

NEWSLETTER

Skittles Evening

For members, family and friends

THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY
7.30pm

THE SHIP INN
OLD REDBRIDGE ROAD
SOUTHAMPTON

Tickets just £9.00 to include Basket Meal. Choose from:

¼ Roast Chicken, 10oz Cumberland Sausage, Whole Tail Scampi, Spicy Vegetable Samosa, ¼lb Vegetable Burger, Cod Fillet

There will also be a quiz to fill in during the evening as well as a raffle. Please donate a raffle prize even if you can't come to the event. We want this to be a fund raiser as well as a social occasion.



Tickets available from Colin French or any committee member. Get them from us at Testwood or email Colin at Colin@french80.wanadoo.co.uk

Message from the Chairman

Welcome to our new members

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new members that have joined us in the past few months.

Our Friday Junior Coaching Group has increased to a good number and we are almost at full capacity. Practice nights on Mondays and Fridays have never been so good, on one club night last month we had 18 tables up with a few more players in the coffee bar!

I hope that as many members as possible will be able to join us on our Skittles Evening which is on Thursday 23rd February, and our own Club Championships on Saturday 3rd March.

This is probably a good time to find out a little more about our new members. As our club grows so does our administration and we are constantly looking for more volunteers. If you have any expertise that might benefit the club, do let us know, but more than anything else if you can spare just a little of your time to help us with our events this term it would be very much appreciated, watch this space for further pleas!

- Colin French -

WEEKLY TIMETABLE PRACTICE

Mondays 7.00 pm – 10.15 pm
Fridays 7.00 pm – 10.15 pm

STTA LEAGUE MATCHES

Mondays 7.15 pm – 10.30 pm
Tuesdays 7.15 pm – 10.30 pm

STTA PREMIER LEAGUE

Tuesdays 7.15 pm – 10.30 pm

JUNIOR COACHING

Fridays 6.30 – 8.00 pm



Club Championships

Saturday 3rd March

Our very own **Waterside Closed** Tournament is on **Saturday 3rd March** starting at 10.00 am. Remember, if you have paid your Waterside Membership fees, **this tournament is free.**

It is very much a tournament for everyone – all ages, all abilities. It will be a chance for everyone to meet new members. It will of course be competitive, but the aim is to get everyone playing in a fun event. More details will follow, but in the meantime please put this date in your diary.



Geoff Ware and Paul May (Men's Winner and Runner up)

Waterside Closed 2011

Photo:
Alan Man

REFRESHMENTS AND CATERING

HELP!

You will notice from the EVENTS list that for the **next eight weekends** in a row we have competitions **every Sunday** as well as most Saturdays. That means that John and I will not really see weekends for the next two months!

If we are mainly involved in running the events then we always need someone to man the coffee bar as well as helping out with umpiring from time to time. I am pleased that we now have a small group of helpers who have made themselves available this season, but the vast majority of our players only turn up for practice or for matches.

It has been said to me by some players 'Why should I help out at events that don't concern me?' 'I'm sorry I am very busy and just don't have the time.' 'I don't see why I should help when others don't.'

All I would ask is that each player give up one Saturday or Sunday in the next two months to do a stint in the coffee bar – or even just a morning or an afternoon.

The point is that the money we make from staging various tournaments and selling refreshments subsidizes match fees and entry fees. If we didn't make money from tournaments we would charge everyone a lot more to play.

Antonio is putting a **Helpers Calendar** on the website and we will also put it on the noticeboard at Testwood. So please could you check your diaries and see when you might be able to spare some time. I am supposed to be retired now but only have 7 days this month when I am not out at Table Tennis. Please email me with dates that you are available to help. I live in hope!
Colin@french80.wanadoo.co.uk

CATERING FOR HOT FOOD

Just when you thought I had finished, here is another plea. We could make loads of money if we served hot food – maybe soup and a roll, toasted sandwiches or bacon butties. But to do this we need a person or persons to do the basic food hygiene course. We will pay the cost of the course. Please let me know if you are interested. Maybe there is someone who has already passed this.

EVENTS

Sat 4th Feb	County Veterans (10.00 – 5.00)
Sun 5th Feb	National Cadet League (3) (9.00 – 4.00)
Fri 10th Feb	Hants Schools Individual Championships (9.00- 6.00)
Sun 12th Feb	South & South West Coaching Group (9.00 – 2.00)
Sun 19th Feb	Hampshire Junior Closed (9.30 - 5.00)
Thu 23rd Feb	Skittles Evening (Ship Inn, Redbridge 7.30. - 10.30)
Sat 25th Feb	County Veterans (10.00 – 5.00)
Sun 26th Feb	St. Denys Tournament (10.00 – 6.00)
Sat 3rd Mar	Waterside Closed Championships (10.00 – 5.00)
Sun 4th Mar	Hants Inter-Town (3) (10.00 - 3.00)
Sun 11th Mar	Hants Senior Closed (9.30 – 5.00)
Sat 17th Mar	STTA Junior Closed (9.30 - 3.00)
Sun 18th Mar	STTA Senior Closed (9.30 – 5.00)
Sun 25th Mar	Nat. Cadet League (4) (9.00) – 4.00)

Waterside Junior 1-star

A total of seventy young players from eight different counties enjoyed plenty of match competition at yet another very successful Waterside Junior 1-star on the 7-8 January 2012. Several of our junior players took part in the competition.

William Stevens had a great tournament, finishing with the podium in the U11s, when he won 8 of his 9 matches, losing only to the overall winner, **Sonny Brooks**.

Amy Blagbrough and **Artur Veeck** also played very well, with Amy finishing as runner up in the girls Under 18, and Artur finishing 4th in the boys Under 13.



Sonny Brooks (Portsmouth) and William Stevens (Waterside), winner and runner up of boys Under 11

PRACTICE FEES

MEMBERS

Adults £2.50
Juniors £2.00

VISITORS

Adults £5.00
Juniors £3.00

Website

<http://www.watersidettc.co.uk>

Umpires Course

James Stevens and **Antonio Caltabiano** successfully completed the Umpires Course organised by ETTA at Waterside, and are now qualified County Umpires.

The course was run by three international umpires, with lots of experience! Two of them will be at the next Olympic and Paralympic Games in London!