

Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells & District Table Tennis League

Newsletter Five – January

Congratulations to Leigh A on winning Division One. They beat Otford B 8-2 in the final game of 2013 to win the title as they finished above Byng Hall A by two points. As a mark of how close this division is, Leigh A were the only team to win more than half their games. Even then one of their losses was to bottom side Teen & Twenty A!

Division two concluded when Leigh B travelled to play Otford D on the 17th December. Leigh needed eight points to take second place and got them with games to spare, eventually winning 9-1.

Byng Hall B's Andrew Hancock has easily had the biggest rating increase of the first half. His increase of 310 easily beats the combined efforts of his three nearest rivals – Laurence Muscat with 96, Neil Marsden with 93 and Jasmin Ould with 80.

Two more rearrangements have been made to the schedule since the last newsletter. Otford B vs Leigh A will now be played on Wednesday 19th March and Leigh B vs Teen & Twenty B will now take place on Monday 24th March.

December saw the end of the handicap competition. Leigh J fell at the final hurdle trying to defend their title as they lost to Byng Hall B. Otford E finished third with their C team fourth. Otford D beat Leigh D to fifth place and Leigh C managed to avoid the wooden spoon when they won at Teen & Twenty C.

The doubles competition will now replace the handicap competition as the league's secondary competition for the remainder of the season. Individuals have now entered and have been sent details of the next stage in the process. Don't forget the closing date for team entries is the 15th January 2014 so make sure you've sorted yourself out with a team well before then!

So far this season, I have neglected to mention any of our league's veterans' teams! So here goes...

The league currently runs two teams in the Kent League. This used to be a veterans' competition but now there aren't any age restrictions (as far as I know). As at the 1st December, our B team were top of Division Two with our A team close behind in second. This was due in part to the B team of Roger Pingram, Ming Majoe and Sam Smith beating the A side of Dean Chipperfield, Mark Heaton and Steve Day 7-3. However, both teams have played a game more than Sittingbourne A and Maidstone B so might not find themselves quite so high up after they've played their games in hand. David Cowlen and Carol Day have also played for the B team whilst Malcolm Cole, Brian Lees and Johns Davison and Lynch have also played for the As. To stay more up to date than I've been keeping you, go to www.kctta.co.uk and navigate to the Kent League section.

The league also entered a team in to the Kent Intermediate Team Tournament on Sunday 10th November. The format struck me as a tad confusing so I'm not going to try to attempt an explanation! The bottom line was that our team of Ming Majoe, Roger Pingram and Sue Sullivan won their group beating Maidstone A, Folkestone B, Ashford and Canterbury A. Unfortunately that was as far as they went, losing to Canterbury B in the semi finals.

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