



Sutton Coldfield Pokéclub Newsletter

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Welcome to our September newsletter. Remember to check our website for updates to event dates and other news at www.suttoncoldfieldpokeclub.weebly.com

Upcoming dates for your diary:

4 July	Summer Cup Tournament	Registration 10am £5.00
11 July	Club Meeting	10am – 12pm £2.00

World Championships

It's been a great year for a number of Sutton Coldfield players who have qualified for this year's World Championships and we wish Robin, Vanshay, Shivam, Corey and Luke the best of luck in Boston USA.

Summer Cup Tournament

On 4 July we will be holding our annual Summer Cup TCG tournament. The format for this year will be based on a Booster Draft Tournament..... with a couple of twists.

For those of you have never been to a Booster Draft event it is slightly similar to a pre release where you get to open 6 packs and build a 40 card deck. However, the key difference is that you will sit in a small group and when you open the first pack you choose one card and place it face down in front of you. You then pass the other 9 cards to the player on your right, in turn receiving 9 cards from the player on your left. You then choose another card and place it face down and then pass the remaining 8 cards on to the next player. Normally, each time you choose a card you would probably try to select a card based on the energy type or evolution chain that you want to try to put together. Repeat this until you have 10 cards in front of you before opening the next pack. You then do the same with the next 5 packs until you have 60 cards in front of you. Those are your cards to keep and you then build your 40 card deck using those cards - energy cards will be supplied by us.

However, there will be a couple of twists. Firstly you will not be allowed to use EX cards in your deck. So, when opening a pack, if you pull an EX you can of course keep it rather than passing it on to the next player but you will not be allowed to play it in your 40 card deck.

The second twist is that in booster drafts, players all have packs from the same set but in this tournament groups of players will build decks from either Primal Clash, Furious Fists or Flashfire. So

once you've built your deck you will probably play against players who have built their decks from a different set to yours. We will randomly select players at the start to sit in specific groups for opening packs so all players on the same table will open packs from the same set (in other words, your six packs and the cards you select will all be from the same set but players on another table will have a different set to you) . I hope that's clear but if you are unsure of the rules please ask Glenn or Joanna.

The cost to enter is £5 each and there will be hand painted custom cups for the winners.. .and of course you get to keep the cards you selected when opening the packs. Please book your place in advance by contacting us in the usual way.

Ancient Origins



The next TCG expansion set, XY Ancient Origins will be released in August. This set will see a number of new EX cards that may see play in the competitive game.

Lugia EX will be popular with its Aero Ball attack, similar to Mewtwo's X Ball. Mega Sceptile EX will do 100 damage for 2 energy which doesn't sound much but Jagged Saber also allows you to attach up to 2 grass energy from your hand to your benched Pokémon and if you do, this removes all damage from those Pokémon. Expect this card to be used with Float Stone. There will also be EX and Mega EX versions of Ampharos and Tyranitar.

Shiny versions of Primal Kyogre-EX, Primal Groudon-EX, and M Rayquaza-EX will also be in the set because of their appearances in the Hoopa movie.

Card Rotation

In early September we expect an announcement to confirm what sets will be rotated out of play for the new season. It is not definite yet but many believe that the Standard format legal sets will be XY onwards.



Your Pokémon Club staff are Joanna and Glenn

