

Summer League Rules 2010.

1. Each team to consist of 2 players. Each player plays 2 singles and one doubles match.[A third player can be used for the Doubles.]
2. Each match is best of 3 sets,
3. Each set won is worth one league point.
4. Each player has a handicap allocated by the organising committee. This handicap can be changed during the Summer League season at the discretion of the organising committee. All handicaps will be reviewed after the first 3 or 4 matches of the season.
5. Each set is normally played up to 25 points when both players have a zero or plus handicap.
6. Each player has 5 serves in a row.
7. If a set is level at 24 points each the next point wins. You do not have to get 2 points in front to win the set.
8. Division 1 players with a minus handicap play their sets up to 25 plus their handicap so if a player has a handicap of minus 2 the set goes up to 27 or if minus 6 the set goes up to 31 etc.
9. A player with a minus handicap playing a player with a plus handicap means the plus handicap player starts with the minus handicap of his opponent added to his score so if player A has a minus 4 handicap and player B has a plus 9 handicap player B starts the set 13 zero [minus 4 plus 9] in front and each set is played up to 29 points [25 plus minus 4].
10. In the Doubles the handicap is decided by adding the 2 players handicap together and then dividing it in half e.g. if player A has a handicap of minus 2 and his partner player B has a handicap of plus 8 [minus 2 plus 8 = 6 divided by 2 = 3 as the pairs handicap.] or if player A has a handicap of minus 2 and player B has a handicap of plus 13 [minus 2 plus 13 = 11 divided by 2 = 5 and a half which is rounded up to 6 as the pairs handicap]. Remember half numbers always go up to work out the handicap.[The handicap is the mid point between the 2 numbers added together eg -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 so 3 is the mid point and the pair's handicap.]
11. Please fill in all result cards clearly and leave them in the box at the end of the game or give them to one of the organising committee if they are present that evening.
12. Both team captains must sign the completed result card to verify the final score.
13. Unless otherwise agreed both teams should share as equally as possible the cost of lighting.
14. Eight teams will go through to the Quarter Finals. This will be the top two teams from each night's league if , like last year, we have 4 leagues on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If we only have 3 leagues the top 2 from each night's league plus the two best third place teams will go through to the Quarter Finals. This will be finalised when we know exactly how many teams have entered.

15. Every effort must be made to play games on the scheduled evening. In an emergency a team may 'borrow' a player from another team and that player uses their own handicap when playing for a different team. No player may play more than twice for another team.
16. A game can only be rearranged on another evening with the agreement of both captains and the Summer League Committee who must be informed as soon as possible of any rearrangements.
17. If a team fails to turn up for a scheduled match without notifying their opponents they concede that game 10-0 unless the organising committee decide otherwise. An unexpected emergency stopping a team playing for example could lead the committee to decide the game should be played later but this would only happen in extreme cases.
18. Five pound entry fees must be paid by the end of May 2010 to any of the Summer League Committee members. Teams who have not paid by the stated date run the risk of being deducted points as a first sanction and then excluded from the League if payment is still not made.
19. Matches should start at 7. 30 pm.
20. Tokens for the lights should be collected from the same ITTA members as in the Winter League and Captains should be responsible for having the required tokens.

As always play competitively and do your best to win but also play sportingly and respect your opponents in the game you are playing and show proper consideration for people playing on any other tables so that everybody can enjoy the Summer League in 2010.

Summer Competition 2010 Fixtures - Monday & Wednesday								
W/C	10 th May	17 th May	24 th May	31 st May	7 th June	14 th June	21 st June	28 th June
1 Plays	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	
2	7	6	5	4	3	8	1	
3	6	5	4	8	2	1	7	
4	5	8	3	2	1	7	6	
5	4	3	2	1	7	6	8	
6	3	2	1	7	8	5	4	
7	2	1	8	6	5	4	3	
8	1	4	7	3	6	2	5	

Team	Monday Teams	Players	H/C
1	The Unnamed	A.Dennahy J.Dewell	0 +12
2	We're Just Friends	M.Pemble M.Olley	+10 +15
3	Supernova	S.Hillier R.Stevens	+2 +10
4	The Monkeys	S.Kear G.Awonusi	+1 +15
5	The Bazookas	J.Walker M.Peaks S.Clark	-6 -1 -6
6	Carp Machine	M.Eames C.Church	-7 +15
7	Davric	D.Rolfe E.Davies	+10 +13
8	Little and Large	C.Hearn D.Connor	-8 -6

Team	Wednesday Teams	Players	H/C
1	Spikey Goose	I.Awonusi R.Hazelton	+10 +13
2	Backhand Defence	R.Pugh C.Parker	0 +16
3	Red and Blacks	H.Walton J.Walton G.Walton	+8 +16 +13
4	Even Stevens	S.Stevens R.Stevens D.Stevens	+9 +9 +10
5	Express	R.Lambert D.Whalen	-2 +10
6	El Crappo	L.Hazelton A.Samme	+12 +12
7	Butterworths	R.Knight K.Allen	+2 +12
8	Bowden's Bad Boys	M.Bowden S.Hillier	0 +2

Summer Competition 2010 Fixtures - Tuesday & Thursday								
W/C	10 th May	17 th May	24 th May	31 st May	7 th June	14 th June	21 st June	28 th June
1 Plays	1	2	3	4	5		6	7
2		7	6	5	4		3	2
3	7		5	6	3		4	1
4	6	5		7	2		1	4
5	5	6	7		1		2	3
6	4	3	2	1			7	6
7	3	4	1	2	7			5
8	2	1	4	3	6		5	

Team	Tuesday Teams	Players	H/C
1	Silly as Ursells	P. Ursell F. Ursell S. Ursell	-7 +14 0
2	Barking George	J. Barker R. Barker G. Walton	+7 +8 +8
3	Army of Two	J. Stevens B. Summers	+9 +17
4	Snake is the Best	G. Awonusi J. Williamson	+15 +17
5	Oznocks	T. Cornock T. Osborne	0 +6
6	Dazed and Confused	W. Osborne A. Fuggles H. Porter	+3 +4 +14
7	Kelly's Heroes	T. Kelly D. Lansdown	-10 -4

Team	Thursday Teams	Players	H/C
1	J and J	R. Llewellyn-Jones Jose Llewellyn-Jones James Llewellyn-Jones	+13 +16 +6
2	Barnstonworth	C. Tyman B. Malins	+6 +7
3	Smirnoff's Finest	S. Kear C. Fitch	+1 +10
4	Old Codgers	T. Morgan R. Munden R. Byford	+10 +12 +13
5	The Mean Machine	R. Pugh S. Stevens	0 +9
6	Old and Young	A. Radford Y. Li	0 +14
7	Darren and Steve	D. Jones S. Tebbit	+4 +8

Summer Competition 2010 Leader Board - Mondays									
W/C	10 th	17 th	24 th	31 st	7 th	14 th	21 st	Total	
Team	May	May	May	May	June	June	June		
Little and Large	9	6	9	7	10	10	8	59	
Bazookas	5	8	8	8	7	10	3	49	
Supernova	9	3	8	5	8	4	10	47	
The Monkeys	7	6	6	4	8	7	8	46	
Davric	6	9	3	5	5	6	3	37	
The Unnamed	5	2	9	2	2	6	10	36	
Carp Machine	5	7	4	7	0	2	6	31	
We're Just Friends	5	5	2	6	4	1	3	26	

Summer Competition 2010 Leader Board - Tuesdays									
W/C	10 th	17 th	24 th	31 st	7 th	14 th	21 st	Total	
Team	May	May	May	May	June	June	June		
Barking George	5		8	10	10	9	6	48	
Kelly's Heroes	8	3	10	8	9	7		45	
Silly As Ursells		9	8	4	10	5	4	40	
Osnocks	8	6	2	7		7	8	38	
Army Of Two	9	6		3	1	7	10	36	
Dazed And Confused	2	8	6	1	5		2	24	
Snake Is The Best	4	2	2		1	3	1	13	

Summer Competition 2010 Leader Board - Wednesdays									
W/C	10 th	17 th	24 th	31 st	7 th	14 th	21 st	Total	
Team	May	May	May	May	June	June	June		
The Red and Blacks	7	8	6	8	8	4	8	49	
Even Stevens	6	9	4	7	4	9	10	49	
Spikey Goose	4	3	6	10	8	7	7	45	
Express	7	5	7	1	8	8	7	43	
Butterworths	7	9	7	3	5	3	7	41	
El Crappo	5	10	4	8	8	4	1	40	
Bowden's Bad Boys	9	3	5	4	5	7	5	38	
Backhand Defence	7	2	5	4	4	8	5	35	

Summer Competition 2010 Leader Board - Thursdays										
W/C	10 th	17 th	24 th	31 st	7 th	14 th	21 st	28 th	Total	
Team	May	May	May	May	June	June	June	June		
Mean Machine	10	5	10	3			9	10	47	
J & Js		7	9	8	5		8	8	45	
Darren and Steve	8	6	6	7	8			1	36	
Old Codgers	2	7	7		6		6	7	35	
Smirnoff's Finest	8	6		5	3		7	2	31	
Barnstonworth	6		1	4	9		4	4	28	
Young & Old	6	6	2	7	3		2		26	

Summer Competition 2010 Quarter Finals			
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5th July	Little and Large	10-0	J & Js
	Bazookas	5-6	Mean Machine
6th July	Kelly's Heroes	8-5	The Red and Blacks
8th July	Barking George	10-0	Even Stevens

Summer Competition 2010 Semi Finals			
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13th July	Little and Large	4-7	Barking George
	Mean Machine	5-9	Kelly's Heroes

Summer Competition 2010 Final			
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20th July	Kelly's Heroes	6-5	Barking George
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23.07.10

Summer Competition Final

Kelly's Heroes have retained their Summer Competition title, after an epic battle against fellow finalists Barking George on Tuesday night.

It was Barking George though who got off to the perfect start, with Ian Barker comfortably defeating Danny Lansdown in straight sets, 29-7 29-11 to give the Barkers an early 2-0 lead. Barker controlled the game from start to finish, pushing Lansdown around the table on a regular basis, and showed he will certainly be a match for his Division Two counterparts next season.

Then came the game of the evening, with youngster James Barker taking on the experienced Trevor Kelly. Despite the divisional gap between the pair, the standard of the game was extremely high, with Barker at times matching Kelly hit for hit. With Kelly chasing him down, Barker stuck to his game plan, not afraid to take on Kelly with his own attacking shots, and it so nearly paid off. Consistency proved to be the key, with Kelly landing his attacking shots on a more regular basis than Barker. Kelly scraped home after a marathon battle containing 145 points, 32-35 35-34 35-28.

James Barker was soon wishing his side had won the toss for choice of home or away, as he was next on, facing Danny Lansdown. After such an effort just minutes earlier, Lansdown took advantage of an exhausted Barker, defeating him in straight sets 29-25 29-22.

It was then the turn of the two form players of the night, Ian Barker and Trevor Kelly. With the score currently standing at 4-3 to the Heroes, Barker knew he needed to get something out of the tie to keep his side in the game, and he did just that. With Kelly still recovering from his first match, it took him a while to get into the game, and Barker took full advantage by taking the first end 35-27. Kelly managed to make more of a game of the second end, but still couldn't quite find the form that defeated Barker Junior, as Barker Senior secured the second end 35-30.

With just the doubles to play, it was the finish that everyone wanted. With the Barkers leading 5-4, Kelly and Lansdown needed to pull a great performance out of the bag to snatch victory, but with the handicap heavily on the Barker's side, it looked unlikely. However, a positive start from the Division One pair saw the handicap vanish within minutes, and the tables had turned. With the scores level, Kelly's Heroes looked to push on, but having relaxed, the Barkers looked to punished them. They kept hold of Kelly and Lansdown throughout, not letting them get away. At 30-30, the Barkers were just two points from victory, but Kelly and Lansdown had other ideas, securing the two points they needed to level up the scores, and leave the Barkers needing to win the next end to remain in the game. The second end went much the same way, with a positive start wiping out the handicap, but the Barkers battled on, matching the Division One pair hit for hit. Once again, the score line read 30-30, and history repeated itself, with the Heroes claiming the next two points to take the end 32-30, and winning the match in the process 6-5.

Credit must go to both teams for playing out a final of such high quality, but special congratulations to Danny Lansdown and Trevor Kelly, who have retained the Summer Competition, and will again be the pair to beat when the summer of 2011 comes around.

-Simon Hillier

17.07.10

Summer Competition Finalists Decided

With both last years' finalists in this year's semi final, a repeat of the 2009 climax was a distinct possibility. The first semi saw two in form teams meet, Division One pairing Chris Hearn and Dennis Cannon, against Ian and James Barker. With both teams winning their quarter final games 10-0, something had to give. With the Barker's handicaps recently reduced, Hearn and Cannon will have started the tie as slight favourites, but the Barkers played with no fear, and pushed the experienced pair to their limit with some impressive Table Tennis to eventually take the game 7-4. Congratulations must go to the Barkers, who have reached the final for the first time in their first season together.

They will face another experienced duo in the final, Danny Lansdown and Trevor Kelly, having come through a marathon semi final with Rob Pugh and Sheena Stevens. However, full credit must go to Stevens and Pugh who gave their more illustrious opponents a very good game, at times restricting the Division One pair to a chopping battle, a game much more suited to the under-dogs. They frustrated Lansdown and Kelly throughout, giving little away and playing at times far above what was expected. However, class and persistence finally paid off for Kelly's Heroes, and they proved to have just a little too much for the Mean Machine, and they will now look forward to gaining some revenge on Barking George, who got the better of them in the group stage.

-Simon Hillier

12.07.10

Summer Competition Semi Finals

The semi final draw for the Summer Competition is now complete, with all four quarter finals having taken place.

The first semi final sees Division One pairing Dennis Cannon and Chris Hearn take on the Barker family. Hearn and Cannon made it through to the semis following a comfortable 10-0 win over the J&J's. Little and Large always had too much for the Division 3 pairing of Jose and Richard Llewellyn Jones, but will certainly have a much harder task against James and Ian Barker, who also progressed with a 10-0 win. Their opponents, Even Stevens, failed to hit the heights they regularly reached throughout the group stage. Despite playing well, the Barkers excelled themselves, and they fully deserve their place in the semi finals.

However, Sheena Stevens need not be too disappointed with her quarter final exit, as she and Rob Pugh booked their place in the second semi final, defeating the Bazookas. Stevens and Pugh looked dead and buried, trailing 4-0 after the first two games, with Division 1 pairing John Walker and Mal Peaks hitting their peak at the right time. But Pugh and Stevens then pulled out their best Table Tennis to claw their way back into the game, playing the game on their terms and restricting Walker and Peaks to limited amounts of chances to attack. The match went down to the final end of the doubles, with Pugh and Stevens eventually taking it to turn the match on its head and secure a 6-5 victory.

They will face last years finalists Kelly's Heroes, Danny Lansdown and Trevor Kelly. They overcame the youngest team in this summer's competition, The Red and Blacks, made up of brothers Jack and Harry Walton. Despite a good showing from the youngsters, the experienced duo of Lansdown and Kelly had too much for them, running out 8-5 winners.

The semi finals will be played week commencing 12th July, with the final to follow soon after.

-Simon Hillier

06.07.10

Summer Competition Quarter Finals

The 2009/10 Table Tennis season finished what seems an age ago now, but despite soaring temperatures, players in Thanet are still getting their bats out this summer to take part in the Summer Competition, held over an eight week period.

With the group stage over, we have now reached the quarter final stage of the competition. Due to its handicap format, the Summer Competition aims to pit experienced, top division players against those who may never have played league Table Tennis before, and this year has not disappointed. The quarter finals this year have pitted Division 1 pair of John Walker and Mal Peaks against the Division 2 and 3 pairing of Rob Pugh and Sheena Stevens. With the handicap system in place, the more experienced duo of Walker and Peaks will have to hit top form from the word go to shut down the handicaps given to Pugh and Stevens.

The quarter final draw has also thrown up an even more extreme top against bottom scenario, as Little and Large, Chris Hearn and Dennis Cannon, take on Richard Llewellyn Jones and newcomer Jose Llewellyn Jones. Hearn and Cannon have easily been the best side in this year's competition, brushing aside their opponents on a regular basis. However, large handicaps for the Llewellyn-Jones pair will mean that Hearn and Cannon will have to continue their run of good form to be in with a chance of progressing to the semi-finals.

Also in the quarter final draw are mother and daughter team of Sheena and Becki Stevens. Having made their way through the Monday Competition, they now face a quarter final tie with another family team, Barking George, made up of the Barker family. The Barkers progressed through to the quarter final stage after finishing strongly in the Tuesday Competition, but with 4 evenly matched players on show in this game, it is tough to call a winner.

The last final quarter final pits Division One pairing of Danny Landsown and Trevor Kelly against two of the youngest players competing, Harry and Jack Walton. Harry and Jack progressed through the Wednesday Competition, with Kelly and Lansdown coming safely through the Tuesday Competition. Despite heavy handicaps for the Waltons, the Division One pairing should have too much for the ever improving youngsters.

These games will be played week commencing 5th July, with the semi finals and final to follow shortly after.

-Simon Hillier