

Spring 2016 Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Blitz Newsletter with plenty going on to report on. Please have a look at all the dates for your diary section, and note down any dates that may affect you!

Coaching

Group Coaching - Friday coaching is continuing to thrive and there seems to be a real buzz now. Tuesday is now also open for coaching from 6pm-8pm, and all those that are looking to progress onto competitions are encouraged to attend both sessions each week. All players are reminded that hard work, perseverance and dedication are the key elements to success and the coaching team will be looking out for this throughout all the sessions. Please make note that we are open as normal over the Easter period. We are only closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday due to it being Bank holidays.

Satellite Clubs - The Blitz coaching team continue to work within secondary schools across Doncaster and Gainsborough. Sessions within primary schools are also being started too, all with the aim to provide table tennis to as many children as possible, whilst promoting the club sessions.

Individual Coaching - If anyone is interested in individual private 1-to-1 coaching sessions, then both Kurt and I are available for these and players are to enquire with either of us about these.

Up-coming Competitions

Blitz Club Championships - The club is running it's annual club championships on Sunday 3rd April @ TGA. Closing date for entries is Friday 18th March, so make sure you get your entries in.

Summer League - It has been suggested to the club about putting on a Junior Summer League on a Monday night from 6.30pm-9.00pm until the summer holidays. An email has gone out asking everyone if this is something that they would like to do. Please make sure that all responses are in before Fri 18th March, so that a decision can be made on this.

Blitz Club Championships - The club is pleased to announce that once again, it'll be holding the Lincs u11-15 County Championships on Sun 8th May at TGA. Entry forms will be going out shortly so please make sure you enter before the closing date. Hopefully we will get a good turn out and Blitz players will support the event by taking part.

Individual Competitions - As stated at the start of the year, we will be going out to Individual competitions as a club. Dates and locations of these competitions are in the section to the right. We shall confirm with everyone which ones we are going to as a club.

Club Teams

Senior British League - Blitz Senior British league team competed well in the first 3 weekends of play. They are currently lying in 4th place going into the final weekend at Oldham on 9th/10th April.

National Junior League - After the 4 Saturdays of play, Blitz finished 6th in the NJL at Ormesby. The team of Harry Tomlinson, Chloe De La

Dates for your Diary

Dates in Red are Important Dates

Fri 18th March - Closing date for Blitz Club Championships

Sunday 20th March - PG Mutual National Championships (3.00pm ITV4)!!

Tues 22nd March - Club Open

Thurs 24th March - Club Open

Fri 25th March - Club Closed (Good Friday)

Mon 28th March - Club Closed (Easter Monday)

Tues 29th March - Club Open

Wed 30th March - Training Day @ TGA, 10am - 3pm, £15 per person. Book on ASAP

Thurs 31st March - Club Open

Fri 1st April - Club Open

Sun 3rd April - Blitz Club Championships

Mon 4th April - Club Open (As normal from now on)

9th/10th April - Senior British League at Oldham

Mon 11th April - Summer League starts (potentially)

16th/17th April - Doncaster Grand Prix

Sat 23rd April - English Schools National Finals @ Wolverhampton

30th/1st May - Junior & Cadet National Championships @ Huddersfield Uni

Sun 8th May - Burton Uxbridge 1*

Sun 8th May - Lincolnshire County u11-15 Closed @ TGA

14th/15th May - Chandlers 4*

Sun 29th May - Swerve 1*

Sun 5th June - Burton Uxbridge 1*

25th/26th June - u10-13 National Championships @ Preston Uni

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Fontaine, James Longstaff, Chris Gamble & Sam Phillips all fought hard but found the going tough in a strong division up north.

National Cadet League - After the 4 Sundays of play, the NCL team finished 4th in the division at Ormesby. The team of Darcie Proud, Sam Phillips and Erin Greensmith on loan from Swerve TTC, all competed well and took a lot of the top teams very close.

World Team Championships

For those of you that are unaware...England made history at the World Team Championships, becoming the first English team to win a medal at the World Championships since 1983, and the first team ever to be promoted to the top division and then win a medal at the following Championships. Fantastic achievement by the English lads and brilliant for table tennis in this country. I believe there's lots more to come from the 3 lads in the future too. All video's of the matches can be found on our facebook page.



(Blitz NCL Team)

PG Mutual National Championships

Table Tennis is being aired live on ITV 4 on Sunday 20th March at 3.00pm. The finals of the National championships are being shown across the course of a 3 hour programme, and is the first time that I personally have known that table tennis has been shown on television apart from at the Commonwealths or Olympics. Make sure you tune in as there is bound to be some great table tennis shown.

Players Achievements

Congratulations to the following Blitz players:

Adam Gittings - Claiming a hat-trick of titles at the Bishop Auckland Disability Grand Prix.

Amy Gittings - Qualifying for the English Schools National finals. Representing South Yorkshire in the Junior County Champs.

Chloe De La Fontaine - Representing Lincolnshire Junior 2nd team

Darcie Proud - Winning 3 u13 2* events in a row (Blitz 2*, Chandlers 2* Bishop 2*), Blitz 2* Cadet Winner & Bishop 2* Cadet R/U, Blackpool 4* u13 R/U, achieving a new high ranking of no2 in u13, no15 in u15 & no37 in u18. East Mids u15 Inter Regional Winner. Representing Lincolnshire Junior 1st team.

Elliott Lawson - Competing in his first table tennis competition

Sam Phillips - Competing very well at Inter Regional Championships

Steven Johnson - Worksop League Doubles R/U

Tom McIntosh - Bishop Auckland 2* Cadet runner up. Gaining Promotion with Notts Junior 1st team. Worksop league Mens Singles R/U, Doubles R/U & Handicap Singles R/U. Reaching no10 in u15 national rankings.



Facebook / Newspaper Reports

Please check out our Facebook page for regular club updates. Like and Forward to as many people as you can to promote our club. Anyone with any news/photos or achievements please send to Paul Gittings or via Facebook to include in reports online and in the local press.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Paul Johnson - Head Coach