

FUN SUMMER LEAGUE 2011 REPORT

Our **Fun Summer League** hosted once again by the **Premiere Club Ellenborough** in **Enfield**, which brought in a substantial number of high quality players near and far, making it slightly stronger than last years' entries, proven by the decline in my personal averages!

The initial uptake was keenly started by the now regular team players, and slowly added to, being finalized to 14 teams in **May**. Having sorted out the playing schedule, **Team Reem** (still don't know what that means – must google it sometime) asked if they could play all their matches on a **Thursday** as they had junior coaching on the same night. As it simply meant having the 4 matches on the **Thursday** rather than the **Tuesday** it made no real difference so I agreed to swap it. Unfortunately the schedule had already gone out in my eagerness to keep on top of the running of it, so there was some confusion running for several weeks, despite my immediate e mails to all to say there was an update, I take most of the responsibility for that.

There were some newly invented names, lots of humour there, and a new team called **Ping Pong Enthusiasts** with a lady player of which we have not had since the inaugural year I believe. They took the FSL 2011 runners up position, two points behind winners the **Table Tennis Wanderers**. The **Dream Team** were only 1 point behind them so it was an excellent finish to the league.

There was, unfortunately, some problems when twice we needed 5 tables, as members only coming up for practice had less tables & therefore less practice time. **Nick** drew this to my attention & whilst we sorted it out, I think 5 might be too many to be fair to the club members, I don't know what the committee thinks about that, perhaps they could discuss it? **Monday** could be a back-up night on a **FSL** four table maximum basis, as it seems other nights the hall is in full use but that may need addressing and confirmation? Thanks to everyone who played & supported including my 'silent' partner **Graham Frankel!**

All in all it went spiffingly, and the feedback I got confirmed my suspicions - that the players were actually having FUN! All being well, and with **Ellenborough's** continued support, I see no reason why we can do it all again next year 😊.

Paul Pells,

Organizer.