with over 140 competitors taking part. Thanks are expressed to all who helped over the weekend.

Winners of the main events were as follows :

Mens Singles: Niall Cameron (Scotland)
Womens Singles: Lindsey Reynolds (Lancs)
Under 21 Men: Matt Ware (Hants)
Under 21 Women: Melissa Wright (South Yorks)
Veterans: Eddie Smith (Northumberland)

In the banded events Calum Main (Scotland) who plays for Cramlington won the Band 3 and Kris Chok-Apinant (Newcastle Chinese Community) lost in the final of Band 5.

Cramlington TTC staged the Cramlington 2 Star Junior tournament at the Sporting Club on 3rd October when 33 youngsters took part. Winners of the various events were as follows:

Junior Boys: Ryan Richardson (Northumberland)
Consolation: Jonathan Walker (Cleveland)
Cadet Boys: Ashley Scott (Cleveland)
Under 13 Boys: Dean Richardson (Northumberland)
Under 11 Boys: Jack Quinn (Northumberland)
Junior Girls:)
Cadet Girls:) Kayleigh Forster (Cleveland)
Under 13 Girls:)

Publicity

Nigel Rodgers is now our correspondent for Table Tennis News. He will welcome any items that may be newsworthy.

Finally, the current winter season does end in 2010 despite the unspotted typing error on the front cover of the League Handbook! Thanks to Nikki Irwin of Oxhill for pointing out that 2009/20010 is a very long season!

Aubrey Drapkin
Chairman