

PREMIERCLUB UPDATE

Hello to you all! It's been just over a year now since the Table Tennis England head office was relocated from Hastings to Milton Keynes following a large organisational restructure back in 2014. There has been a lot of research and development work over the last 12 months to put us in a strong position to be able to develop our future club programmes. However, we recognise there is still work to do in order to support the different types of table tennis clubs in the country and we are still working hard to get that right! I'm hoping that you keep coming to me with suggestions and ideas going forward as I'm always happy to hear from you all and find out about the exciting work you are doing.

Steve



Community Sport and Recreation Awards

Fancy a chance of winning up to £2,500 for your club?? The Sport and Recreation alliance are holding the premier grassroots awards celebrating the very best that sport and recreation organisations offer their local communities. It's free to nominate a local sports club and it could be a great opportunity for your club to get recognition and win some funding! The deadline for nominations is 5pm on the 8th May, 2015 and you can find out more using the link below or visit the Sport and Recreation Alliance website for more details.

<http://www.sportandrecreation.org.uk/news/08-04-2015/community-sport-and-recreation-awards-2015-nominations-open>

National Table Tennis Day!

Thursday 16th July, 2015—Save the date!

We need clubs to get involved this year to make it a real celebration, if you are planning on getting involved I'd love for you to let me know what your plans are and how we can help you get the most out of the day.

<http://tabletennisengland.co.uk/news/how-will-national-table-tennis-day-inspire-you/>

Facility Grants Scheme

We will soon be launching a capital grants scheme for clubs to help support facility development across the country.

To find out more information please contact development@tabletennisengland.co.uk for more information.

Club Matters

Last month I sent you an email letting you know about the launch of Club Matters. This is a tool set up to support sports clubs to develop and get more people involved in their activity.

We are interested to know if clubs are actually using this as a tool to support their development.

Is there anything that has helped you specifically?

Is there anything you are unsure about?

Please do tell me how and why you have used Club Matters as we are trying to gather case studies to showcase on our website to show best practice to other clubs.

If you feel your club is a leading example and using Club Matters in an effective way then please drop me an email and let me know.

www.sportenglandclubmatters.com

Ability Club Support Scheme

Table Tennis England will soon be launching an exciting opportunity for Ability Clubs. Clubs that have received Table Tennis England disability awareness training will be entitled to apply for support and funding to run sessions to get more disabled people playing table tennis.

We will be releasing information about the scheme very soon. But, if you are interested in becoming an Ability Club, want to hear more about the scheme or if you have some ideas for engaging disabled people in table tennis then please do get in touch with me and we'd love to talk to you.

The disability awareness training course required to become an Ability Club is free for all Premier Clubs. Please let me know if you want more information as we'd love to help train up more clubs, coaches and players.

Ping!

Ping! is the summer table tennis project which aims to get more people enjoying and participating in table tennis.

Ping! 2015 launches nationally on Saturday 13th June, 2015 in the new Ping! city of Plymouth. The amazing launch event will take place on the Armada Way Piazza, right in the heart of the city centre.

A record 19 locations are hosting the Ping! festival this year: Birmingham, Brighton & Hove, Bristol, Cambridge, Chelmsford, Cornwall, Croydon, Exeter, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, London, Middlesbrough, Milton Keynes, Nottingham, Oxford, Plymouth, Sheffield and Tower Hamlets. Chelmsford, Croydon, Plymouth and Tower Hamlets are joining the initiative for the first time this year. Every participating areas will be putting their own unique spin on Ping! as they deliver the project to their local communities.

If you want more information on this then please visit: www.pingengland.co.uk

Please continue to ask me questions, send me your photos, videos, feedback and stories of your table tennis activities! My email address is below:

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