

## Chairman's message

First of all, I would like to pass my thanks to the club's league and regular 'pay as you play' players for your continued support of Thornbury Table Tennis Club. I hope that you all look forward to visiting the club as I believe that we offer a very unique and friendly environment for those that wish to play at a social level or progress onto competitive Table Tennis within the top local leagues. Obviously, none of this is possible without the involvement of the volunteers that sit on our club committee, so my special thanks go out to those people as without them, there is no club.

I'm glad to report that we have enjoyed great successes on a league and social front since the last newsletter. Some of the highlights were;

- ◆ gaining promotion to the Bristol Premier Division at the end of the 2011/12 season and retaining this position to the present day. In fact, at the half way point this season, the A team sat at the top of the table! Time will tell whether they manage to stay there until the end of the season in May?
- ◆ continuing to field three teams in the Stroud & District league.
- ◆ unprecedented success in the 2011/12 season with both team and individual silverware being won at local league and county level.
- ◆ continuing to hold the Junior tournament and introducing a new tournament for our Senior 'Social' players. The intention is to continue to run these on an annual basis as well as introducing an end of season 'hard bat' competition.
- ◆ regularly seeing a full hall on a Monday with 12 tables being used and players waiting for their turn!

Future plans include

- ◆ the appointment of a Coach that will work with Junior's wanting to learn the game and Senior's that are looking to improve. These sessions will commence on Monday 10th March at 6.45pm and our coach is a current international player, so tell all your friends!
- ◆ the creation of a social 'league ladder'. This is in response to feedback received after the inaugural social tournament.

*Julian*

## Secretary's message

Well I haven't got much more to add to Julz's message, however I would like to support his comment on the strength of numbers on a Monday evening. It's great to see so many people playing together.....and visibly enjoying the game and their opponents company, we have a great club! Don't forget we are trying to promote recreational play on a Wednesday, so should you wish to find out more about Wednesdays let me, Julz or one of your committee know and we'll point you in the right direction!

Your committee consists of:

Julian Elsbury—Chairman and Club Development

Tracy Dibble—Secretary    Ian Maggs—Club Captain    Gary Worsfold— Treasurer

Graham Eden    Will Poulton    Kim Morris

A reminder for you to register with the ETTA (English Table Tennis Association), it only costs £4 for recreational players, this is an annual fee but will need to be renewed in September.

We are hoping to promote the introduction of a coach to our club with an exhibition type event so watch this space!

Take care and keeeeeeeeeeep playing!

*Tracy*

### BRIGHT IDEAS

If you have an idea which you feel would improve the club or the 'visitor experience', please speak to Tracy or Julian. Alternatively, send your idea on an email to; [info@thornburymtabletennisclub.co.uk](mailto:info@thornburymtabletennisclub.co.uk)



### TABLE TENNIS FACT OF THE DAY

During the 1936 World Championships in Prague, there was a point played that lasted over an hour and consisted of over 12,000 shots!! How would we ever get to The Anchor on time if it was like that today!

