



Introduction

Welcome to a new season at Rowhedge Table Tennis Club. This newsletter is to tell you the latest news from the club and also ask you for any feedback whatsoever on the contents then don't hold back speak to any of the Committee members Alan Burgess, John Andrews, David Moss, David Cole or Kevin Gowlett, or send in an e-mail.

RTTC in the League

We're pleased to say that H2O Kitchens and Bathrooms are continuing with their sponsorship once again this year, so we remain under the banner of H2O Rowhedge. Our sincere thanks go to them for their continuing support.

Once again we have a mixture of experienced and new teams, sounds better than young and old doesn't it. So we wish everyone the best of luck for the coming season. To help all players we thought we should set out some do's and don'ts to help you at the club.

- Please arrive early enough to assist in the set-up of tables and surrounds. With the fold and roll tables we use it does not take long. Two people should be involved in the set-up of a table to ensure it is done safely.
- Please remember to lock the table tops into position. This is the red metal strap under the table edge, at one end only.
- Check the match list displayed on the notice in the lobby to confirm the number of tables required. Normally all four are put up to allow for two matches and two practice tables.
- Every club player is responsible to ensure the matches start on time. We have dispensation from the League to start of 8pm. Since we only have access to the hall at 8pm we operate within a very tight timeframe. Do not abuse the dispensation.
- At the start of a match evening all tables should be used to ensure all teams present can practise prior to the start of a match. Once that practise is over the tables are to be released to those players who are at the club for a practise session.
- Please be involved in clearing up at the end of an evening, don't leave all the work to the last team or teams playing. Stay and help. This request extends to washing and drying of the cups provided for refreshments.

Team Captains

We would just like to take a moment and say a big thank you to all the H2O Rowhedge Team Captains. They do a vital job. Please support them by letting them know your availability well in advances of matches due to be played.

A-Team	Alan Burgess	B-Team	Mike Andrews
C-Team	David Moss	D-Team	Fred Button
E-Team	Peter Giles	F-Team	Edward Rudge
G-Team	Darryl Lott	H-Team	Alan Burgess

Sponsors

Thanks are also due to our Sponsors H2O Kitchens & Bathrooms. Their support is greatly appreciated. So if you are in the market for a new Kitchen or Bathroom give them a visit. See their advert in the Colchester League handbook for more details.

Premier Club - Club Mark

Almost from the moment RTTC was formed we have had PremierClub status. It demonstrates that we are able to do that bit more for Table Tennis in the Colchester and we are very proud that we have been able to maintain that status with the English Table Tennis Association. We are now looking to achieve Clubmark



Status. This will mean among other things that a new avenue for funding would become available to the club. We are very close to achieving this with just two courses needed. These are arranged for September and October this year. You should be aware that John Andrews is now the ETTA East Regional Development Officer so we hope he will help achieve our goal of clubmark.

Volunteers

Currently the Club operates with a Committee of five, John Andrews, Alan Burgess, David Moss, Kevin Gowlett and David Cole. Of course we do not forget the support of the Team Captains. However we would like to strengthen the Committee with one or two new faces. There are a variety of roles available. Between the five of us, we try to cover them as far as possible but as you would expect one or two things are overlooked from time to time. So if you fancy joining the Committee, just speak to Alan, John, Kevin or one of the Davids.

Coaching

We hope to get a couple people through a Coaching Course this year. Mike Shore and Greg Green. Greg has taken a sabbatical from RTTC and joined St Mary's however he remains committed to the coaching at Rowhedge.

New Shirts

Some of you will have seen the very smart new shirts which are now available for the princely sum of £5. They are subsidised by the club. If you wish to purchase a second shirt they will be at the full price of £20. Hmm, two shirts for £25 is not bad value. Think about it. If you have yet to receive your subsidised shirt, speak to John Andrews.

Tracksuit tops

We are also looking to supply Tracksuit tops. They will be a similar colour scheme to the club shirts. Samples will be available very soon, keep an eye out for the models at the club. We expect them to be around £40 each.

2008 Colchester League

There is a continuing success with the junior coaching sessions on Monday nights, then the successes of our teams in the league, cup tournaments and the individual achievements in the Colchester tournament.

On the league front in the 1st. division we finished 1st 2nd and 4th with the A, B and C teams respectively. In the 2nd division, Rowhedge D and E finished 3rd and 4th respectively. In Division 3 Rowhedge F finished bottom and should therefore be relegated. The Division 4 sides, G & H, finished out of the bottom two with the youngsters of H team finishing above G.

In the cup tournaments the C team were successful in the Kiltie Cup, and runners up in the Handicap Cup. We were also winners (F) and runners up (H) in the Handicap Doubles Cup. An excellent reward for the leagues' major club.

In the Colchester Tournament we had representation in every match on finals night, where we had 11 winners and 15 runners-up in the 19 various tournament categories. The only final that we did not contest was Division 3 Singles. RTTC members shown in orange.

	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runners Up</u>
Mens Singles -	Dave Cole	Michael Andrews
Mens Doubles -	Dave Cole/Fred Button	John Andrews/David Moss
Ladies Singles-	Sian Cooke	Holly Stubbings
Ladies Doubles-	Sue Welham/ Marlene Smith	Holly Stubbings/ Eleni Manelisake



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Mixed Doubles -	Sue Welham/Gary Young	Holly Stubbings/ Greg Green
Veterans Over 60's -	Alan Burgess	Ian Whiteside
Veterans Over 50's -	John Andrews	Ian Whiteside
Veterans Over 40's -	Dave Cole	David Moss
Junior Boys Singles	Mike Shore	Andrew McEwan
Junior Girls Singles -	Sian Cooke	Holly Stubbings
Junior Doubles -	Greg Green/Andrew McEwan	Dale Young/Daryl Lott
Cadet Singles -	Mark Smith	Andrew Harvey
Division 2 Singles -	Sian Cooke	Fred Button
Division 3 Singles -	Mark Noble	Daniel Farrow
Division 4 Singles -	Mark Smith	Andrew Harvey
Senior Handicap Singles -	Daniel Farrow	Phil Smith
Senior Handicap Doubles -	Daniel Farrow/Jimmy Farrow	Phil Smith/Antony Greenwood
Junior Handicap Singles -	Andrew McEwan	Mark Smith
Junior Handicap Doubles -	Andrew Harvey/ Grant Donaldson	Brett Ansell/ Tom Lewis

Web Sites

Colchester:-

www.colchestertabletennis.org.uk/

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