

**HEREFORDSHIRE COUNTY TABLE TENNIS
CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011**

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To all Team Secretaries

Enclosed are four entry forms for your team members to enter the Senior, Veteran and Junior County Championships. Even if you are not interested in entering, please give them to your team members as soon as possible as the entries have to be with me by **January 21st. The earlier I receive entries the easier it makes my job and saves me phone calls and emails**

The Events are, again, at Queen Elizabeth's School in Bromyard, the Junior and Veterans events on February 12th using a hall for each event and the Senior Tournament using both halls, on March 11th. The Finals Night will be at Bromyard on 16th March at 7.30p.m.. Any Junior players with problems of getting to Bromyard please tick the box on the entry forms and I will help you find transport. As last year, if there are insufficient Junior entries to come to Bromyard, Andy Castle and Mark Owen will organise the event somewhere else – to suit the players.

There is one new event this year. The Nimmie Hodges Trophy. This is open to everyone of any age or standard and we are only charging £1.50 per player in the hope of getting a lot of entries. This will not count as one of a player's six entries.

The rules for the competition will be - One game played up to 33 points. Players will toss for serve and the player losing the toss will choose his end. The winner of the first point will score 1 point. The loser will then serve and will continue serving as long as he loses the points. If he wins the point he will score two points and keeps the service as long as he is still losing on points. At each serve it is the losing player who serves or if level, the last person to lose the point serves. The first player to reach 33 will be the winner.

Please make sure that all your players are told about the Championships and particularly about this event. I also want to stress the closing date of 21st January – not far away so don't delay in getting the entry forms out.

If you need more forms you may photo copy one of these, call me for extra copies or get one off the County Table Tennis page on the internet. I **cannot receive** entries via the internet, however, because I need the money with the form.

Please put your **email address** on your entry. To save a lot of money on copies and postage I will send entry acknowledgement and timing details out by email. If only one member of your team has an email address then I will send all your team's entry details to that address. **When you receive your confirmation please reply so I know you have got it**

After the successful and sociable evenings at Bromyard, we are again planning to run the **County Invitation Cup Competition** on similar lines. The format will be the same as last year. I am enclosing four entry forms with this letter and we want the entry money to be sent with the entry form – it can be sent with the money for the Tournament. The teams will be picked from the handicaps allocated to each player on the same lines as the Handicap Doubles in the Tournament – i.e. taking players from the top and bottom alternately. Those who played last year said they particularly enjoyed playing with and against players they have never played with or against before. If each of those players brought along another player we would double our numbers and make the evenings even more enjoyable. Those who lose the first week will play against other losers the second week. The dates will be April 19th and 26th 2012. The cost per player will be £5 for the two nights.

A happy New Year to you all and I hope to have your entries really quickly!

Cicely Palmer - Tournament Secretary