

## NEWS

ITTTA League news reports are by Liam Hazelton unless indicated otherwise

20.08.16

### **Coaching sessions are moving**

The coaching sessions will be moving from the Ursuline Sports College to St Anthonys School Sports Hall as of Thursday 8th September 2016. View the coaching page for more details.

22.06.16

### **Winter Season Team Applications**

The team membership application form for the forthcoming season is now available via the forms page

30.04.16

### **Charles Church**

This is to inform our members of the very sad news that Charles Church passed away recently. Charles was always good natured and as a player he also encouraged others to take up the game. He will be missed by the many members who knew him.

13.04.16

### **Cockney Rebels Handicap**

Details of this event can be found on the page for Other Competitions (associated photos are in the Gallery page)

04.03.16

### **Closed Championships 2016**

Visit the Championships page for this year's results

26.02.16

### **Closed Tournament Preview**

This year's Thanet Closed Tournament is fast approaching, and with the computer calculated draws done, it's time to take a look at how the front runners will fare and who will be the players to watch on the day!

In the Open Singles, Ian Mileham will be looking to retain his title which he won last year after a comprehensive victory against John Ferguson. It was looking like he would have a major hurdle in the form of Dave Jeavons, but the number two seed had to pull out last minute, leaving the door at a more obtuse angle. Instead, the number three seed Simon Hillier has a relatively straight forward route to the semi-final, and will be looking to reach the final.

In the Division 2 competition, Paul Whittaker will start as red hot favourite having had a flawless season in the league, and looks primed to walk away with the trophy. In order to do this, he may have to face Rob Pugh in the final.

Division 3 has sadly seen a drop in entrants in recent years. However, with the arrival of the juniors, and some ex-division two names in the fray, it looks to be an interesting event. Denise Whalen starts as favourite, but in order to take the trophy, she will have to defeat the likes of Henry Mileham, Hugo Ursell, Joel Rogers, and Harry Brown, no easy task.

The Open Doubles is always one of the most entertaining competitions to watch, and this year is no different. Number one seeds John Ferguson and Chris Hearn will be fairly confident they can reach their first doubles final, but are likely to face some stubborn resistance from Ron Rowley and Mike Chapman in the semis. Should they qualify for the final, they will be facing either Simon Hillier/Andy Roberts or Keith Clark/Dean Harris for what would be a cracking finale.

In the Vets singles, Ian Mileham will be looked upon as the favourite, but he'll come under fire from the likes of John Ferguson, Keith Clark and Ron Rowley, all of which capable of taking the title.

An event still in its infancy (excuse the pun) is the Senior Veterans category. Like last year the two likely finalists are division 1 stalwarts Keith Clark and Danny Lansdown who will reach the final virtually untested, and will provide an interesting spectacle for the night of the finals.

The Ladies event sees a slight increase of entries from five to seven, but not including Adrija or Sharon meaning that there could be some heated semi-final exchanges between the likes of Sheena Stevens, Denise Whalen, Becki Stevens and possibly even the girls who are debuting this year.

20.10.15

### **Coaching Sessions!**

Visit our Coaching page for exciting news about our new evening sessions for all players.

05.09.15

### **Winter Season Handbooks**

The new handbooks are available from the Forms page

## **EVENTS**

Event 28.02.16

### **Closed Championships 2016**

This season's event is scheduled for Sunday 28th February at the Ramsgate Leisure Centre 8:45am prompt.

Event 04.03.16

### **Finals Night - Closed Championships 2016**

This is to be held for all competition categories at the Odd Fellows Hall Ramsgate on Friday 4th March commencing 7pm prompt.

Event 05.04.16

### **Quickenden/Burden Cup Final**

This is scheduled to occur starting 7.30pm at the Odds Ramsgate.

Event 25.04.16

### **Summer Competition 2016**

The start of the competition is 25th April.

Event 14.05.16

### **Presentation Evening**

The annual ITTTA Presentation Evening will be held at The Odds, High Street, Ramsgate commencing 7.30pm.

Event 22.06.16

### **2016 AGM**

This year's Annual General Meeting is to be held at the Hartsdown Centre on Wednesday 22nd June commencing at 8pm (Minutes from 2015 AGM will be provided at the event).

Event 17.07.16

### **Service and receive Coaching course**

Chestfield Warriors are running a 4hr Service course by Craig Bryant on Sunday the 17th July and still have places left. Cost £20 incl food. Arrive 9-45 for 10am start. If interested email [jwickings@gmail.com](mailto:jwickings@gmail.com)

## **FORUM**

Forum 29.01.16

### **Heartsdown Friday night Table Tennis**

My step son has just come home from his Friday night club, which is closing on the 26th Feb. I am not sure why, are there any other clubs on any nights in Thanet. Phil Adams.

Forum 02.02.16

Hi Phil. The Friday session that I have been running has been shut down due to a committee decision to pool our resources all into one coaching session. We have been running two separate sessions up to now, the other being at Ursuline sports hall on Thursdays between 5pm and 8pm. It has been decided that this is the better/more important event and so I have been asked to close Friday down and encourage the kids to swap over. I realise that this may be inconvenient for many, but I hope you can make it. Sorry for the inconvenience, and hopefully see you and your son on Thursdays :) If you need extra details, this is the contact number for our leader Simon Hillier 07825336361. Liam.