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## Welcome to the Rowhedge Summer update

A warm welcome to all club members. We are just at the stage of planning the clubs playing programme for the coming season. For most of you this means the Colchester League, but we also have teams in Senior British League, National Junior and Cadet Leagues. In this newsletter there are updates regarding club, League and National (ETTA) items. Special points of interest are listed on the left and details of each item are listed under Inside

this Issue. Don't forget the Rowhedge website which will also be a communication route for the club.

### Player News - Jane Li

It has already been reported on the Colchester League website but we would like to add our congratulations to Jane Li who won the under-12 girls event in the national finals held at the Dome, Doncaster over the weekend of the 30th April / 1st May. In the final Jane was unstoppable

winning in 4 sets over Denise Payet, the number 3= seed. This is an excellent achievement! All told Jane had to play 8 matches to secure the title. We are chuffed to bits for Jane who started her playing career at Rowhedge and played for the club in the League these past two seasons as well as forming the nucleus of our cadet side in 2009/10. Keep an eye out for the name in the ETTA national news.



## Club Development - your support needed

We have a strong committee in place which meets at least 4 times a year. We are considering how we can develop the club and the following are some ideas coming through:-

- Saturday morning coaching
- Coaching course financial

### support

### Top 12 events

We need your feedback and support on these and any other ideas, suggestions you may have. Please speak to a committee member to introduce your ideas etc.

**Enjoy, playing, umpiring, volunteering, coaching. Support Rowhedge TTC.**

## Club AGM - 27th May-11

The Chairman reported a surplus of just under £150 however this is after taking account of sponsorship income and donations of just over £1600. Without this additional income we would be facing a deficit of just over £1450. If you wish to see a full set of accounts please speak to a member of the committee. There was one new rule and three amended rules passed

at the AGM, all of which related to the implementation of ETTA Individual Membership. If you wish to receive a revised club constitution please speak to a member of the committee.

We are pleased to welcome two new committee members in the form of Nigel Claydon and Daryl Lott.



**Look after your equipment, both your own and the clubs.**

Rowhedge Table Tennis Club is an





## Backhand serve

**Our target this year must be to consolidate a place in Senior British League division three**



## Membership Fees

Club membership fees are now due. Payment covers the period from 1st September - 31st August each year. Last year we introduced an early payment discount if paid by the 31st August. We continue with that offer this year .

### Fees –Option 1

**Senior £108** (Full year) can be paid by 12 monthly payments via standing order. £100 if paid by 31st August.

**Junior £60** (Full year) can be paid by 12 monthly payments via standing order. £55 if paid

by 31st August.

### Fees—Option 2

**Senior £15** (Full year) + £3 per club visit, practice or matches.

**Junior £7.50** (Full year) + £2 per club visit, practice or match.

Please note that additional fees will be required for National Cadet League, National Junior League and Senior British League matches.

**Cheques should be made payable to Rowhedge Ta-**

**ble Tennis Club and given to Club Treasurer John Andrews or Club Secretary Alan Burgess**

### Fees direct to ETTA

#### ETTA Individual Membership

Seniors £6.00

Juniors £3.00

#### Non Playing ETTA Membership

Seniors £3.00

## British League

In 2010-11 season the club made it's first foray into the Senior British League. Division four south was our allocation with all matches taking place at weekends in Horsham, West Sussex. The nucleus of the team was to be Steve Joslin, Michael Andrews, Antony Greenwood and Andrew Mudie with Alan Burgess and John Andrews substituting as needed. Steve Joslin made a bold prediction at the start of the campaign stating "Our target is to gain promotion from British League Division Four South" Well the team did indeed gain promotion but it was by the closest of margins, a count back of sets. So in the

end we beat Crusaders to the title by one set. It had been thought that promotion from the bottom division would be easy but of course there were other new teams also looking to gain promotion. Morpeth for example had the no 37 ranked player in the county (Victor Shi) in their team. Needless to say he remained unbeaten.

Steve Joslin won player of the year for the division.

You will be able to follow the teams progress this year on the Senior British League site at [www.tabletennis365.com/sbl](http://www.tabletennis365.com/sbl) and it is still possible to see the teams results from last year including individual

performances, on that site.

This year we are in Division 3.

The playing squad will comprise once again this year Steve Joslin, Michael Andrews, Antony Greenwood, Andrew Mudie, Alan Burgess and John Andrews.

It is expensive to enter a team in British League and we pleased and grateful for the support from Property Street Estate Agents who are based in Chelmsford but cover the whole of Essex. For British League only the team will be called Property Street Rowhedge.

## Family Concessions for club membership

A family concession of 20% is available this year.

### How it works

One family member pays the full fee and all other family members will receive a 20% concession on their membership.

If one adult + one junior membership then the adult membership is charged at the full fee.

e.g: One Adult @ £108. A second adult member would pay £86.40. A second junior member would pay £48

Discounted membership still

applies if paid by 31st August and the family concession can be taken if paying by standing order. The So payment must run for the full 12 months or the full payment whichever is sooner.

## Club Activity

Hopefully you are all aware of when the club operates, in fact we are pretty much open all year, but just in case this is our playing programme.

**Monday 8pm – 10pm** (all year except bank holidays) Junior Coaching.

**Thursday 8am – 11pm** September – March. Colchester League and practice

**Friday 8am – 11pm** Septem-

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**\*\* Thursday 8am – 10pm**  
May – June. Handicap Summer League

**Friday 8am – 10pm** April – August. Practice

\*\* A new event introduced 2008-09 season.

Having said we are open all year we are reviewing opening

July/August and in particular whether we continue to run Junior Coaching on Mondays. There have been times when numbers are very low which perhaps suggests a short break in the club coaching programme would be acceptable. We should welcome feedback on this from club members on their thoughts. Practice sessions on Fridays continue to be popular.



**Don't forget to clean your bats surface each time you play and during a match if necessary**

## National Cadet & Junior League Teams

We plan to enter two teams again this year in the above competitions and will be contacting our younger players to confirm they wish to take part. These competitions are the first step in playing competitive matches and are a great way to get started with coaching support being provided by Rowhedge. Player Licences are required for at least three players in each team, with

remaining players only requiring ETTA membership, a slight change from last year.

### National Cadet League (Venue-NETTS, Earls Colne)

Cadets—(Qualifying age under 15 @1st Jan-2012)

Dates:- (all Sundays)

16th October 2011  
11th December 2011  
5th February 2012 and

25th March 2012

### National Junior League (Venue-Wensum, Norwich)

Juniors—(Qualifying age under 18 @1st Jan-2012)

Dates:- (all Saturdays)

5th November 2011  
26th November 2011  
28th January 2012 and  
3rd March 2012

**National Cadet League—First match on the 16th October NETTS, Earls Colne**

**National Junior League—First match on the 5th November Wensum, Norwich**

## ETTA East Blog Page

<http://updates.etta.tv/east/>

This is a good site to bookmark since it keeps you up to

date with what is happening in the Eastern Region. There is always updates coming through from the East Region Coach plus information on

coaching courses, umpires seminars etc. Set it as an RSS feed onto your computer so you never miss another post.



**Junior Umpires are a vital ingredient to ensure the smooth running of NCL and NJL. It's good fun too!**

## ETTA Individual Membership

This was a significant change last year with players moving onto an ETTA Individual Membership (IM) from the long established team based affiliation system. Most players may not have realised anything had changed since the club and League administered IM on their behalf. Last years September-10 newsletter outlined the changes which can still be viewed and downloaded from the club website.

**So what is different this year.**

All players who took part in League matches last year or were members of the club from September-10 should have received a letter from the ETTA with their membership card and also how to renew their membership for this season. The letter will have arrived in the last couple of weeks. During the next month players should log on to the ETTA website and renew their membership. The fee this year is £6 for senior players and £3 for juniors. If you play in competition other than local league, for example Senior British League,

National Cadet or Junior League then you will need a player licence which is £26 for senior players and £13 for juniors. All club members are obliged to have ETTA membership. To take out membership go to the ETTA website at [www.etta.co.uk](http://www.etta.co.uk) and select the large Renew or Get your membership button in the centre of the home page and follow the guidance provided. If you have a query regarding this process please speak to

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**British League Team Captain:** Michael Andrews

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**British League Team Sponsor**

We welcome new sponsor Property Street Estate Agents who are based in Chelmsford but cover the whole of Essex and would like to record our thanks for their support of the new Rowhedge British League Team.

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