

Winter 2014 Newsletter

Gainsborough League

The first week in October saw the start of the Gainsborough & District Table Tennis League. This year we once again have 6 teams competing within the league across the 2 divisions. The club has made a decent start in both divisions, however, has recently had a lot of matches postponed due to varying reasons. In division 1 our 4 teams occupy the top 4 spots which proves our dominance within the league. In Division 2, we have some newer players competing, who are putting in decent performances each week, even if the team results aren't quite going their way.

All team captains are reminded that postponing matches, could potentially cause the club some problems, both financially and logistically, and matches should only be postponed as a last resort. Please could all players try to make sure that they are available for selection.

As a club we are looking to make sure that it isn't always the same people that are packing away and setting up. Therefore each week a nominated team will be required to pack tables away on a Match night. The nominated team will be displayed on the wall.

Coaching/Coaching Days

Friday 7th November saw the start of a new coaching block/term. The block can be paid for in full (£18 for the 7 weeks), or on a weekly basis (£3 per week to members). Sessions will continue to be run by myself with assistance from Kurt Hutson. Improver squad runs from 6.00pm - 7.30pm, with Top Squad running from 7.30pm - 9.00pm.



Over Christmas time, we are joining forces with Nottingham Sycamore Academy, to run a two day training camp. Due to us not being able to have our normal venue over the Christmas period, one day will be run at Redlands TTC in Worksop & one will be run at Sycamore in Nottingham. Details are as follows: **Monday 22nd December @ Redlands, Tuesday 23rd December @ Sycamore. 10.00am - 4.00pm. £15 for 1 day or £25 for both days. Coaches are myself and Chris Turner (TDC Head Performance Coach) . There will also be practise partners, including Sam Walker on the Monday.** Please book your place with Paul ASAP.

Club members - Important Notice

Although coaching on Friday nights isn't compulsory, it is extremely important that as a player you are trying to improve your game, so that you can reach your full potential. It is also important that as a club we get the correct ethos, of working together as a team/club, established so that we all bring each other on as athletes and as people. Therefore, it would be great to see our club players that represent us, trying their best to make coaching on a Friday or club practise on a Thursday at least once a week. That way we then start to become more of a team, and help bring each other on better.

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Dates for your Diary

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd
November - Junior & Cadet National
Championships at Preston

**Saturday 29th November - Young
Leaders Table Tennis Course at
Gainsborough**

Sunday 30th November - NCL at
Gainsborough

**w/c Monday 15th December - Last
week of Gainsborough League
Matches**

Friday 19th December - Last Session
before Christmas Break

**Saturday 20th December - Bowling
Social. Date TBC.**

Monday 22nd December - Club
Closed for Christmas

**Monday 22nd December - Training
Camp at Redlands TTC 10am - 4pm.**

**Tuesday 23rd December - Training
Camp at Sycamore, Nottingham 10am
- 4pm**

Monday 5th January - Club Reopens

**w/c Monday 5th January -
Gainsborough League matches
start**

Friday 9th January - January half term
Group Coaching starts

**Saturday & Sunday 10th/11th
January - East Midlands 4* Comp**

Saturday 17th January - Chandlers 2*
Competition at Grantham

**Saturday 24th January - National
Junior League at Ormesby**

Sunday 8th February - National Cadet
League at Gainsborough

**Saturday 28th February - National
Junior League at Ormesby**

Sunday 8th March - National Cadet
League at Gainsborough

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Adult/Social Table Tennis Sessions

As I am sure you are all aware, we are running some Adult/ Social Table Tennis Sessions. These are being run on a Thursday evening from 6.30pm - 9.00pm alongside our normal club practise night. It is open to all, whether you are a member of the club or not, and whether you have played table tennis or not. Please pass the word on to help make this session a success.

National Cadet League & National Junior League

Our 4 teams that are competing across the 2 competitions have made decent starts to the competitions. In the National Junior League at Ormesby, Blitz B are currently in 3rd place but only 2 points behind 1st place, with Blitz A in 6th place, but again only 9 points behind 1st place, which is only one 9 point win behind. After day 1, Kieran Crawford and Amy Gittings were our highest placed players with 78% win rate.

In the National Cadet League at Gainsborough, Blitz A made a decent start and are currently in 2nd place, only 5 points behind the very strong Hull St.Mary's team. Blitz B are currently in 6th place but only 4 points behind West Bridgford in 5th place. Amy Gittings and Henry Walshe were our highest placed players on 75% each, with Matthew Mudd starting for Blitz B taking 6 of their 7 points.



Future Events

Christmas Bowling Social - We are currently in the process of organising our usual Christmas Bowling night, at Ashby Bowl in Scunthorpe. Once again we will be having 3 games of bowling, and some food (Burger & chips or hot dog & chips) all for an extremely good price of £12 per person. This will take place on Saturday 20th December with the bowling commencing at 7.00pm and us meeting at Ashby Bowl at 6.30pm. If you could confirm your attendance with either Paul or Clive and we shall get numbers together.

Young Leaders Course - Through part of the funding we got from the satellite clubs, we are running a young leaders table tennis course. This is a stepping stone for young people to get involved more with coaching, organising or umpiring, and gives all young people the chance of experiencing what would be required of them, before actually making the commitment of doing a specific coaching qualification. Members of the club will be given the opportunity to do this course as well as nominated students from the schools that the satellite clubs are based. The course is being run on Saturday 29th November.

UKCC Coaching Courses - The opportunity was given to all members to get qualified as a table tennis coach. The response for this was really good and we had a lot of members say that they want to do it than we actually had funding for. So unfortunately there is some disappointed members, as all those concerned have been informed of the decision. However, there will be future opportunities for you to get qualified as a coach, so bare with us, we will try our best to get as many through as possible.

Christmas Competition - Unfortunately, due to my personal work commitments and John Mackey being away majority of December, there won't be our annual Christmas Competition, as we haven't got anyone to organise it. Apologies go to all those that were looking forward to this annual event.

Hope you all have a good Christmas, and hopefully we can have a fantastic start to 2015.

Paul Johnson - Head Coach