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Press Release

Southend & District Table Tennis League Hosts Coach Awareness Training Session

John Andrews (ETTA Regional Development Manager) and Stephen Gertsen (ETTA Regional Coach) to support pilot coach development event in Southend area

Following his recent election to the post of Essex County Table Tennis Association Coaching and Development Officer, Stuart Gibbs has organised a coach awareness and development event for coaches in the Southend area. The Coach Awareness Training Session will be led by ETTA Regional Coach, Stephen Gertsen, with ETTA Regional Development Manager, John Andrews also in attendance and will take place at Hullbridge TTC, Lower Road, Hullbridge SS5 6BJ. The session will be held on Tuesday, 6th November, commencing at 7:30 p.m. and finishing at 9:30 p.m.

Stuart recognises the importance of coach development and training in the production of quality junior players who will hopefully progress to county and national level and the forthcoming training event is a pilot for other similar events that will hopefully take place across the county in the future.

Essex County Table Tennis Association is working in close partnership with the ETTA and are delighted to welcome Stephen Gertsen and John Andrews to lead the event. Stephen will be leading a practical session, during which local coaches will be able to work under his expert guidance, with junior members of Hullbridge TTC. John will provide coaches with information regarding the ETTA's UKCC coaching qualifications. Coaches interested in transferring their ETTA Home Country NGB qualification to the UKCC qualification will need to commence the ETTA Bridging Course prior to 31st December 2012. At the session, John and Stephen will be pleased to answer any questions concerning coach development and qualification.

Places on the Coach Awareness Training Session will be limited to a maximum of 10 and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. No charge is being made to attend the session and we are grateful to Howard Grant and the members of Hullbridge TTC for their kind hospitality. If you wish to attend the course, contact Simon Lowman by email (simon.lowman@btinternet.com). Please note that telephone bookings for this event will not be accepted.

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