

Bristol Civil Service

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Newsletter

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Happy New Year from the Chairman

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and new year, and am pleased to start 2012 with the relaunch of our newsletter. I'm heartened to see so many players coming up to the club on Sunday evenings – it's good that there is so much interest in table tennis and in our club.

The committee is pushing for the completion of improvements to the hall and I would ask you to read Paul Barlow's request for volunteers in the next column, and to respond to it if you can. Please pass on to him any ideas you have for further improvements to our facilities, and any other issues that you may be concerned about; these can be included in our committee meetings.

We have some players who are injured or ill at this time, and my thoughts are with them. I hope that they are on the road to recovery and that they will soon be playing again.

I wish all members of the BCSTTC success and enjoyment in their table tennis for the remainder of the season.

Marcus Berry

Volunteers needed!

You will be aware that a lot of work has been done over the last year or so to improve the table tennis club room, with the dual aims of creating a warm environment for spectators and a committee meeting room. You can see the room here in its present state. The next stage will involve installing plasterboard and a dropped ceiling and volunteers are needed on Wednesday 15 February (subject to availability of delivery), to carry the plasterboard upstairs and help with the renovation under the guidance of Tony Nelson, an experienced tradesman.



Please contact Paul Barlow (paulbarlow@blueyonder.co.uk, 07799 222510



day or evening) if you would be able to help with this. Your time and muscle power will be much appreciated!

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Fees

First 6 visits cost £3.50 per session

After 6 visits you must apply to become an Associate Member of the Civil Service Sports Club (£42.00 p.a.)

Membership of the Civil Service Table Tennis Club is £18.00 p.a.

Sessions for Associate Members cost £1.50 per session

Remember:

- Please put the tables and nets away tidily
- Only plastic glasses and bottles upstairs, please

Bristol and District Hard Bat Tournament

Saturday 14th January 2012

The Bristol Civil Service Table Tennis Club was well represented in the fifth Hard Bat competition this year, with 10 players competing in a very enjoyable day of noisy play! After the initial group matches, Mark Kinlocke, Rob Chandler, Bryan Taylor, Sven Pettersson and Andy Boucher continued into the Cup competition, and Paul Barlow, Terry Toghill, Ken Simmons, Marcus Berry and Charlotte



Taylor carried on into the Plate. Rob and Paul got to the quarter-finals, Sven and Terry reached the semi-finals and Marcus beat Mike Withyman to win the plate competition. He was presented with the cup and a new silver salver for the Plate competition winner to be called the James Hamilton Hard Bat trophy.

The main competition was won, in a very exciting and hard-fought final, by

Martin Gunn against Dave Reeves. The trophies were presented by Duncan Jones, Chairman of the BDTTA.

Full details and point-by-point commentary can be found on the BDTTA website at <http://bdtta.org/>



February Half Term Table Tennis Training

Bristol Academy, Filton College, WISE campus, Stoke Gifford.

Bristol Table Tennis Academy is running a training camp in February for players of all ages who want to improve their game. Monday 13 February or Tuesday 14 February, 10.00–15.00 @ £12 per day.

Contact Choi Sze To for more details:



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Bristol Closed Championship

Sunday 19 February at Filton College, WISE campus

The closing date for entries is Tuesday 31 January. You may enter up to four events. Don't wait until the last minute to send in your entry form!

**Entry forms and fees to be sent to:-
Julian Elsbury,
81 Gloucester Road,
Thornbury,
Bristol
BS35 1JH**

Coaching Sessions at BCSTTC:

Juniors: Saturday afternoon 13.00–14.30 @ £3.00 per session with coach **Daniel Kolesnik** (ETTA Level 2 coach).

Advanced: Friday 19.30–21.30 @ £7.00 per session with coach Daniel Kolesnik, supported by Marcus Berry and Mark Kinlocke.

See a message from Dan in the next column.

Civil Service team reports—the Civil Service is fielding 9 teams this season throughout the divisions from the Premier Division to Division 8

Premier division – Raiders

Following a 4th promotion the Raiders team of Chris Price, Darren Bagnall and Andy Boucher have been strengthened this season adding England ranked 17 Garth Kinlocke to our team in the top flight of the Bristol league. After a very slow start and the fact

that we have had four postponed fixtures we are just above the relegation places with 2 wins, 2 draws and 4 loses. Garth is the outstanding player having only lost 2 matches to Martin Gunn of Almonds and Brian Reeves of Failand. I am confident the team can push on and pick up enough points to keep the team in the Prem in

our first season.

Andy Boucher

Premier division –

Nomads

Nomads have struggled in the Premier Div and are in danger of relegation. The stand out player is Dan Kolesnik who is near the top of the player averages.

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Table tennis club committee

Chairman

Marcus Berry

Deputy Chairman

Mark Kinlocke

Secretary

Paul Barlow

Treasurer

Richard Oram

Welfare Officer

Terry Toghill

Publicity Officer

Charlotte Taylor

How I see coaching—Dan Kolesnik

I'm surprised how many players in Bristol league have been playing table tennis for many years but don't try to improve their game. Perhaps nobody has ever showed them a better way. Our club has a great opportunity to improve players' performance as it is fully equipped and has dedicated level 2 coaches. On Friday nights a small group of 6–8 are focussing on improving their game. We're trying to replace their old playing habits with new and better ones. Already Friday coaching is paying off as players have improved their averages and some of them have won against opponents they never thought they would beat. At the moment we still have some places but we would like it to keep relatively limited as smaller groups improve faster. If you'd like to attend some of the sessions or discuss the possibilities please contact Marcus Berry.

Civil Service team reports continued

Division 1 – Saracens

Saracens are adjusting well to life in Div 1, with a team average of 5 points per match. Saracens are 7th in the division, having won 3, drawn 3 and lost 4. Rob Kendall is the most successful player in the team so far, with an average of 87.5%

Rob Kendall

Division 2 –

Gladiators

Gladiators have had a challenging start to the season with regulars Mark and Richard being unfit to play due to illness. Dick and Bob have carried the flag in their absence ably supported by colleagues

Rich Cable on around 50% and me on about 79% in the player averages. Despite 4 losses, we managed to pick up points in 6–4 reverses and found ourselves in 2nd place at one stage having played the same amount of matches as teams below us.

From then on, we managed 2 draws to halt the defeats both against teams above us, taking a 100% record in the process and we managed to finish the first half of the season with 2 big wins which left us in 5th place. Mickael Durand has now joined the

from lower divisions who often outshone the div 2 regulars. Many thanks Gary, Stuart, Paul and Terry for your support.

However, in spite of all our efforts and some great table tennis being played we are currently propping up the division. Luckily Mark will be back with us in the New Year and hopefully we can begin to move up the table.

Bob Hindle

Division 2 – Warriors

There have been injuries to players in the Warriors team most notably to Geoff Dyer – the

Saxons at the beginning of December and looks destined to play higher at some point.

Paul Barlow

Division 7 – Cavaliers

The Cavaliers are well into their second season after being promoted with a 3 man team as champions.

This year is also looking good with a solid 5 man team, at present we are second with a good 12 point advantage over our closest rivals. Robert Dixon has an impressive 84.61% average with the other players chopping at his heels

team captain who is likely to miss most of the season. The same people that have helped the Gladiators have also been called up for the Warriors to fill in when needed and the Vikings and Saxons players teams are mostly now at their limit of playing up without becoming permanent. **Paul Barlow**

Division 3 – Vikings

Vikings were promoted to Division 3 and have had an encouraging first half of the season, winning 7, drawing 1 and losing 2. The core of the team is Tim Harris, Terry Toghill and Stuart Murray Williams, but

and ready to smash him for the top spot. With over half the season completed the team are starting to believe that back to back promotions are looking a possibility.

Martyn Bryan

Division 8 – Partizans

The Partizans are a new team, playing in the league for the first time. We have experienced some real highs and lows – we started with a 9–1 victory but were brought straight back down to earth the next week with a 1–9 defeat. Overall we have played

three others players have contributed and Gary Luchman will be joining the team for the rest of the season. Tim has the highest average but Terry has improved with each match and feels he is playing the best table tennis of his life.

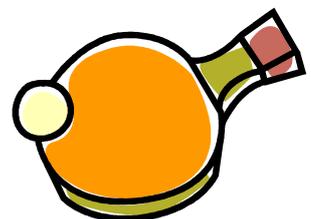
Stuart Murray-Williams

Division 4 – Saxons

We started off fairly poorly losing 4 out of our first 5 matches with our only decent result coming in a 9-1 win away to Filton Pegasus. During this time, Dean Barmby and Terry Ridsdale struggled a bit with

9 matches, won 6 and lost 3, and at the end of the year are 6th out of the 11 teams in the division. We are lucky to have six players to call on (John, Joe, Radek, Mark, Steve and me), and we're all enjoying it. Radek has the highest average with 88.89%.

Charlotte Taylor



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Our website at
<http://bristol-cssc-tabletennis.weebly.com/index.html> will
be updated soon!



More information?

If you have any questions about any aspect of table tennis at the Bristol Civil Service Table Tennis Club—membership, coaching, costs, how to get involved in a team, what happens at club night on a Sunday—please get in touch with Marcus Berry at

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CSSC Table Tennis Taster Day

We are holding a **Table Tennis Taster Day** which will be open to all members of the Civil Service Club and their families.

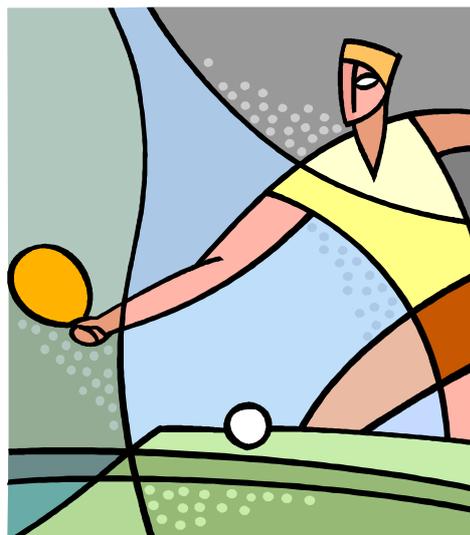
It will be held from **5pm to 10pm on Friday 23rd March**, when visitors can drop in, have a knock, find out about the Table Tennis club, watch an exhibition match, ask about coaching, chat with members. Free snacks and hot drinks will be served... **so please come, for some, if not all of the time, and play – and stay to help!**

Any help which you can give would be much appreciated.

This is our chance to encourage new players to our sport and we may even find a new Table Tennis star or some league players.

For more information, please contact Terry Toghill at

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If you have any comments on this newsletter, or items for the next one, please contact Charlotte:

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