

## **Table Tennis Summer League Results**

**The New Milton Table Tennis Club is involved in two summer leagues, but with contrasting fortunes. In the Bournemouth Sports league which is played down at Chapel Gate on Wednesday nights, Milton are leading the pack with only one match to go. In the Ringwood league which is played up at the Greyfriars Community Centre on Tuesday nights, Milton are around mid-table.**

### **Bournemouth Sports Summer League Division 1**

Under the captaincy of Alan Gordon, New Milton's table topping team moved a point closer to sealing this year's title with a hard fought draw against "Steve's Choice", one of five teams from the host club.

Bourne fielded the strong side of Hugo Pang, Colin Bryson and their captain Steve Joyce. Milton knew that they had a battle on their hands as the first leg of this fixture had resulted in a closely drawn match.

Pang and Bryson got the Bournemouth side off to a good start with a 3-1 doubles win over Milton's Shaun Newcomb and Brian Vibert, this year's Bournemouth Association doubles champions who were not allowed to get into their usual rhythm.

The first singles match of the evening was between Gordon and Pang and despite Gordon taking the first end, the very talented 10 year old came back to take the game 3-1. At 2-0 down, Milton looked as though they could face their first defeat of the summer campaign, but Vibert steadied the ship with a 3-0 win over Steve Joyce.

Milton suffered a further defeat however as the wily Bryson put Newcomb to the sword 3-0, albeit a tight game with the last two sets 11-9 in Bryson's favour. Gordon pulled the overall match result back to 2-3 with a clinical victory over Joyce before Pang further extended Bourne's lead – the youngster was on fire and while both Gordon and Newcomb had beaten him in their last meetings, this time he had no trouble in settling both scores including a straight sets win over Newcomb.

Milton needed both remaining games to force the draw and after losing the first end of the final singles to the tricky combination play of Bryson, Vibert pulled it back, winning the next three sets. Right to the wire – the final game was the doubles in which Gordon and Newcomb faced Bryson and Joyce. The Milton pair triumphed 3-0 and with just one match to go ("Dave's Outlaws", another Bournemouth Sports side), New Milton are in a strong position to lift the summer title.

### **Ringwood Summer League**

The New Milton side of Terry Jenvey, Roy Hobbs and Lewis Reading repeated last week's 4-6 defeat, this time at the hands of Broadstone (Melvyn Gregory, John Way and Chris Green). Captain Jenvey led from the front with an excellent brace, only losing out to 'Stone's Chris Green. Hobbs and Reading both beat Way making it 4-5, so the doubles were needed to force the draw. Once again, Milton were found wanting in the doubles and this week Jenvey and Hobbs lost out to the very tricky combination of Gregory and Green.