

Stratford-upon-Avon Sports Club - Snooker Section

NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2009

Whilst last year I reported on a difficult year resurrecting the club following the floods, this year is also going to prove difficult given the current economic climate.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on a few matters:

>> SUBSCRIPTIONS <<

The club have retained the CFC (Central Fund Contribution) at the present level of £40 per member and the snooker committee have decided this year to leave our own subscription at the same figure - £90. Your renewal letter is enclosed.

>> CLUB FACILITIES <<

I would like to encourage all our members to support the superb facilities we have at our disposal. Besides playing our normal game of snooker perhaps I could ask you all to give consideration to using the club facilities for other events and parties. I'm sure the club managers would like to assist members with both personal and business functions.

>> SNOOKER SECTION EVENTS <<

This year ALL sections are arranging at least two events to take place within the club. We were hoping to hold a RACE NIGHT on the evening of the Grand National but the club have a prior booking on that evening. We now hope to have this event during the autumn. Once again I trust you will all support not only our own events but those of the other sections that are advertised on a regular basis within the club.

>> SNOOKER SECTION WEBSITE <<

The Sports Club website is currently being refreshed and we are discussing the inclusion of a NEW snooker section website / web page.

>> HANDICAP KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS <<

Last year we arranged some Friday evening handicap knock-out competitions and these were well supported. The next one will take place on **FRIDAY 19TH JUNE** at 7pm. The entry form will be displayed on the notice board in May.

>> SINGLES COMPETITION <<

This year's singles final was between Brigg Ford and Adrian Watson. Congratulations to Brigg who was victorious on the night. Congratulations again to Brigg who was also presented with the Sonny Rose Trophy for the highest break during 2008 (60).

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>> DOUBLES COMPETITION <<

The doubles competition has reached the semi final stage and the FINAL will take place on the evening of **Friday 1st May at 7.30pm.**

>> LADDER COMPETITION 2009 <<

This year's ladder competition has now been drawn and matches can commence immediately. **Please read the slightly amended rules attached to the ladder.**

>> NEW MEMBERS <<

Whilst the section lost 8 members last spring it is pleasing to note that during the year we attracted 21 new members so our memberships now stands at 116. We extend a warm welcome to all our new members.

Your committee have stressed that in this newsletter we remind both new and old members of the following rules which we ask you to observe at ALL times.

>> REMINDER - FOR ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS <<

NO SMOKING - (smokers are asked to use the front area adjacent to the ramp)

NO MOBILE PHONES – **emergency use only** e.g. doctor on call.

SMART CASUAL DRESS – NO JEANS, TRAINERS or T-SHIRTS.

PLEASE SIGN ALL VISITORS IN THE VISITORS BOOK.

>> 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION <<

This summer sees the 10th anniversary of the snooker section move from the Union Club to the Sports Club and the committee wishes to mark the occasion with a special event. If members have any suggestions please post them through the committee room letter box providing your name, address and phone number with your idea. (Alternatively email me at peter.phipps@ntlworld.com)

>> FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS <<

We wish to keep in touch with members on a regular basis and sending information via post gets more expensive, therefore, we would ask members who have computer access to provide their email address on their renewal sheet. These members will receive emails of future newsletters and events. When the website is approved news and events will also be broadcast to members via this new method.

>> CONTACT NUMBER <<

Will all members please insert their present contact number on the renewal sheet as it is some time since our records were last updated.

Thank you for your continued support.

Pete Phipps (Chairman).

