

# *The History of Table Tennis in Cardiff*



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# An Introduction to Table Tennis in the Early Days

Table Tennis probably started as an after dinner parlour game for the upper classes who preferred not to go out during the winter months. It was initially played with improvised equipment in the UK around 1890. Probably the earliest known reference to a table version of the game of Tennis was an English patent by Ralph Slazenger dated 26th June 1883, which described net post mechanisms with this important statement.

***“This arrangement is adapted for ordinary lawn tennis and for a modified game to be played indoors, say upon a billiard or dining table. In the latter case, the poles are supported in brackets clamped to the table and the ends of the cord may be clamped by the cam arrangement, or fastened under the table, or weighted”***

On October 9th 1885, James Devonshire from England applied for a patent for his “Table Tennis” game. The November 1885 official patent office journal shows that the provisional specifications were accepted, but in January 1887 the application is listed as abandoned.

In 1888, the famous games maker Jaques of London released their Gossima game. This game used drum battledores or racquets and used a 50mm webbed wrapped cork ball, with an amazing 30cm high net that was secured by a belt-like strap under the table. This game didn't catch on, primarily due to fact that the ball didn't really bounce! However Jaques continued to market Gossima throughout the 1890's, until around 1900 when the celluloid ball was introduced to the game.



This transformed things and the game became extremely popular and successful. The distinct sound of the celluloid ball bouncing off the drum racquets, quickly led to the use of the name Ping Pong. Jaques then changed the name of their game to Ping Pong or Gossima, but the name Gossima was dropped soon after this. In 1901 the game rapidly caught on with the public and huge numbers played it for a couple of years.



There were many names for Table Tennis in the early years including Whiff Waff, but gradually the two most popular names prevailed: Ping Pong and Table Tennis. Initially these names caused problems as two associations were formed with different rules and the Ping Pong trademark was vigorously enforced by Hamleys in conjunction with Jaques. Eventually, the Table Tennis and Ping Pong associations amalgamated in 1903.

The early game was at its height between 1901 and 1903, when it was a craze throughout the UK and many parts of the world. It faded out rapidly after that, until a revival of the game in its modern form around 1920. Between 1903 and 1920, the game was kept alive by the more keen players during the years when most of the public had lost interest in it.

## The Cavendish Club

As it was not to be until the end of 1901 that any national association was formed (bringing to the sport a universal set of rules), table tennis/ping-pong was played under various different regulations. But by far the most common were those used by the Cavendish Table Tennis Club, which was formed in October 1900 and is generally claimed to be the first properly constituted Club. In 1901 its headquarters were at 40 Moorgate Street [office buildings, now the southern section of Moorgate], and in 1902 just along the road at Armfield's Hotel ("high class family and commercial hotel" owned by Joseph Armfield & Son Ltd), on the corner of South Place and South Street [now Dominion Street], Finsbury.



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This was followed quickly by another tournament, again held at the Park Hall on Monday 10th February 1902 in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. There were 16 prizes on offer to the value of 20 Guineas. To put this into perspective, allowing for inflation an amount of £20 then would be the equivalent of over £2300 now! It was reported that there was a fashionable gathering of ping pongists at the event, with over 200 entries. In the afternoon 12 tables were used for the Ladies competition, with the Men's competition and the finals taking place in the evening.

The tables were kindly supplied by Howell and Company and a special installation of electric lights was put in to give plenty of illumination for the players. Large crowds were present and a programme of music was performed at intervals during the evening by Mr. Arthur Angle's orchestral band and an attractive cafe was arranged in the lesser Hall. The Gentlemen's final was between Mr T R Grigson of Cardiff and Mr L A Phillips of Newport with Mr Grigson winning 21-19. Miss E Boucher beat Miss Chivers in the Ladies competition. At the end of the evening, Miss Boucher played an exhibition match against Mr Grigson and to great applause beat him by 30-27.



The game continued to expand in Cardiff throughout 1902, with over 30 teams in existence by the middle of the year. As interest developed, a meeting took place on Monday 27th October 1902 at the Philharmonic Restaurant in Cardiff, which was chaired by Mr E W Hodge of The Bohemians. At this meeting, the Cardiff & District Ping Pong League was formed. It was decided the league would cover a radius of 12 miles which embraced Newport, Pontypridd, Bridgend, Penarth and Barry.

The Bristol Table Tennis League have reported that they are the oldest League in the World and mention that they were formed in October 1902. As the Cardiff League was formed late in October of the same year, it is definitely a rival to Bristol for the oldest League title and even if it is slightly younger than Bristol, it is certainly one of the earliest formed. A Committee was set up for the Cardiff League and Mr H Yorath of Penlline Road, Canton, Cardiff became Secretary. The Club subscription to the League was set at 5 shillings (25p) and entries for the first season were required by 17th November 1902.

Two divisions were then set up, with 6 teams in Division one and 8 in Division two. League tables produced in the Evening Express on 27th December 1902 showed that up to 4 matches had been played by that time.

In March 1903 it was reported that a match would take place between the Cardiff & District League and the Swansea League, but it is not clear whether that match took place, as by that time the popularity of ping pong was declining fast. The League then seems to have disbanded quite quickly shortly after that.

In January 1906, a ping pong tournament was held at St Germans Iron Room in Cardiff in aid of the school. A vote of thanks was given to the two organisers for reviving the game. Interestingly, the winner of the Ladies competition was Miss L Grigson who had won the competition when around 1500 spectators watched at the Park Hall in 1902.



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By November 1906, there was very little competitive ping pong being played, as can be seen in an article in the Evening News dated 21st November 1906 which commented as follows:

*'The instantaneous popularity of air rifle shooting is certainly remarkable and unlike the late lamented ping pong, it promises to stand as the winter evenings' pastime of the future'*

However, some matches were still taking place between clubs and results show Cardiff YMCA beating both Cathedral Road Presbyterians and Penarth Tabernacle during November 1907.

The Captain of the YMCA team at that time was Mr W S Windsor who shortly after became the Secretary of the Cardiff & District Ping Pong League when it reformed in 1908 and later became an important part of the League in later years. He became the Secretary when it was reformed again in 1921 and later was made a Vice President of the League. One of the other players in those matches was Mr F C Andrews. He later went on to become the Cardiff & District League Closed Champion in the first three years the competition was held, after the current Cardiff & District League was formed in 1921-1922.

Although the League formed in 1902 had faded out, in October 1908 it was reported that because there was still considerable interest in the game, several meetings of representatives of the local clubs had taken place with the result that a League had been formed called the Cardiff & District Ping Pong League. The Chairman was Mr W E Morgan and as previously mentioned, the Secretary was Mr W S Windsor.

The initial teams in the new League were: Cardiff YMCA and Cardiff YMCA Juniors, Penarth YMCA, Cathedral Road, Barry YMCA, Roath Park Wesleyans and Windsor Place.

Unfortunately, again this attempt to get the League going seems to have died out after a year or so and very little competitive play was seen for the next few years and for obvious reasons through the 1914-1918 war and immediately after. This changed in 1921 when the Cardiff & District Ping Pong League was formed. In the initial season, there was just one division made up of the following 11 teams:

- Cardiff Central YMCA 'A'**
- Cardiff Central YMCA 'B'**
- Penarth Tabernacle 'A'**
- Victoria Institute**
- Jewish Institute**
- Penarth YMCA 'A'**
- Severn Road Staff**
- St Pauls Social Club**
- Penarth Tabernacle 'B'**
- Penarth YMCA 'B'**
- Jewish Literary and Social Club**

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### LEAGUE TABLES.

With the exception of the postponed Penarth Tabs. v. Heath Institute match, which is to be played off this week, the first half of the league programme has been completed. The league tables up to December 31, 1922, are as follows:—

DIVISION I.				
	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Penarth Y.M.C.A. ....	9	9	0	.. 18
Cardiff Y.M.C.A. ....	9	8	1	.. 16
Jewish Institute .....	9	7	2	.. 14
Penarth Tabernacle .....	8	4	4	.. 8
Severn-road .....	9	4	5	.. 8
Jardiff Exchange .....	9	3	6	.. 6
Victoria Institute .....	9	3	6	.. 6
Thirty Club .....	9	3	6	.. 6
Jewish Social .....	9	2	7	.. 4
Heath Institute .....	8	1	7	.. 2
DIVISION II.				
	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Cardiff Y.M.C.A. ....	6	6	0	.. 12
Newport Y.M.C.A. ....	5	4	1	.. 8
Labexians .....	6	4	2	.. 8
Penarth Tabernacle .....	6	3	3	.. 6
Llandaff Institute .....	5	2	3	.. 4
Daróiff Exchange .....	6	1	5	.. 2
Mackintosh Institute .....	6	0	6	.. 0

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Following a successful first season, the league expanded to 2 divisions. St Pauls and Penarth YMCA 'B' did not compete in 1922-1923, but the following additional teams joined:

**Cardiff Exchange 'A' and 'B'**  
**Thirty Club**  
**Heath Institute**  
**Newport YMCA**  
**Labexians**  
**Llandaff Institute**  
**Mackintosh Institute**

With the League being reformed in 1921-22 and expanded in 1922-1923, this time the establishment of an ongoing league was successful. It has been in existence ever since, with just a break in some matches during the 1939-1945 war. The League changed its name to become the Cardiff & District Table Tennis League early in November 1922 as the old 'Ping Pong' name began to be viewed in a derogatory way.

It is interesting to note a press comment made by Mr W S Windsor at that time in response to an article in England about another possible 'boom' in the game similar to that seen in 1901-1902.



**Mr Windsor commented:**

***“The writer of this article has not gone to the trouble of discovering the opinion of the adherents of the game throughout the country. Otherwise he would have found that the great body of opinion is against anything in the nature of another boom. It is not in London that the game has been kept alive, for there it received what was almost a knock-out blow from the last boom, but in a few provincial towns (Cardiff included), where the game has been consistently played, although supposed to have been defunct.***

***What is aimed at in the present revival of Table Tennis is not another boom, but the steady growth of the game, reflected in the formation of new clubs and the linking up of those clubs to a governing body”.***

They were certainly prophetic words and the game did then grow steadily with new clubs and teams being formed regularly and the league expanding, including the formation of the TTAW as the governing body for the game in Wales in 1923.



The League Champions in 1921-1922 were Cardiff Central YMCA 'A', who again won it in 1922-1923 and the following season. The Exchange Challenge Cup was introduced for the League Cup Competition in 1922-1923 and was won in the first year by Penarth YMCA and again the following year. The Exchange Cup changed to become the Trophy for the winner of the Men's Singles (now the Championship singles) in 1928-1929 when the Montague Burton Cup was introduced for the League Cup Competition.

In both of the first two seasons, the Men's singles champion was F C Andrews and he then completed a hat trick of wins in 1923-1924. Newport YMCA were winners of Division two in its first year in 1922-1923.



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It was at this time that the Welsh Table Tennis Association was brought into being on 30th January 1923. The South Wales Evening Express of 31st January reported that a meeting took place at the YMCA in Cardiff and although a number of Clubs throughout South Wales had indicated they would attend, in the end only Cardiff Clubs were present.



Mr C H Shepherd of Cardiff Exchange was elected to the Chair. Mr W S Windsor the Secretary of the Cardiff & District League reported that he had received a letter from Mr Carris the President of the English Association expressing the hope that the Welsh Association would be formed and would affiliate with the English body. Mr Windsor however said that he did not feel the need for the Welsh Association to recognise any Association as a parent body. After general discussions, it was proposed that a Welsh Table Tennis Association should be formed and this was passed unanimously.

Following this initial meeting, The Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Dr J J E Biggs was elected a Vice-President of the League and following the Chairman referring to the generous publicity given to the game in Wales by the Evening Express, it was decided to invite them to be represented on the Association by a Vice-President as well.

As the game expanded in Cardiff, so the number of clubs and teams grew. A third division was formed in 1923-24 and was initially won by Woodville Road Baptists and in 1928-1929 a Ladies Division was formed and won in the first year by Barry Athletic and the Ladies Individual Championship was won by Miss V Reeve. In 1931-1932 the D G Fowles Cup was introduced for Ladies teams and the inaugural event was won by the Mackintosh Institute. By 1922-1934, two 3rd Divisions existed, A & B and they were won by Wood Street A and Portland Sports respectively.

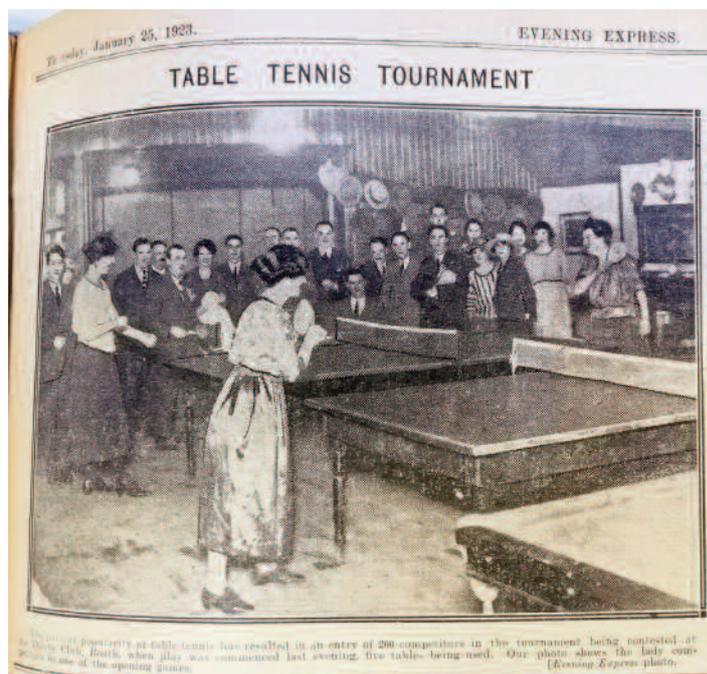
In the season 1934-1935, formal 4th and 5th divisions were introduced and won by Albany Road Methodists and Cathays Methodists Reserves. By that time with a Ladies division as well, the League had expanded to a total of 6 divisions with some 67 teams. In addition a Business House League was introduced in 1936-1937 with 11 teams and was won in the

first year by the 'Mail and Echo' team. The season 1936-1937 also saw the introduction of the Cardiff 'Open' tournament which in future years was to attract many famous players. A Junior Championship was introduced in 1938-1939 and was won by F Gabb of Newport. The runner up was Mr W Sweetland who was later to become the top Welsh player and highly ranked at World level.



During the 1939-1945 war only a Division One continued as well as the individual men's Cardiff Closed tournament, but following the war, the League got under way again in earnest and its success continued. By 1948-1949 the format changed to have a division 4A and B rather than a division 5 and a section of 5 junior teams was introduced together with a 5 team 3 a side section.

The expansion of Table Tennis in Cardiff continued into the 1950's and the League Secretary noted that for the 1949-1950 season there were a record 104 teams competing. There were 8 men's Divisions including the introduction of the Premier Division, together with the Business House section and a Premier and Division One for the Ladies, making a total of 11 in all.



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In 1951, the Secretary of the Cardiff League, Mr H Massey made comment in the League Handbook about complaints which had been made the previous season about lighting. He said the following:

**“The ideal of course is 3 x 150 watt lamps, approximately 10 feet from the floor, spaced the length of the table, but if this is not possible, every effort should be made to ensure reasonable lighting conditions during match play”**

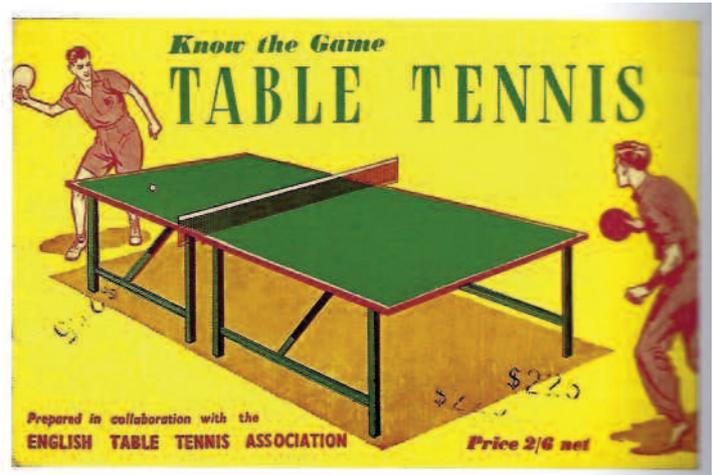
He also mentioned problems with the service rule, which only allowed the ball to be ejected from the hand. Dropping the hand away or throwing the ball onto the racquet was barred.

It's interesting to note that some of the same issues with serving still exist today nearly 70 years later!

During the summer of 1954, the Chairman of the Cardiff League Fred Rieple reported that:

**“Walter Sweetland the Welsh International player conducted a coaching course for Juniors, but they showed little enthusiasm. About a dozen were asked to attend the course, but during the latter weeks, only 3 or 4 were attending”.**

In 1955 in High Street in the City Centre of Cardiff, the Castle Billiard Saloon and Table Tennis Hall was open, with 3 Table Tennis Tournament Tables for the public to play on. In 1957, a brand new Spalding 'Villa' Championship Table with a 1 inch thick top and 8 turned legs could be bought for just under £45 from all good sports shops.



In 1957, the Chairman of the League reminded everyone that only racquets which were either plain wooden ones or ones having a standard covering of pimped rubber could be used in all matches organised by the Cardiff League and the TTAW, with the exception of the Welsh Open.

By the 1960-61 season, the League had Divisions 1A and 1B plus 7 other Divisions, so a total of 9 in all, although by this time the Ladies Division had stopped because there were no longer enough women players.

However, the popularity and development of Table Tennis continued and the League continued to increase, reaching 12 divisions in the 1965-66 season.

In 1968-69, the structure changed with the introduction of a Premier Division, a Division One and other divisions split between A,B,C and D. Altogether there were a total of 13 Divisions, the highest ever reached by the Cardiff and District League with 151 teams playing in the league that season with around 600 players!

In 1977-78 the Cardiff Table Tennis Club was organised by the Cardiff League and took place on 8 Tables in the Jubilee Hall at the National Sports Centre in Cardiff every Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with coaching for Cadets and Juniors from 6-8pm and practice and coaching for Seniors from 8-10:30pm. Membership was by the approval of the League Management Committee and the **membership fee was £4 for the season. Compulsory playing dress was a Navy Blue Shirt and Navy Blue or Grey Shorts or Skirts.**

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By 1979, the number of divisions had dropped to 10 which included a 'Super' Division as well as a Premier Division, but unfortunately this decline in numbers had taken hold, as the number of teams had reduced from the peak of 13 divisions and 151 teams. By 1983 the divisions had reduced further to 8.

During the mid 1980's, Butterfly Cardiff had a team in the British National League and in 1987-88 the divisions in the Cardiff League were revamped again to just be called Divisions 1 to 8. Unfortunately the decline in numbers playing continued and the league reduced to 6 Divisions in 1990 and by 1992 had reduced further to only 4 divisions with 52 teams.

Between the 1970's and the early 1990's, interest in playing competitive Table Tennis reduced significantly as people's leisure time activities changed. Many of the previous Businesses who had teams stopped playing and others like Church teams also ceased playing as the number of Youth and Adult Clubs reduced. These were very disappointing times as the number of teams playing in the Cardiff League reduced from the peak of 151 in 1968-69 to 52 in 1992-93.

There was very little change throughout the 1990's as the numbers playing stabilised and 4 divisions continued each season.

Then in 2001, the Cardiff Eastern Table Tennis Club was set up by the Cardiff League and was run by Graham Jones the League Honorary Secretary. This took place every Thursday

at the Eastern Leisure Centre in Llanrumney, Cardiff. Juniors played from 6:30-8pm and Seniors from 8-9:30pm. There were 10 tables available for use and coaching was free for Juniors. The cost per night was £2. This continued until 2007.

In the 2006-07 season, the number of Divisions in the Cardiff League reached an all time low, with only 3 divisions in place that season and the league lost Park Club and Radyr who had been regular members of the League for many years.

Then in 2008 in an attempt to increase interest in the game, sessions were organised at the Welsh Institute of Sport (WIS) in Sophia Gardens on Fridays from 6-8pm for Juniors and from 8-10pm for Seniors. There were also opportunities for the over 50's to play at the WIS on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

At this time for the season 2008-09, a new Central Division was set up and played at the WIS. This supplemented the normal 3 tiered divisions in place at that time. In the first season, this had 10 teams and was called Division 1B, but this was changed to become the WIS Division in the 2009-10 season. Barry Athletic A won the WIS Division in that year with Owen Clutterbuck finishing top of the individual averages. Charlotte Carey who is now a full time professional player and the current Welsh Number One and Welsh Champion finished 7th in the WIS averages that season as a 13 year old youngster.



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In 2010 the Junior Community Club began at the WIS every Friday night and was run by the Cardiff League's President Roy Gibson. This then became a Community Club for all ages, including coaching for Juniors in 2011-12. At the same time, Chris Richards the League Chairman organised and ran a Junior League each Monday at the WIS which had 14 teams taking part through the season.

The South Wales Conference League, set up in Wales by Neil Wright took place for several years and was played at the WIS in Cardiff on Sunday night's. Teams consisted of two players each playing two singles matches and one doubles, a total of five matches in all.

In the previous few seasons, Tony Williams had done sterling work taking over the production of fixtures, results, averages and other statistics, following the sad death of Graham Jones and Tony spent significant time and effort working on these using spreadsheets and distributing them via email to members of the League. In the season 2013-14, the League started using the TableTennis365 League management system which provides a website and everything needed to organise the fixtures and produce all the statistics on line for anyone to access and this became an invaluable resource for the League and all the Players from that time.

In 2019 the League has four Tiered Divisions and a Central Division which is played each Thursday night at the Cardiff City Table Tennis Club.

**Women Players**



Li Li      Lin Mei-chun      Cheng Huai-ying      Hu Yu-lan      Huang Hshi-ping

**LI LI**  
31st World Championships Women's Singles semi-finalist.

**CHENG HUAI-YING**  
Member of the 1971 Afro-Asian Table Tennis Friendship Invitational Tournament Women's Team Event Champion, Women's Singles Champion.

**LIN MEI-CHUN**  
Member of the 31st World Championships Women's Team Event finalist.

**HU YU-LAN**  
Member of the 1971 Afro-Asian Table Tennis Friendship Invitational Tournament Women's Team Event Champion.

**HUANG HSHI-PING**  
Junior player.

**Men Players**



Li Chang-kuang      Hsi En-ting      Liang Ke-liang      Tiao Wen-yuan      Yu Chang-chun

**LI CHING-KUANG**  
Member of the 31st World Championships Men's Team Event Champion.

**LIANG KE-LIANG**  
Member of the 31st World Championships Men's Team Event Champion.

**TIAO WEN-YUAN**  
1971 Afro-Asian Table Tennis Friendship Invitational Tournament Men's Doubles Champion.

**HSI EN-TING**  
Member of the 31st World Championships Men's Team Event Champion, Men's Singles semi-finalist.

**YU CHANG-CHUN**  
Participant of 27th, 28th and 31st World Championships.



## Tournaments and Trophies in Cardiff

In the first year of the Cardiff League in 1921-1922, the winners of the League Championship were Cardiff Central YMCA and medals were presented to them.

The first actual trophy played for in the Cardiff League was the Cup Competition in 1922-1923. This Competition was at that time called **'The Cardiff Exchange Cup Competition'**. The semi finals were played at the Drill Hall at the same time as a Table Tennis tournament in aid of the National Institute for the Blind. During the semi finals, there was a crowd of at least 200 continuously watching the play and when the final was announced, the spectators who were crowded in downstairs and up in the balcony numbered nearly 300.

The South Wales Evening Express on 16th December 1922 reported as follows on the final between Penarth YMCA and Cardiff YMCA:

### **'An Exciting Final'**

***"Extraordinary interest was evinced in the fluctuating fortunes of each match and rounds of applause greeted the most brilliant rallies on the part of the players, who were all obviously strung up to a high pitch of determination and fought hard for every point. The closest match was between H Wiggins of Penarth and F W Brown of Cardiff, the former winning by just two points 50-48.***

***At this stage, Penarth had established a lead, but only by a small margin and excitement ran high right until the last game of the match between A Wiggins of Penarth and G T Weaver of Cardiff. This proved as sparkling an exhibition as any during the evening and eventually went in favour of Weaver. At the end, Penarth YMCA had won by 382 to 363.***

***Once the match had finished, Mr Bell-Harrison on behalf of the Cardiff Exchange Club, presented the Silver Cup to Mr E C Lloyd the Chairman of the Cardiff & District Table Tennis League to be put up for competition every year. Captain Stanley Dark, the secretary of the Cardiff Branch of the National Institute for the Blind then presented the Cup to M E Lewis the Captain of the winning team".***

The 'Exchange Cup' has been played for ever since and so is now 97 years old! As mentioned previously, it was played as the Cup Competition Trophy until 1927-1928. From 1928-1929 onwards, it has been played for as the Cardiff Closed Individual Championship Trophy, initially for Men, but more recently for Men and Women. This has continued to the present day with the Exchange Cup being won by Dean Cundy in the current 2018-2019 season for the second season running. Dean was also runner up to Callum Evans in the Welsh Closed this season and has just been selected to represent Wales in the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships in India in July 2019.



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The Cardiff Closed Championship first took place in 1921-1922 when it was won by F C Andrews who went on to win it in the first 3 seasons. Since then, many of the top Cardiff players have won it over the years, including H V Crocker, Walter Sweetland, Monty Smith, Gerald Chugg, Graham James, Bernard Dimascio, George Evans, Ron Davies, Alan Griffiths, Fraser Anderson, Earl Jeffers and Neil Wright. Owen Clutterbuck who has been a stalwart of the Cardiff League for many years has won the Title on a record 10 occasions. It was originally just for men, but is now open to both men and women.

On the Ladies side, the first winner of the Ladies Championship in 1928-1929 was V Reeve. In the early years it was dominated by Nancy Roy Evans and Audrey Bates, with Nancy winning it 6 times and Audrey 10 times. Others who won it on multiple occasions include Margaret Phillips, Sandra Pickering, Glenys Thomas, Bethan Daunton and Kim Johnson. Regina Grech has won the Ladies Title on a record 11 occasions, including on 6 consecutive occasions from 2011-2012.

The current Welsh number one Charlotte Carey also won it in 2010-2011 at the age of 14. The current 'Ladies Cup' has been the one for the Ladies Championship winner since 1968-1969 when it was won by Margaret Phillips and this Cup continues to be competed for by the Ladies to the present day. It was won by Louise Smith (formerly Islip) in the current 2018-2019 season.

The '**Montague Burton Cup**' was introduced in 1928-1929 for the Cup Competition to replace the Exchange Cup and in its first year was won by Cardiff Central YMCA. The Montague Burton Cup has been played for ever since and is still in existence today. The Divisional Cup Competition it has been competed for has changed over the years and it is currently the trophy for the Division Two Cup Winners.

An equivalent Cup for the Ladies was introduced for the Ladies Cup Competition in 1931-1932. This was the '**D G Fowles Challenge Cup**' which was won by Mackintosh Ladies in the first year it was played for. Again, this cup continues to be competed for up to this time, although in more recent years it has been the Trophy for the Division Three Cup Winners.

The '**Clement Cup**' was presented by Mr and Mrs W G Clement in 1966 to be the Division One Cup and was won by Royal Overseas League 'A' in the initial 1965-1966 season. This Cup also continues to be presented to the Division One Cup Winners up to the present time.

In 1968 Mr H L Walker presented the League with the '**H L Walker Cup**' for the winners of the top Tiered Division in the Cardiff League. This was won in its inaugural season in 1968-1969 by Park Club 'A' and again this trophy continues to be competed for and is presented each year to the Division One Champions.



All the above trophies have existed for 50 to 90 years, with The '**Exchange Cup**' being in existence for almost a hundred years!

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In more recent years, other trophies have been presented to the League for them to use and in addition to those mentioned previously, the following are currently being played for:

***The Derek Clarke Cup for the Central Division Winners***  
***The Bruce Maskell Cup for the Division Two Winners***  
***The Richard Clarke Cup for the Division Three Winners***  
***The Dave Kennett Cup for the Division Four Winners***  
***The John Edmunds Cup for the Central Cup Winners***  
***The Chris Richards Cup for the Division Four Cup Winners***

***The Championship Plate for the Winner from those knocked out in the first round of the Championship***

***The Bob King Trophy for the Over 40's Competition Winner***

***The Veterans Cup for the Over 60's Competition Winner***

***The Handicap Singles Cup***

***The Gwyn Pritchard Cup for the Hard Bat Competition Winner***

***The Jack Brown Cup for the Junior Competition Winner***

In 2012-2013, The '***Graham Jones Memorial Cup***' was introduced. Up to his death, Graham had been a stalwart of the League over many, many years as General Secretary, Results Secretary and Welsh League Secretary, as well as making many other contributions to the League and also the Mackintosh Club. To recognise Graham's contribution, the Cup is presented each year to the person the League Management Committee consider is deserving of this Special Achievement award and it is presented entirely at their discretion.

The inaugural winner was George Evans and since then it has been awarded to Roy Gibson, Derek Clarke, Chris Richards, Roger Grech, Regina Grech and most recently to Earl Jeffers. All have contributed greatly to Table Tennis in Cardiff in many different ways. It has also been a great pleasure for the League to have had Graham's widow Shirley Jones present the Cup at the League AGM and Presentation evening each year.

The Welsh Closed Championships have been held for many years in Cardiff and has been won by many renowned Welsh players. On the men's side, these include Alan Griffiths (10 times), Steve Ward (5 times), Adam Robertson (5 times) and Ryan Jenkins who has won it a record 12 times. The Champion for the past 3 years has been Callum Evans.

On the Ladies side, Doris Gubbins won it 5 times in the early years of the Championships, while Nancy Evans won 7 times. Since then we have seen Margaret Phillips (5 times), Natasha Williams (6 times), Bethan Daunton (5 times), Naomi Owen (9 times) and Charlotte Carey (5 times, including the past 4 years) being the highest number of winners.



## Tournaments and Trophies in Cardiff

In addition to all the Cardiff League Closed Competitions mentioned above, in the past the League also hosted the Cardiff Open. At its height this Competition attracted top International players from all over the UK and further afield. Perhaps the most well known winners of this were the English Internationals Chester Barnes who won it in both 1967-1968 and the following season and Desmond Douglas who won it in 1975-1976. The final competition in 1989-1990 was fittingly won by our own Welsh International Steve Ward.

Other well known Welsh winners of the Men's title have included Gerald Chugg, Walter Sweetland, George Evans and Alan Griffiths. George won it first in 1959-1960 and amazingly won it again almost 20 years later in 1977-1978.

Many of the top Welsh women have won the Ladies Cardiff Open as well, including Nancy Roy Evans, Betty Gray, Audrey Bates and Margaret Phillips. The final competition which took place in 1989-1990 was won by Justine Thomas from Wales. A full list of all the men, women and doubles winners can be found in the tables at the back of this brochure.

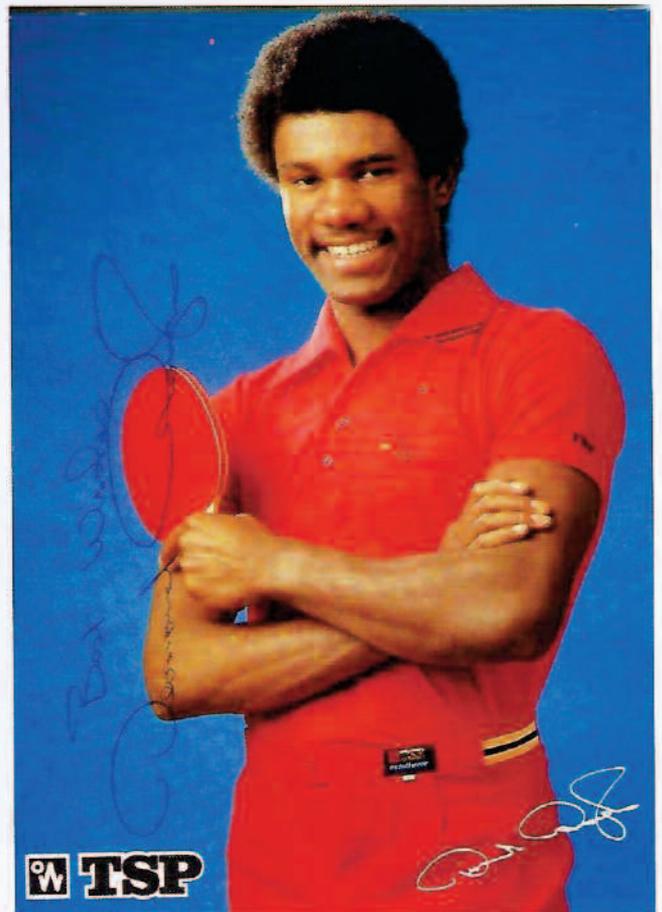
Cardiff has also competed in what was originally called the Welsh League, which began in 1925-1926 and has won the top division title on many occasions over the years. The Cardiff League continues to have teams in what is now called the Team Championships of Wales in both Senior and Veterans competitions and Cardiff City Table Tennis Club are also represented strongly in the Senior Divisions.

There was previously also a Club Team Championship of Wales and in the early years from 1923-1924 onwards this was dominated by Cardiff League Clubs with Cardiff YMCA winning it in 6 years of the first 7, only interrupted by Penarth YMCA in 1924-1925. The Club Team Championships also took place for Women from 1929-30 and for Juniors from 1971-1972. These Competitions are no longer played for.

In the British League, Cardiff has had several teams through the years and had teams throughout the 1980's under the Butterfly Cardiff name. This continued until early in the 1990's when the team disbanded. Victoria Park Mazda competed in 1991 but did not play for long. Parkside Dragons from Newport also played and changed their name later to ATH Building Constructors Cardiff. They continued for a few years and were then superseded by Team Powerhouse Cardiff in the mid 1990's, and they competed for a few years after that. Cardiff also had a Ladies team in the British League over several years. In more recent years, Cardiff City Table Tennis Club have had teams in both the Men's and Women's leagues and they continue to be represented in 2019.

Cardiff has hosted the Commonwealth Table Tennis championships on two occasions in 1973 and 1989 at the National Sports Centre in Sophia Gardens, Cardiff.

In 1973, the Welsh team consisted of Robert Bishop, Sandra Pickering, Brian Everson, Graham Davies, Alan Griffiths, Glenys Thomas, John Mansfield, Betty Gray and Lynda Jones and the Team Captains were F Anderson and J Beer.



Desmond Douglas, a fourteen-time English champion, circa 1980.

## Tournaments and Trophies in Cardiff

In 1989, the team was Nigel Tyler, Nigel Thomas, Mark Thomas, Steve Ward, Nick Williams, Paul Lewis, Chris Kelly, Lee Thomas, Lesley Keast, Justine Thomas, Stephanie Evans, Sian Evans, Natasha Williams and Laura Collier and the Captains were Alan Griffiths and Andrew Evans.

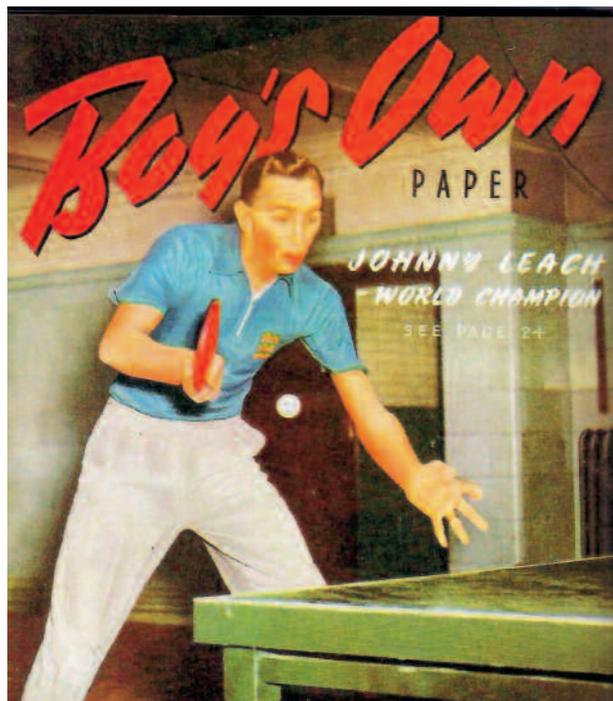
Following World War 2, when the popularity of Table Tennis was arguably at its height, the Welsh Open which took place in Cardiff, attracted many of the World's best players. As Steve Ward recalls, ***"The Welsh Open got some of the best players in the World, primarily because Nancy and Roy Evans hosted this wonderful event"***

In January 1947, Table Tennis News reported that a crowd of around 1200 Welsh Table Tennis enthusiasts saw Johnny Leach defeat Viktor Barna in the final of the Welsh Open in December 1946. The Cardiff man Walter Sweetland had been defeated by Barna in the semi-finals. Local players had to qualify for the event through elimination rounds prior to the main competition.

Then in January 1948, Table Tennis News reported on the 1947 championships. A crowd of 1500 watched the finals and saw a memorable match between Richard Bergmann and Johnny Leach. Bergmann who had already won the English Open was in devastating form and comfortably won the first two games 21-13 and 21-18. Leach then came back to win the 3rd game 21-15 and when he fell behind 12-5 in the 4th, it looked like it was all over. But then he came back to level up at 18 all and then go on to win it 21-18. Unfortunately Leach was unable to continue in that vein and Bergmann took the 5th game 21-10 to clinch the title.

After the match, the Welsh President Mr Morgan Evans said ***while presenting the trophies, "After such a match, Wales is proud to think that both these men have been her Champion"***

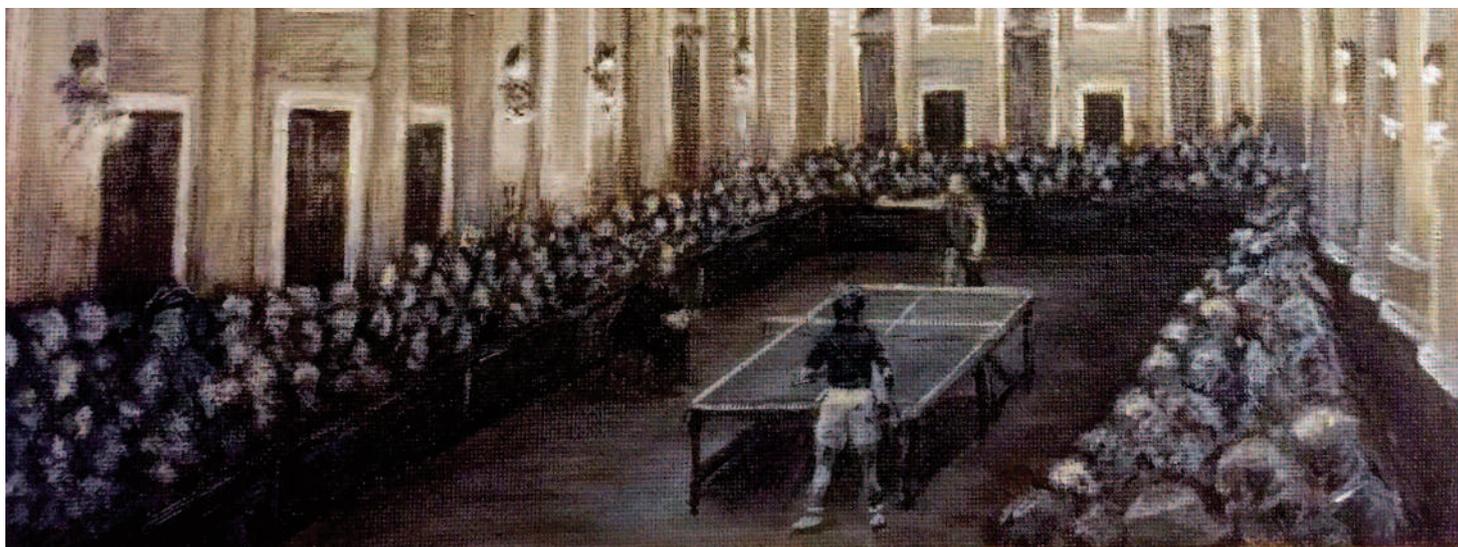
In the Ladies singles, Dora Beregi comfortably defeated Pinkie Barnes 21-17, 21-11 after showing a great return to form following a not so good spell.



The match of the tournament however was in the semi-final of the mixed doubles when Jack Carrington and Helen Elliot defeated Johnny Leach and Pinkie Barnes 23-21, 27-29, 21-19 in a match which had everything.

After his singles battle with Bergmann, Johnny Leach had the misfortune to trip over a bench and broke a bone in his thumb. Nevertheless, he insisted on playing his doubles final despite being advised not to by the organisers, his doubles partner and other friends. After having the thumb securely strapped, he played and won the doubles event with Jack Carrington, defeating Richard Bergmann and Geoff Harrower 21-13, 20-22, 21-17.

The Welsh Open continued to be a very successful tournament in the years which followed and in later years continued to attract many top players from all over the UK and abroad.



## Tournaments and Trophies in Cardiff

Undoubtedly, the best individual Welsh performer on the World stage has been Doris (Dolly) Gubbins. Doris won the Silver medal in the Ladies Singles at the first World Championships in 1926, followed by a Bronze in 1928 and another Silver in 1928 in the Doubles. Also at the first World Championships on the men's side, Cyril Mossford and Hedley Penny won the Bronze medal in the men's doubles.

Perhaps the best performance for Wales in any team event, was in 1951 when Audrey Bates, Audrey Coombs and Betty Gray won the Bronze medal in the World Table Tennis Championships in the Ladies team event, The Corbillon Cup.

On the Veterans front, George Evans won the Gold Medal at the European Veterans Championships in Bratislava in 2005.



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## Memories of Days Past

Subscription prices are 9 pence for men and 5 pence for women per week. **Park Table Tennis Club, Penarth 1934**

An article says legislation is needed to stop pushing after 2 hours for one point, seven hours for an unfinished match and eleven hours for a cup final. There was concern that the large number of spectators at events (up to 8000) would melt away if this continued. **Table Tennis News 1936**

I would like to remind you that a limit has been placed upon the racket which may now be used. The only rackets which can be used are plain wooden ones, or ones having a standard covering of pimped rubber only. This applies to all matches and tournaments organised by either the Welsh Association or our own League, with the exception of the Welsh Open. **Fred Rieple – Chairman of the Cardiff & District League in the 1957 Handbook**

Sponge Bats have begun to be used more frequently and Japan's Hiroji Satoh became the first person to win the World Championship in 1952 using a Sponge Bat. **Table Tennis News 1952**

Table Tennis is becoming quite a popular activity and with the patient help given by Mrs Beames, many of the school tournament matches were well beyond the 'Ping Pong' standard. It would be nice if some of our better players found clubs so they could gain more experience. **Howells School Magazine 1973**

I remember playing Table Tennis for the Royal Mail Club in the 1980's. We played in the office upstairs and had to move the furniture out of the way before each game. **Harold Furber**

We used to come down from North Wales for training camps in the school holidays. We used to travel in different cars, but the best times were in the Davies's massive white Citroen as we could all travel together. Alan Griffiths was the coach and would always add an S onto your name (Juls, Dels, Siws etc.) Thank you to all the South Wales players we stayed with who looked after us. On the way home, we'd always stop in Hereford for Chips! **Julie Hughes (Furber)**

I started playing for the Forestry Commission in Block One of the Government Buildings in Gabalfa, Cardiff in 1959. **Roy Gibson**

My first match in the Cardiff League was in 1999 playing for Radyr TTC. I played Wilson Gethin of GE Star. He must have been in his mid 80's by then and he hammered me! He was always very polite and when he got a net he would **ALWAYS** say. "I'm very sorry, but I'm glad it went over". **Chris Davies**

The Epic Match – Regina Grech v Dave Ricketts in 2004 – Style, Very Defensive. The match went to 5 sets and took 1 hour 20 minutes at Fairwater Conservative Club. It was so boring everyone else buggered off to the bar to watch the Football. **Anonymous**



Playing under 9's Dragons for the first time. **Evan O'Connor**

Playing with Nathan to complete my Sticker Sheet in 2015. **Elis O'Connor**

Having a one to one with Danielle at Cardiff City TTC. I missed all the balls during Multi-Ball practice. She told me to practice fitness. I also remember coming last in the 2015 U-13 Dragons. **Bethan Jones**

Going to the old Cardiff City TT Club in the Development Squad. I was really scared because everyone was really good. I was scared of Nathan, but I really liked Danielle. Also I remember having my first one to one with Danielle. **Morgan Day-Davies**

My first memory of playing Table Tennis in Cardiff was during an elite session and me and Lydia did a half hour wall sit at the old Cardiff City Club in 2012. **Jamie-Lee Harley**

I started playing when I was 50. **Paul Holliday**

Playing in the Cardiff Sunday League in the WIS when I was 14. **Jack Fletcher**

The church was freezing and we weren't allowed to put the heating on. Some played in shorts, but that wasn't the norm. John Trotter was a long distance runner and had 'proper shorts'. We came top of the division in the league but got promoted beyond our abilities! **Ken Wintle Splott Methodists**

We played in the Large Hall which apart from being very cold also had poor lighting. Moved to play in the Church Parlour after a while. We wanted to play in an upstairs room but were stopped by alleged fire risk issues. I remember trips to other clubs such as Rhiwbina and Mackintosh and us 'young 6th formers' playing 'old gents' and 'being hammered' **Geoff Mules Splott Methodists**

I remember the cold! One old gent from the Mail & Echo couldn't play his match because he'd seized up. Having tea and biscuits during the match and being reprimanded if you didn't bring a contribution. We had teams of four and were always trying to fiddle the order to try and get more points! **Geoff Lloyd Splott Methodists**



I remember going to watch my uncle Graham Carter play for the Mackintosh around 1963. They played in what is the bar area now and had tea and biscuits halfway through. Going there got me interested in TT and I later played in the old Hut at the Macks, with black bin bags trying to stop the rain coming in through the roof and buckets and bowls underneath to catch the rest. It was an awful room, but I loved playing there with the old snooker style lights above the table. Now we are lucky enough to have fantastic facilities in the new wing at the Macks. **Chris Richards**

I played originally at the Park Club in Penarth. It was like a terraced house and you went up creaky old stairs and played in a small room upstairs. It was a special place for me and I spent loads of days and nights practising there. I loved the place. Once I drove my new Ford Escort to play and couldn't find my bat when I got there, so had to borrow a bat with pimples. I still won, but when I was leaving I found my bat and case was on the top of my car. I must have driven all the way from home to the club with it on the roof! **Owen Clutterbuck**



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VI DIVISION <sup>Cap</sup> and District League							
CURRAN'S v. FILM RENTERS 'B'							
Played at ROYAL OAK on 8 <sup>TH</sup> DEC 1950							
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						HOME	AWAY
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F. BASTON.	18	18				0	
C. H. CLEVES.	21	21					2
A. HIGGINS	18	13				0	
G. HINDMARSH	21	21					2
U. HOBBS	7	10				0	
G. HINDMARSH	21	18	17				1
GEORGE BASTON	16	21	21			2	
V. ALLISON.	21	21					2
A. HIGGINS.	7	9				0	
V. ALLISON.	21	21					2
G. HARDING.	14	13				0	
D. MOORE	21	21					2
U. HOBBS	12	10				0	
D. MOORE.	21	22					2
D. WALTERS.	16	20				0	
B. ELLIS.	21	21					2
D. WALTERS	10	17				0	
B. ELLIS.	21	21					2
G. HARDING	12	16				0	
G. HINDMARSH	21	21					2
Higgins v. Hindmarsh	13	15				0	
Higgins v. Walters							
Curran's	Club won by 19					2	21
F. S. Baston	Home Capt. G. Higgins						
	Visiting Capt.						

## Memories of Days Past

I was lucky, really lucky to get a decent table tennis sponsorship with Butterfly from the age of 12. So, I got a contract with them where you'd get 50 sheets of rubber a year, you'd get all the equipment you wanted and the equipment they wanted you to wear, so you never paid for clothing, bats, blades, rubber and glue, although the glue was pretty iffy so you often got that from different places. **Steve Ward**

Venues were colder than they are now I would say. Central heating wasn't really available everywhere. I remember where we used to play, we had gas fires hanging from the ceiling which you used to pull a chain to light and put a match to them. They'd probably be completely condemned now if they were still around, but it was good fun in those days. Table Tennis has been good for me as well because I had a very, very serious illness. I had bone cancer and I had my right femur replaced with Titanium and I've come back into TT and it's got stronger and stronger and playing Table Tennis has had a huge impact on that. That was 25 years ago and it's all good now. **Paul Curtis**

When I first started playing in the Cardiff League, most clubs were single table clubs; hardly any clubs had more than one table. They were in church halls and offices, all different places. At the offices, we just used to walk in. There was no security. We used to go to the Post Office in Westgate Street and just walked in the back entrance, through the packing and sorting rooms and up the stairs to the table tennis room. Nobody challenged us or bothered us. I started off with a toy bat which wasn't very good. Then I bought a Barna bat which cost me 10 shillings and 6 pence, just over 50p now! That was a lot of money then and I used a Barna bat nearly all my table tennis life. **Mervyn Coulson**

I first started playing at Barry YMCA. If you dared to go into the gymnasium where the better Barry players were playing, you were told to leave! We played there virtually running home from school and straight there to play every night. I remember playing at Rhiwbina and they had a Piano in the corner. When one of their players, Bob Fisher was struggling and needed a break, he would kick the ball under the piano and it would take about 5 minutes to get it back out again. **George Evans**

I worked at John Currans in Dumballs Road and they had a table tennis team and I discovered I had a bit of a knack for it and they asked me to practice with them over lunch. We had a room set aside for table tennis which was pretty noisy as it was close to where they used to build the big engines. But we had our own table there and we'd have our lunches there and practice. My favourite memory is the team spirit and camaraderie. We'd have a laugh at practice in the nights and then have a pint afterwards of course, as you do! **Jennie Morris**



My favourite playing memory would be winning a medal at the Commonwealth Games, because I remember the Welsh Flag going up and it was pretty surreal watching that. I was in University at the time, so it was a pretty proud moment considering I wasn't playing full time. In Coaching it would probably be the last Commonwealth Games and leading the girls out. Anna Hursey was only 11 and the youngest athlete in the Games. It was a lot of pressure and I needed to handle her in the correct way and make sure she enjoyed the competition and I think we had a really good team spirit.

**Stephen Jenkins**

I always used a Barna Bat and it was priced at 4 shillings and 11 pence (about 25p now). I used to go to matches on the bus and sometimes we would have a coach if we were playing in other towns and when we got back to Cardiff if it was late sometimes I had to walk home to Penarth. There was usually only one table wherever we played in the Cardiff League. There were no changing rooms, you just took your coat off and that was it.

**Gerald Chugg**

I started playing in work. It was a work canteen and we had a made up board for a table and a homemade net. The room was barely big enough to fit the table in and you couldn't swing back otherwise you'd hit your elbow! That's how tight it was and that determined how I played. I changed from my hard bat to sponge when I got beaten by someone who came in for the first time with a sponge bat and they started to loop the ball in the air and of course I couldn't cope with the spin. I decided straight away, "I must get me one of them!"

**Earl Jeffers**

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CARDIFF and District League

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B	T. ROBERTS	20/21	10			
Y	B. DIMASCIO	22/14	21			1
C	S. VOWLES	18/14				
Z	G. TREPINGTON	21/21				1
B	T. ROBERTS	2/10	18			
X	M. BENSON	10/21	21			1
A	G. EVANS	21/21				1
Z	G. TREPINGTON	2/12				
C	S. VOWLES	2/12				
Y	B. DIMASCIO	21/21				1
B	T. ROBERTS	21/21				1
Z	G. TREPINGTON	19/18				
C	S. VOWLES	14/16				
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A	G. EVANS	21/21				1
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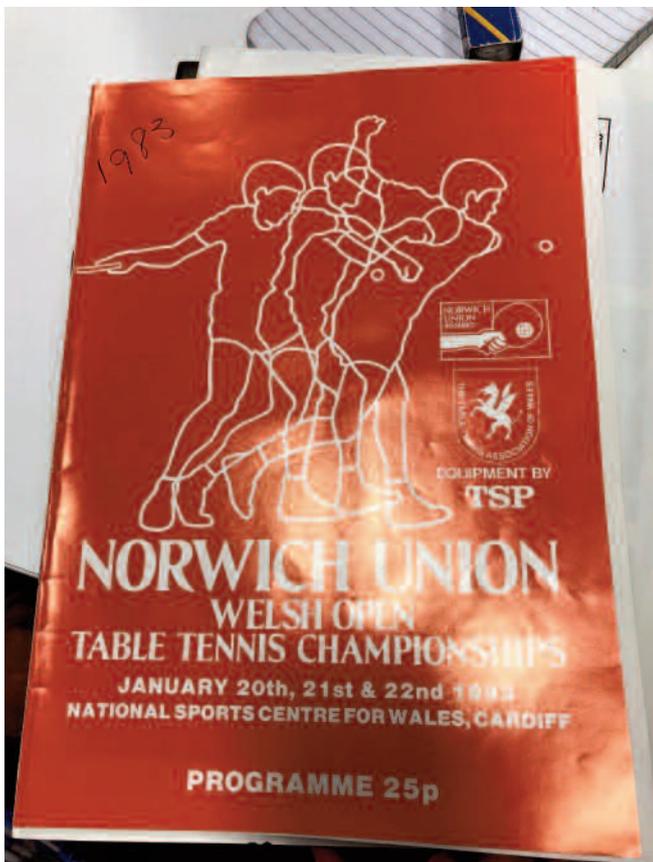
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## Clubs and Venues

As mentioned previously in the Cardiff Table Tennis History Section, when Ping Pong as it was then known in 1902 took off in a big way, teams and clubs sprang up almost daily in Cardiff. Many of these teams came and went as the popularity of the game ebbed and flowed.

Once the Cardiff & District League was formed in 1921 and Divisions were set up, the number of clubs increased dramatically and many expanded to have more than one team.

Since the formation of the League until the present time, over 350 clubs have been part of the Cardiff & District League, most of whom played in their own venues. They came from a varied background including Churches, white and blue collar Businesses, Youth clubs and Community centres. Also the Police, Army and Fire Services, various Government offices including the Inland Revenue, Post Office, Ministry of Pensions and the National Coal Board, as well as Banks and Working Men's Clubs. This is in addition to dedicated Table Tennis Clubs and also the many Clubs and teams who were part of the YMCA and YWCA in many of their venues in Cardiff, Barry, Penarth and other Towns.

The venues usually had a single table in canteens, work offices and church halls, or just in any room which was available at particular venues and was big enough to get a table in! The facilities were not always great in the days before central heating, often being cold and damp with perhaps not the best lighting.

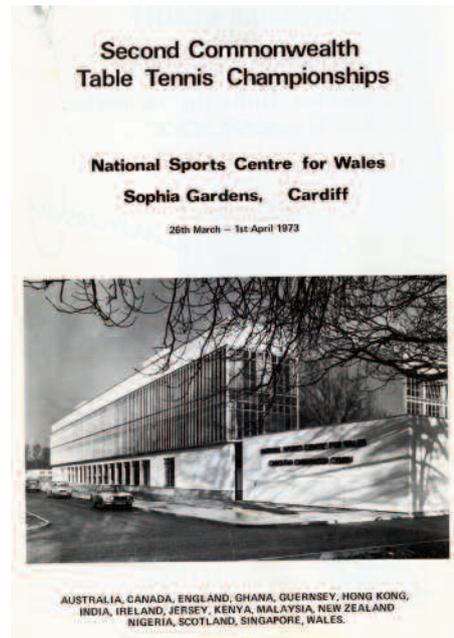
However, in more recent years, most of the businesses, YMCA's and Church Youth Clubs no longer play and the current clubs are focussed around a few major Sports Clubs, Social Clubs, Village teams and the full time dedicated Cardiff City Table Tennis Club. There are a few Businesses who still have teams and it is to be hoped others will expand the numbers in future years.

The legislation around Child Protection, while being essential to ensure the safety of children, has undoubtedly had an adverse affect on the number of younger players playing in the league because of the need for enhanced supervision and the difficulties of travel to and from venues. This was one

of the major reasons for the formation of the League's Central Division which has a number of Juniors playing in it.

The main Clubs in terms of number of teams in the League are currently the Mackintosh Sports Club with 12 teams Rhiwbina Table Tennis Club with 7 teams, Cardiff City Table Tennis Club with 6 teams, Fairwater Conservative Club with 5 teams and Trehafod with 4 teams.

In 2019, Clubs in the League come from Cardiff and beyond, including Barry, Penmark, Trehafod, Pontypridd, Bedwas and Nelson. Over the years many teams have taken part in the League from the South Wales Valleys and it is to be hoped the number will increase again in the future.



The Cardiff & District League in 2019 has 14 Clubs with a total of 48 Teams playing across 5 Divisions with around 200 players. The Clubs are currently:

**Atradius, Barry Athletic, Cardiff City TTC, Care for the Family, Fairwater Conservative Club, GE Pontypridd, Jacobbs, Mackintosh, Memory Lane, Penmark, Rhiwbina, Trehafod, Vale Academy and Wonky Bar.**

As has been mentioned previously, the Mackintosh Club has been playing Table Tennis at its venue in Keppoch Street, Cardiff since the game took off in 1902, so for over 117 years! A record which is unlikely to ever be surpassed.

Rhiwbina had a Table Tennis Committee in 1914 and first had a Men's team in the Cardiff League in the mid 1920's and a Ladies team in 1933 and Fairwater Conservative Club started in the League in the early 1960's.

The Cardiff City Table Tennis Club opened in 2012 and is currently Wales' only dedicated Table Tennis Centre. Originally based in Maindy, to cope with its expansion the Club is now based in larger premises off Newport Road in Cardiff. Since opening, the ambition has been to increase participation amongst all ages, genders, backgrounds and abilities. The venue can hold up to 16 tables and is currently the venue for the Cardiff League's Central Division. Coaching is available on an individual and group basis and several of the best youngsters in Wales are based in the Club.



The Club has teams in the British League and they travel all around the UK to compete in that competition, as well as playing home matches at their own venue. This gives spectators the opportunity to watch high quality matches between some of the top players in the UK.

After a reduction in clubs and participants in the Cardiff League and Cardiff specifically, the last few years have seen an increase in interest and the aim must now be to build on this and encourage more new clubs to form and join the League.



Since the earliest years of the game, there have been a huge number of both players and administrators who have contributed massively to Cardiff Table Tennis and its development. It is not the intention to try and provide here information on all those as that would be impossible and inevitably many worthy contributors would be missed. In addition, many of the top Welsh players have come from outside Cardiff, including Betty Gray, Naomi Owen and Charlotte Carey on the women's side and Alan Griffiths, Adam Robertson, Steve Ward, Ryan Jenkins and Stephen Jenkins on the men's side and therefore these have not been focussed on here, even though their achievements in the game and particularly for Wales are huge. For information, the most successful players in Wales and the notable officials in Cardiff can be found detailed in the comprehensive tables at the end of the brochure.

However, it is appropriate to record here some of the men and women who have contributed over the years to Table Tennis in Cardiff.

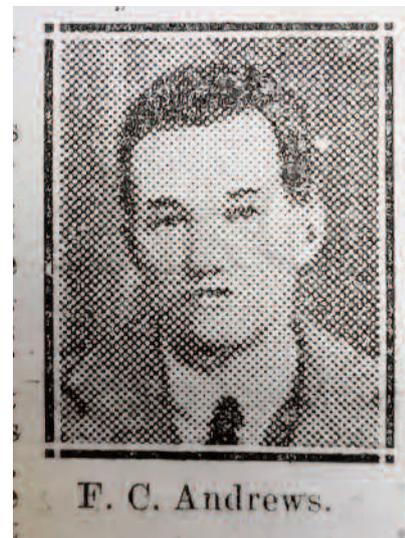
In the early years, a number of men were at the forefront of the development of the game. Some of these kept the game going in the years following the start of the game at the beginning of the 1900's and were still involved when the Cardiff & District League as we now know it began in 1921.



**W S Windsor** commenced playing around 1907 and when the Cardiff & District Ping Pong League was reformed in 1908 became the League Secretary. At that time, he played for Cardiff YMCA and later once the Table Tennis League started in 1921 was part of Thirty Club and was Joint Secretary of the League at that time too. It was reported in the South Wales Evening Express on 2nd January 1923 that Windsor along with G H Morris was mainly responsible for the revival of the League in 1921. He was Captain of the Cardiff League team on three occasions and was reported as being probably the hardest hitter in South Wales. He was the main mover in the formation of the Table Tennis Association of Wales in 1923. His nickname was 'Canary', although it was not clear whether this was because he had relatives in Norwich, or because of his vocal ability.



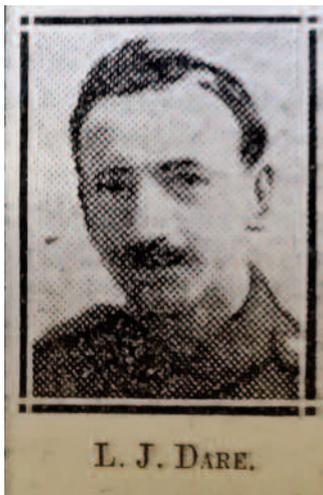
**G H Morris** was reported as being one of the most polished exponents of the game as well as the most experienced player in Wales. He did as much as anyone in keeping the game alive from 1902 onwards and with W S Windsor was the major contributor to the formation of the Cardiff League in 1921. He had started playing originally at the beginning of 1900 before the great boom of the game and was a prominent member of the Cardiff YMCA club. He was Chairman of the Cardiff League in 1922 and was elected again in 1923 but stood down as he was unable to commit to attending the important meetings due to be held that year.



**F C Andrews** was called the unofficial champion of Wales by the Evening Express in 1923 and was the Captain of the Thirty Club then, so named because of its original restriction to 30 men and 30 ladies. In 1923 this was changed to allow 40 of each sex as members. Andrews was one of the finest aggressive players of the time and commenced playing for Cardiff YMCA Juniors around 1907. He then came to the notice of G H Morris who was attempting to revive the game at that time and Morris gave him his chance in the Senior team. Andrews won the Cardiff Closed Championship in the first three years it was played for.



**C H Shepherd** was the first member of his club (Cardiff Exchange Club) to represent the Cardiff & District League. He was actively involved in what was originally called Ping Pong and played for the Roath Park Wesleyans in 1908, but then didn't play again after that until 1923 when he joined the Cardiff Exchange. In the early days of the game some 20 years earlier, he won second prize in the Junior competition at the Park Hall. He was one of the best sportsmen in the League in 1923 being a prominent player in bowls and was a former captain of the Mackintosh Lawn Tennis Club.



**L J Dare** played for the Llandaff Wasps in the Cardiff Ping Pong League back in the first years of the game, but then dropped the game for a number of years until he began again in 1922. In 1923 he was Captain of the League team and also a member of the General and Building Committee. At that time he was also taking a prominent part in assisting in the development of the younger players.

**Gerald Chugg** started playing Table Tennis when he was 13 at a Boy's club in Penarth and then he joined Penarth YMCA and started playing in the Cardiff League in 1938 when he was 14. He used a Barna bat with pimple rubbers on both sides. During an interview of Gerald by the Cardiff League President Roy Gibson, Gerald recalls that in the summer before he began the school term in September at Penarth Grammar School, he would play for around 8 hours a day.



For the early league matches in Cardiff he travelled usually by bus as few players had cars.

Gerald developed into a top player very quickly and won the Cardiff Open in 1938-1939 when he was 15 and won it again the following year. It was then not played during the next 3 years because of World War 2, otherwise Gerald would have undoubtedly won more titles. He did however win the Cardiff Closed in 1941-1942 and again after the war in 1946-1947.

At the age of 15, he was selected to play for Wales against Ireland and remains the youngest man to play in a Senior International for Wales. A letter from the Welsh General Secretary H Roy Evans to Gerald at the time states that the return fare to Ireland would be 42 shillings and 9 pence (about £2-15 in today's money) and he was expected to pay half. He would be allowed 10 shillings (50 pence) in personal expenses and the hotel and meals in Ireland would be provided for him.

In 1945 Gerald was a Navigator on a Halifax Bomber which was shot down by anti aircraft fire over Germany. Gerald parachuted out and was captured and imprisoned in a prisoner of war camp for the remainder of the war.

In the periods before and after the war Gerald represented both Wales and the Cardiff League on more than 40 occasions and played for Wales in the World Championships in 1947 in Paris. In Wales, he was a contemporary of many other famous Welsh players, including Nancy Roy Evans, Audrey Bates, Betty Gray and Walter Sweetland. He also played with many world famous players of his time, including exhibitions with World Champions Victor Barna, Richard Bergmann and Johnny Leach. He stopped playing Table Tennis at a young age in the early 1950's because he was studying to become an Accountant.

Gerald was the Auditor for the Cardiff League from 1950 for 56 years and at 95 is still a Vice President of the League a position he has held for 30 years. It is difficult to overstate his achievements in the game during the relatively short period he played, as well as his contribution to Table Tennis in Cardiff as Auditor and Vice President of the League.

**Nancy Roy Evans** along with her husband H Roy Evans were responsible for ensuring Wales was at the forefront of World Table Tennis from the mid 1930's right through to the late 1980's. Nancy was a top Table Tennis player representing Wales on many occasions and in 1938 was ranked as high as number 7 in the World Rankings. Her husband in his book recalls that she had her own style and was a fiercely aggressive player. She didn't lose to any English players in the International encounters between the teams and she continued to play at a very high standard until just after the 2nd World War finished in 1945.

She was the Welsh Ladies Champion for 5 years from 1935 until 1939 and again in 1946 when the competition began again after a 6 year break during the war. It is highly likely that had the war not interrupted the Championships, then Nancy could well have won the title on 12 consecutive occasions. In addition to those titles, she won the Cardiff Open and the Cardiff Closed 6 times. Firstly for three consecutive years from 1930-1931 as Nancy Jackson before she got married and then again a further 3 times up to 1944-1945 as Nancy Roy Evans after she married.

If the success she had as a player was remarkable, perhaps in the years following her retirement from the game her success on the administrative side was perhaps even more remarkable. At the Cardiff level, she was Chairman of the Cardiff League from 1973 to 1988 and then became Joint President from 1989 to 1999 alongside her husband H Roy Evans; a period of 26 years serving at the highest level.

From 1945 to 1989 for 44 years Nancy was the General Secretary of the Table Tennis Association of Wales during which time her and her husband Roy were responsible for bringing many of the top players to Wales to play in competitions held mainly in Cardiff.

IN 1960 Nancy was appointed as the first ETTU (European Table Tennis Union) permanent General Secretary and Treasurer. When she retired in 1984, she was made the first Honorary Life Member of the ETTU and the name of the ETTU Fairs Cities Cup was changed to the Nancy Evans Cup. On the ETTU's 25th anniversary, she was presented



with a Gold medal for her contribution to the organisation over the period she had represented them.

Undoubtedly, Nancy's contribution to Table Tennis in Cardiff, Wales and the rest of the World is unsurpassed by any other woman from Cardiff. Additionally, there is probably no other woman in the World who has ever contributed as much to World Table Tennis as Nancy did.



**H Roy Evans** was the elder son of Morgan 'Mog' Evans who was the Table Tennis Association of Wales first Treasurer and subsequently President. Roy played for Wales between 1931 and 1933 although, by his own admission, he never reached the playing heights of his wife Nancy.

He first met Nancy when the Welsh men and women were brought together for practice in Cardiff before a match against England in 1929 and together they travelled the World and jointly were the biggest influencers ever seen in World Table Tennis.

He was General Secretary of the TTAW from 1933 to 1939 and in the 2nd World War he served in Burma. After the war, Roy became General Secretary of the ITTF from 1951 to 1967 and then held the office of ITTF President for the next 20 years. On leaving that position he was named an Honorary Life President and was appointed an OBE in the 1972 Queen's Birthday Honours list.



Roy's working life was spent at the steel firm GKN in Cardiff, from where he retired as general manager of the Bolt and Nut division in 1972. He wrote a book called *Coloured Pins on a Map* in 1997 which recounted his life in Table Tennis and which related that he had been to at least 50 countries promoting Table Tennis. He was undoubtedly the most influential Welshman to have ever been involved in Table Tennis and he ensured Wales were always at the forefront of the game. It was almost entirely down to Roy and Nancy that so many of the top World players came to play in Competitions held in Cardiff.

In the early 1970's, he helped bring China and the USA together in what became known as 'Ping Pong Diplomacy' although Roy did not like that description of Table Tennis. He was also instrumental in getting Table Tennis into the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul after a 10 year battle for recognition. This earned him the award of the Olympic Order from the IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Roy was a major driver in the Cardiff League. He took over as President from his father Morgan Evans who had been president for 14 years from 1950 and was then President from 1964 to 1988 on his own and then from 1989 to 1999 jointly with Nancy. In total, he served in this capacity for some 36 years; a tremendous contribution alongside all his other activities on the World stage.

**Audrey Bates** was a top Welsh Table Tennis player who played on many occasions for Wales. She won the Welsh Closed Championships on 6 occasions between 1949 and 1963, when she was a contemporary of Nancy Roy Evans

and Betty Gray. She also won the Cardiff Open on 7 occasions between 1948 and 1960. On the Cardiff League front, Audrey won the Cardiff Closed title on 10 occasions including 6 times in a row from 1946 to 1951.

Audrey was a tremendous sportswoman who represented Wales in 4 different sports: Table Tennis, Squash, Tennis and Lacrosse. She was educated at Howell's school in Cardiff and in later years was the School's Games Coach.

Perhaps the height of her achievements was to win the Bronze medal for Wales in the World Table Tennis Team event in 1951.

**Paul Davies** grew up in Cardiff and is a top Welsh Paralympic player playing competitively since 1991. He won the Bronze medal in the 2012 Paralympic games in the men's individual class. In the 2011 European Championships in Croatia, he and Rob Davies took the Silver medal in the class 1 men's team competition and in 2012 they took the Gold medal in the Slovakian open.

**Sara Head** was born in Cardiff in 1980 and has represented Wales at two Commonwealth Games in 2002 and 2006. She was selected to play for Great Britain at the London 2012 Paralympics and won a Bronze medal at those. She also won a team Bronze medal at the 2009 European Championships in Italy. In 2010 she won the Gold medal for Great Britain in the women's class 1-3 team event at the World Para Championships in Korea. She also represented Great Britain at the Rio Paralympics in 2016.



## People through the Years

**Walter Sweetland** was born in Adamsdown, Cardiff and was one of 4 brothers and 3 sisters. He attended Howard Gardens School and on leaving took up a job at the Principality Building Society. He was Welsh Champion after the 2nd World War, winning the title 4 times between 1946 and 1955. He won the Cardiff Open twice and the Cardiff Closed on three occasions, both before and after the war.

He was arguably the greatest male Table Tennis player ever produced by Wales reaching a World ranking of 15 and he was inducted into the Welsh Sporting Hall of Fame in 1982.

He played at the same time as Gerald Chugg and played exhibition matches with Victor Barna and Richard Bergmann. Walter beat Johnny Leach the then World Champion twice and reached the quarter finals of the World Championships in 1951 where he lost to the eventual champion Ivan Andreadis. During his career, he represented Wales more than 100 times having played for the Cardiff YMCA club and being selected for Wales first when he was 18.

His dedication to the game, saw him train 6 nights a week after work for a shop fitting company called Hunts based in Canton, Cardiff where he stayed until his retirement. When he got older, Walter swapped Table Tennis for Golf and became a member of Whitchurch Golf Club. He came out of Table Tennis retirement in 1980 when he was 60 and was still able to beat many of the younger opponents around at the time, even though he played the 'older style' of Table Tennis. He played for a further 10 years until he was 70.

In his obituary, Walter was remembered as a formidable player and a perfect gentleman.



**Regina (Stevie) Grech and Roger Grech** have individually and as a couple contributed significantly to Cardiff Table Tennis over the years. Although originally from Germany Regina has had much success and contributed greatly to the Cardiff League. Regina represented Wales on many occasions and won the Welsh Closed Ladies Championship in 1989. In Cardiff, she was almost unbeatable for several years and won the Cardiff Closed Ladies Championship on no less than 11 occasions from 1988, including 6 consecutive times from 2011 until her move to Porthcawl with her husband Roger. She has also done a lot of coaching of youngsters, particularly at her Wildmill Club in Bridgend. Roger has also been a significant contributor to Cardiff Table Tennis, both playing and on the Cardiff League Management committee for many years as the Welsh League organiser and Cup Competitions Secretary. In recognition of their services both Regina and Roger have been presented with the prestigious Graham Jones Cup by the Cardiff League Management Committee for their contributions to Table Tennis in Cardiff.

**Roy Gibson** has been a stalwart of the Cardiff League for many years and previously was heavily involved in the Barry League and also served on the Committee of the TTAW. As well as still playing, Roy is a qualified Umpire and has been the President of the Cardiff League for the past 9 years. Roy also ran the Community Club for the League for many years. He continues to be actively involved in all aspects of the League and in recognition of the contribution he has made over the years to Table Tennis in Cardiff, Roy was selected by the League Management Committee to receive the Graham Jones Cup in the second year it was presented.



**Graham Jones** was an intrinsic part of the Cardiff League Management Committee for many years, starting in 1975 when he became the Match Results Secretary. He fulfilled this role for 36 years and alongside it also carried out the role of General Secretary from 1989 and Cardiff Closed Secretary from 1991. He continued to carry out all three of these until 2012. During these years, if it was not for Graham, the League would have struggled to continue and he dedicated a huge amount of his time to ensuring its ongoing success.

Graham was also the Secretary of the Mackintosh TT Club and a Trustee of the Mackintosh Sports Club and he also played in the Cardiff League for the Club. He organised and ran Table Tennis at the Eastern Leisure Centre over several years in addition to all his other activities.

Graham's contribution to Cardiff Table Tennis cannot be overestimated and in addition he was one of the gentlest and nicest people you could meet. He has been greatly missed since he passed away.

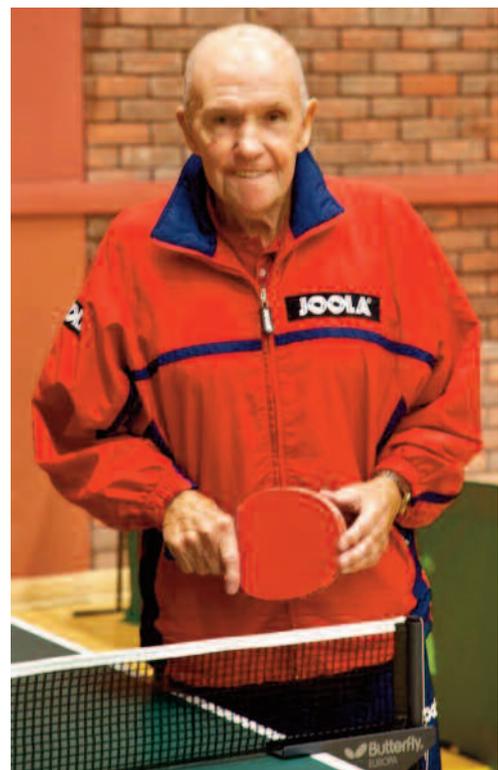
Following his death, the Management Committee brought into being the Graham Jones Memorial Cup. This is awarded each year entirely at the Management Committee's discretion to the individual they consider to merit receiving this Special achievement award and winners of it can be found under the Tournaments and Trophies section of this document.

**George Evans** is a legend in Table Tennis in Cardiff. Although he is from Barry, George has played in the Cardiff League over many years and continues to play in the League for his own Vale Academy Club. He began coaching around 1950 and has set up Academies in both Penarth and Barry and still coaches now. George has also served on the Cardiff League Management Committee, has been Chairman of the TTAW and in 2018 was elected to be President of the TTAW.

George was the Welsh Junior Champion just under 70 years ago in 1951. He started playing at Barry YMCA relating that he used to run home from school and then run to the YMCA to play almost every night. When he played in League matches in the 50's and early 60's he would travel by bus as hardly anyone had cars at that time. Often when he represented Cardiff, he would hitch-hike to places like Swansea and Aberdare to play in the matches.

George recalls that in the early days, he used to play with a Johnny Leach bat, but said that there was only really a choice of about 4 different types at the top end. He also remembers that even H Roy Evans produced a bat! George has over the years built up a reputation for trying various different methods to improve the performance of his rubbers, including using numerous chemicals and even dipping them in vinegar and waiting to see what happened. George while not admitting to anything specific, just mentions that he would try anything to improve his game and results.

George played professionally in Germany for a team representing Lubeck a City in Northern Germany. Alan Griffiths was already playing over there and he told George about the benefits of playing and George took the opportunity to play there too.



## People through the Years

George was also a talented Footballer and played for Wales in an under 18 match against England. He subsequently played for Barry Town. He also played Golf in which he reached a 6 handicap.

During his Table Tennis career spanning many decades, George represented Cardiff and Wales on many occasions. He has won the Welsh Closed Championship 5 times, the first time being in 1958 and the final time in 1977 some 19 years later. He won the Cardiff Open twice and the Cardiff Closed 8 times, the first one being in 1959-1960 and the last one 24 years later in 1983-1984. All this in addition to winning many Doubles and Veteran titles in Wales.

George's greatest achievement was undoubtedly winning the European Veterans Over 70's Gold Medal in Bratislava. No other Welshman has won an individual title at European level and it is a wonderful achievement, which may never be equalled.



**Owen Clutterbuck** started playing as a 12 year old at Barry Youth Club and recalls that at one time he played against Craig Bellamy the former Welsh International Footballer. He quite enjoyed playing and went up to the Valleys and played against Ryan and Stephen Jenkins and after being destroyed realised there was more to the game than he had previously realised! He received coaching there and never looked back from then.

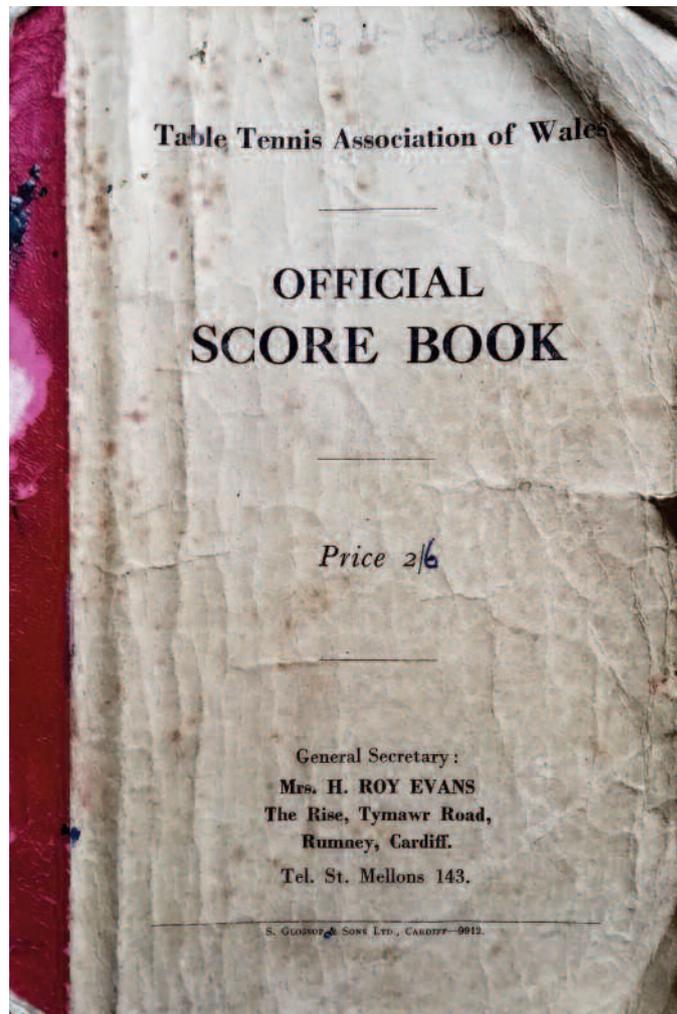
Owen initially played in the Barry League and then joined the Park Club where he played for many years. He has played in the Cardiff League for around 25 years and continues to play in the Central Division now.

Owen has won the Cardiff Closed Championship more than any other player. His first win was in 1998-1999 and his last to date was in 2013-2014. In total he has won it 10 times which is a fantastic achievement.

**Chris Richards** originally played in the Cardiff League in the 1970's before moving away with his work. On his return to Cardiff, he began playing again and on the administrative side was Chairman of the League for 4 years from 2010-2014 and introduced and ran the Junior League at the Welsh Institute of Sport (WIS) in 2011. He then became Match Results Secretary for 2 years from 2014 and during that time put in place the Table Tennis 365 system, which includes a Website and full On Line Fixtures, Results and Statistics for the League.

Chris continues serving the League and has arranged the supply, purchase and engraving of the League Trophies for the past 7 years. In 2019 he continues to look after the Website and is a Member of the Management Committee. As recognition of his contribution to the League, Chris was selected to receive the Graham Jones Special Achievement Award in 2016.

Chris plays for the Mackintosh Club in both the Central and Tiered Divisions and plays in the Welsh League for Cardiff. He also played for Wales Veterans in the Annual Home Nations Tournament in 2017 and 2018. Chris is also Secretary of the Mackintosh TT Club, which has the largest number of Teams in the League and is Chairman of the Mackintosh Sports Club.



**Anna Hursey** is a rising star in Ladies Table Tennis. At the age of 11 in 2018, she won the under 15, under 18 and under 21 competitions at the Welsh National Championships. She began playing at the age of 5 and in 2017 at the age of 10 competed for Wales at Senior level in a European Championship qualifying match against Kosova. In doing so, she became the youngest person to represent Wales at a senior level in any sport.

She competed at the 2017 World Cadet Championships and represented Wales at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia. She was also a nominee for the BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year Award in 2018.

Anna is continuing to move up the World Table Tennis rankings and was selected to play for Wales in the World Championships in Sweden in May 2019 alongside Charlotte Carey, Chloe Thomas and Beth Richards. She has also been selected to play for Wales in the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships in India in July 2019.

While still very early in her career and only 12, Anna is already the number 3 ranked player in Wales and if she continues to develop at the same rate in the future as she has up to now, she has every chance of reaching the very highest levels within the game.

Dick German's Cartoon :

Table Tennis Personalities.



## Cardiff Closed Winners - Men

SEASON	CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES	MEN'S DOUBLES
1921-1922	F C Andrews	Not Played
1922-1923	F C Andrews	Not Played
1923-1924	F C Andrews	Not Played
1924-1925	C Mossford	Not Played
1925- 1926	C Mossford	Not Played
1926-1927	C Mossford	Not Played
1927-1928	Trevor Coles	C Mossford & T A Schiele
1928-1929	Trevor Coles	H V Crocker & H L Walker
1929-1930	H V Crocker	W C Sweetland & T Smith
1930-1931	H V Crocker	T A Schiele & F Grashoff
1931-1932	W J Fisher	W Sweetland & A W Devereux
1932-1933	H V Crocker	H V Crocker & W J Fisher
1933-1934	E Wynne	H V Crocker & W J Fisher
1934-1935	F G Grashoff	H V Crocker & F Grashoff
1935-1936	L C Cann	H V Crocker & F Grashoff
1936-1937	H Chambers	A Devereux & D Lewis
1937-1938	Tom S Smith	F Curtin & L C Cann
1938-1939	Tom S Smith	T S Smith & F Smith
1939-1940	Walter Sweetland	T S Smith & F Smith
1940-1941	Monty Smith	Not Played
1941-1942	Gerald Chugg	T S Smith & F Smith
1942-1943	Frank Smith	H Morgan & W Hewitt
1943-1944	Walter Sweetland	G Evans & C Mortlock
1944-1945	Frank Smith	T S Smith & F Smith
1945-1946	Frank Smith	T S Smith & F Smith
1946-1947	Gerald Chugg	T S Smith & F Smith
1947-1948	Walter Sweetland	T S Smith & F Smith
1948-1949	Monty Smith	T S Smith & F Smith
1949-1950	Ken Milsom	T S Smith & F Smith
1950-1951	Monty Smith	M Smith & G Chugg
1951-1952	Michael Jones	W Sweetland & J Davies
1952-1953	Monty Smith	K Milsom & A Thomas
1953-1954	Graham James	W Sweetland & R Geen
1954-1955	Graham James	A Thomas & D Phillips
1955-1956	Bernard Dimascio	B Dimascio & S Jones
1956-1957	Bernard Dimascio	B Dimascio & S Jones
1957-1958	Alan Thomas	G Evans & P Bevan
1958-1959	Bernard Dimascio	B Dimascio & S Jones
1959-1960	George Evans	G Evans & R Davies
1960-1961	Ron Davies	R Davies & R Geen
1961-1962	George Evans	G Evans & R Davies
1962-1963	George Evans	A Thomas & B Dimascio
1963-1964	Ken Bull	A Thomas & P Bevan
1964-1965	Ron Davies	F Anderson & G Cogbill
1965-1966	Brian Everson	R Davies & B Everson
1966-1967	Graham Gear	G Gear & George Evans
1967-1968	Jeff Spencer	R Bishop & K Morris
1968-1969	John Bloomer	F Anderson & K Bull
1969-1970	Ron Davies	K Bull & G Evans

## Cardiff Closed Winners - Men

SEASON	CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES	MEN'S DOUBLES
1970-1971	Alan Griffiths	A Griffiths & T Watkins
1971-1972	Alan Griffiths	R Bishop & F Anderson
1972-1973	George Evans	K Bull & G Evans
1973-1974	George Evans	A Griffiths & B Everson
1974-1975	George Evans	K Bull & G Evans
1975-1976	G Davies	K Bull & G Evans
1976-1977	Fraser Anderson	K Bull & G Evans
1977-1978	Tony Healan	R Bishop & A Healan
1978-1979	Jeffrey Morgan	J Morgan & David Kenefick
1979-1980	Earl Jeffers	John Elward & A Coulthard
1980-1981	George Evans	George Evans & Tony Healan
1981-1982	Tony Healan	J Morgan & David Kenefick
1982-1983	Tony Healan	George Evans & Tony Healan
1983-1984	George Evans	Tony Healan & Nick Williams
1984-1985	Nick Williams	Tony Healan & Nick Williams
1985-1986	David Kenefick	D Kenefick & Nick Williams
1986-1987	Warwick Armstrong	W Armstrong & Nick Williams
1987-1988	Nick Williams	Nick Williams & Jeff Morgan
1988-1989	Nick Williams	Neil Jones & Anthony Jones
1989-1990	Byron Davies	Andrew Walker & Gareth Davies
1990-1991	Stephen Gill	Steven Gill & Andrew Kennard
1991-1992	Stephen Gill	Craig Williams & Matthew Jones
1992-1993	Owen Thomas	Not Played
1993-1994	Owen Thomas	Not Played
1994-1995	Byron Davies	Not Played
1995-1996	Jeff Rigby	Not Played
1996-1997	Jeff Rigby	Not Played
1997-1998	Brian Kerley	Not Played
1998-1999	Owen Clutterbuck	Not Played
1999-2000	Owen Clutterbuck	Not Played
2000-2001	Steve Hall	Not Played
2001-2002	Owen Clutterbuck	Not Played
2002-2003	Neil Wright	Not Played
2003-2004	Neil Wright	Not Played
2004-2005	Neil Wright	Not Played
2005-2006	Owen Clutterbuck	Not Played
2006-2007	Owen Clutterbuck	Not Played
2007-2008	Owen Clutterbuck	Not Played
2008-2009	Owen Clutterbuck	Not Played
2009-2010	Owen Clutterbuck	Not Played
2010-2011	Neil Wright	Not Played
2011-2012	Wiktor Dzwonkowski	Not Played
2012-2013	Owen Clutterbuck	Not Played
2013-2014	Owen Clutterbuck	Not Played
2014-2015	Scott Johnston	Not Played
2015-2016	Marc Castro	Not Played
2017-2018	Dean Cundy	Not Played
2018-2019	Dean Cundy	Not Played

## Cardiff Closed Winners - Ladies

SEASON	LADIES SINGLES	LADIES DOUBLES
1928-1929	V Reeve	V Reeve & M Davies
1929-1930	F Winter	V A Reeve & W E Rees
1930-1931	Nancy Roy Evans	V A Reeve & W E Rees
1931-1932	Nancy Roy Evans	N E Jackson & D Deakin
1932-1933	Nancy Roy Evans	N E Jackson & D Deakin
1933-1934	B Morgan	B Morgan & W S Jenkins
1934-1935	B Morgan	B Morgan & W S Jenkins
1935-1936	G M Tudor	N Evans & G Horspool
1936-1937	B Morgan	N Evans & G Horspool
1937-1938	Nancy Roy Evans	No contest
1938-1939	D Day	N Evans & G Horspool
1939-1940	Nancy Roy Evans	N Evans & B James
1944-1945	Nancy Roy Evans	G Thomas & M Britton
1945-1946	Audrey Bates	A Bates & G Thomas
1946-1947	Audrey Bates	N Evans & A Bates
1947-1948	Audrey Bates	N Evans & A Bates
1948-1949	Audrey Bates	B Jones & J Beer
1949-1950	Audrey Bates	B Jones & J Beer
1950-1951	Audrey Bates	J Beer & J Mitchell
1951-1952	Jean Beer	J Beer & J Mitchell
1952-1953	Greta Holden	M Cotton & G Holden
1953-1954	Audrey Bates	M Cotton & G Holden
1954-1955	Audrey Bates	Not Played
1955-1956	Audrey Bates	Not Played
1956-1957	Margaret Phillips	Not Played
1957-1958	Audrey Bates	Not Played
1958-1959	Margaret Phillips	Not Played
1959-1960	Shirley Sturgess	Not Played
1966-1967	No contest	Not Played
1967-1968	Dorothy Attenborough	Not Played
1968-1969	Margaret Phillips	Not Played
1969-1970	Sandra Pickering	Not Played
1970-1971	Glenys Thomas	Not Played
1971-1972	Glenys Thomas	Not Played
1972-1973	Sandra Pickering	Not Played
1973-1974	Margaret Phillips	Not Played
1974-1975	Glenys Thomas	Not Played
1975-1976	Sandra Pickering	Not Played
1976-1977	Jill Wilson	Not Played
1977-1978	Jill Wilson	Not Played
1978-1979	Jill Wilson	Not Played
1979-1980	Susan Jones	Not Played
1980-1981	Stephanie Jones	Not Played
1981-1982	Glenys Thomas	Not Played
1982-1983	Vicky Skeates	Not Played
1983-1984	Chantal Nicholls	Not Played
1984-1985	Cathryn Jones	Not Played

SEASON	LADIES SINGLES	LADIES DOUBLES
1985-1986	Vicky Skeates	Not Played
1986-1987	Joan Harden	Not Played
1987-1988	Heidi Cotter	Not Played
1988-1989	Regina Grech	Not Played
1989-1990	Laura Collier	Not Played
1990-1991	Sian Evans	Not Played
1991-1992	Regina Grech	Not Played
1992-1993	Janine Belby	Not Played
1993-1994	Bethan Daunton	Not Played
1994-1995	Bethan Daunton	Not Played
1995-1996	Bethan Daunton	Not Played
1996-1997	Kim Johnson	Not Played
1997-1998	Kim Johnson	Not Played
1998-1999	Kim Johnson	Not Played
1999-2000	Rebecca O'Keefe	Not Played
2000-2001	Laura Hall	Not Played
2001-2002	Sarah Hall	Not Played
2002-2003	Emmaleigh Newman	Not Played
2004-2005	Regina Grech	Not Played
2005-2006	Regina Grech	Not Played
2009-2010	Regina Grech	Not Played
2010-2011	Charlotte Carey	Not Played
2011-2012	Regina Grech	Not Played
2012-2013	Regina Grech	Not Played
2013-2014	Regina Grech	Not Played
2014-2015	Regina Grech	Not Played
2015-2016	Regina Grech	Not Played
2017-2018	Regina Grech	Not Played
2018-2019	Louise Smith	Not Played

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## Table Tennis.

### CARDIFF BEATEN BY BRISTOL.

Enthusiasm ran high at the Cardiff Y.M.C.A. on Saturday night, when the Cardiff and District Table Tennis League entertained the Bristol League in an inter-league match. Many of the games provided close finishes, but on the general run of the play Bristol were the better side, and deserved their winning margin of 52 points. Scores:—

CARDIFF.		BRISTOL.	
F. C. Andrews (30 Club)...	47	C. J. Axe .....	50
A.H. Wiggins (P'narth Y.M.)	50	C. H. Barnett ...	45
G. T. Weaver (Cardiff)...	50	—, Smart .....	40
N. Matthews (Jewish Social)	39	F. Evans .....	50
W.S. Windsor (30 Club, capt)	37	G. Belston .....	50
G. H. Morris (30 Club)...	50	R. W. Hamilton	47
A. Matthews (P'narth Y.M.)	49	S. Reeves .....	50
H. Wiggins (P'narth Y.M.)	38	E. Emery .....	50
C. Shepherd (Cardiff Exch.)	42	W. Hathway .....	50
T. Woosey (Cardiff Exch.)	23	J. E. S. Hamilton	50
Total...430		Total...482	

The Officials were:—Referee, Mr E. L. Lloyd, B.A.; umpire, Mr A. G. Parker; scorer, Mr H. C. Metz.

## Cardiff Closed Winners - Veterans and Hard Bat

SEASON	VETERANS OVER 40	VETERANS OVER 55	VETERANS OVER 60	HARD BAT
1969-1970	Ron Perryman	Not Played	Not Played	Not Played
1970-1971	K Milsom	Not Played	Not Played	Not Played
1971-1972	K Milsom	Not Played	Not Played	Not Played
1972-1973	Dennis Edwards	Not Played	Not Played	Not Played
1973-1974	K Milsom	Not Played	Not Played	Not Played
1974-1975	Dennis Edwards	Not Played	Not Played	Not Played
1975-1976	Dennis Edwards	Not Played	Not Played	Not Played
1976-1977	Dennis Edwards	Not Played	Not Played	Not Played
1977-1978	Colin Cooper	Not Played	Not Played	Not Played
1978-1979	John Helyar	Not Played	Not Played	Not Played
1979-1980	Ray Geen	Not Played	Not Played	Not Played
1980-1981	John Helyar	Not Played	Not Played	Not Played
1981-1982	George Evans	Not Played	Not Played	Not Played
1982-1983	John Helyar	Not Played	Not Played	Not Played
1983-1984	John Helyar	Not Played	Not Played	Not Played
1984-1985	Jack Collier	Not Played	Not Played	Not Played
1985-1986	Jack Collier	Not Played	Not Played	Not Played
1986-1987	Jack Collier	Jack Collier	Not Played	Not Played
1987-1988	John Helyar	John Helyar	Not Played	Alan Griffiths
1988-1989	John Elward	Jack Collier	Not Played	Jack Collier
1989-1990	Colin Jeffries	Ray Geen	Not Played	Steven Gill
1990-1991	Glyn Kellow	Ray Geen	Not Played	Byron Davies
1991-1992	Roger Grech	John Helyar	Not Played	Paul Freeman
1992-1993	Clive Phillips	Not Played	Not Played	Clive Phillips
1993-1994	Earl Jeffers	Not Played	Not Played	Byron Davies
1994-1995	John Helyar	John Helyar	Not Played	Glyn Kellow
1995-1996	Earl Jeffers	Hywel Morgan	Ray Geen	Byron Davies
1996-1997	Earl Jeffers	Frank Hillier	Ray Geen	Byron Davies
1997-1998	Eric Turner	Earl Jeffers	John Helyar	Brian Kerley
1998-1999	Roger Grech	Frank Hillier	Colin Jefferies	Neil Wright
1999-2000	Roger Grech	Earl Jeffers	Ray Geen	Earl Jeffers
2000-2001	Roger Grech	Roger Thomas	Not Played	Neil Wright
2001-2002	Steve Hall	Frank Hillier	Not Played	Steve Hall
2002-2003	Steve Hall	Earl Jeffers	Not Played	Roger Grech
2003-2004	Steve Eades	Earl Jeffers	Not Played	Neil Wright
2004-2005	Roger Grech	George Evans	Not Played	Nick Brown
2005-2006	Steve Eades	George Evans	Not Played	Neil Wright
2006-2007	Steve Eades	George Evans	Not Played	Nick Brown
2007-2008	Gareth Dommett	Earl Jeffers	Not Played	Neil Wright
2008-2009	Steve Eades	George Evans	Not Played	Nick Brown
2009-2010	Steve Eades	Roger Grech	Not Played	Nick Brown
2010-2011	Steve Eades	George Evans	Not Played	Owen Clutterbuck
2011-2012	Tony Collins	George Evans	Not Played	Owen Clutterbuck
2012-2013	Ray Goulding	Roger Grech	Not Played	Ben Avery
2013-2014	Mark Farrow	Roger Grech	Not Played	Wiktor Dzwonkowski
2014-2015	Hamid Bisadi	Now Over 60	Roger Grech	Hamid Bisadi
2015-2016	Steve Eades	Now Over 60	Ray Goulding	Joshua Stacey
2016-2017	Not played	Now Over 60	Not played	Not played
2017-2018	Mark Farrow	Now Over 60	Ray Goulding	Dean Cundy
2018-2019	Steve Eades	Now Over 60	Ray Goulding	Dean Cundy

# Cardiff & District League Management Committee - Officers

SEASON	PRESIDENT	CHAIRMAN	VICE CHAIRMAN	SECRETARY
1936-1937	Sir Robert Webber J.P.	M Roy Evans	W J Eddins	Hugh Massey
1938 -1939	Sir Robert Webber J.P.	M Roy Evans	W J Eddins	Hugh Massey
1949-1950	Captain D P Bennett	Fred J E Rieple	Len Thomas	Hugh Massey
1950-1951	Morgan R Evans	Fred J E Rieple	Len Thomas	Hugh Massey
1951-1952	Morgan R Evans	Fred J E Rieple	Len Thomas	Hugh Massey/Jack Brown
1952-1953	Morgan R Evans	Fred J E Rieple	Len Thomas	Jack Brown
1953-1954	Morgan R Evans	Fred J E Rieple	Len Thomas	Jack Brown
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1957-1958	Morgan R Evans	Fred J E Rieple	Len Thomas	Jack Brown
1958-1959	Morgan R Evans	Fred J E Rieple	Len Thomas	Jack Brown
1959-1960	Morgan R Evans	Fred J E Rieple	Len Thomas	Jack Brown
1960-1961	Morgan R Evans	Fred J E Rieple	H L Walker	Jack Brown
1961-1962	Morgan R Evans	Fred J E Rieple	H L Walker	Jack Brown
1962-1963	Morgan R Evans	H L Walker	Bill Clement	Jack Brown
1963-1964	Morgan R Evans	H L Walker	Bill Clement	Jack Brown
1964-1965	H Roy Evans	H L Walker	Bill Clement	Jack Brown
1965-1966	H Roy Evans	H L Walker	Bill Clement	Jack Brown
1966-1967	H Roy Evans	H L Walker	Bill Clement	Jack Brown
1967-1968	H Roy Evans	H L Walker	Bill Clement	Jack Brown
1968-1969	H Roy Evans	Bill Clement	W Shelley	Jack Brown
1969-1970	H Roy Evans	Bill Clement	W Shelley	Jack Brown
1970-1971	H Roy Evans	Bill Clement	W Shelley	Jack Brown
1971-1972	H Roy Evans	Bill Clement	Nancy Roy Evans	Jack Brown
1972-1973	H Roy Evans	Bill Clement	Nancy Roy Evans	Jack Brown
1973-1974	H Roy Evans OBE	Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	Jack Brown
1974-1975	H Roy Evans OBE	Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	Jack Brown
1975-1976	H Roy Evans OBE	Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	Jack Brown
1976-1977	H Roy Evans OBE	Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	Jack Brown
1977-1978	H Roy Evans OBE	Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	Shirley Sturgess
1978-1979	H Roy Evans OBE	Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	Shirley Sturgess
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1985-1986	H Roy Evans OBE	Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	Shirley Sturgess
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1987-1988	H Roy Evans OBE	Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	Shirley Sturgess
1988-1989	H Roy Evans OBE	Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	Shirley Sturgess
1989-1990	H Roy Evans OBE/Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	J J Jones	Graham Jones
1990-1991	H Roy Evans OBE/Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	J J Jones	Graham Jones
1991-1992	H Roy Evans OBE/Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	J J Jones	Graham Jones
1992-1993	H Roy Evans OBE/Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	J J Jones	Graham Jones
1993-1994	H Roy Evans OBE/Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	Peter Wilson	Graham Jones
1994-1995	H Roy Evans OBE/Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	Peter Wilson	Graham Jones
1995-1996	H Roy Evans OBE/Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	Peter Wilson	Graham Jones
1996-1997	H Roy Evans OBE/Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	Peter Wilson	Graham Jones
1996-1997	H Roy Evans OBE/Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	Peter Wilson	Graham Jones
1997-1998	H Roy Evans OBE/Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	Peter Wilson	Graham Jones
1998-1999	H Roy Evans OBE/Nancy Roy Evans	Tony Johnson	Peter Wilson	Graham Jones
1999-2000	Tony Johnson	Dil Jones	Peter Wilson	Graham Jones
2000-2001	Tony Johnson	Dil Jones	Peter Wilson	Graham Jones
2001-2002	Tony Johnson	Dil Jones	Peter Wilson	Graham Jones
2002-2003	Tony Johnson	Dil Jones	Peter Wilson	Graham Jones
2003-2004	Tony Johnson	Dil Jones	Neil Wright	Graham Jones
2004-2005	Tony Johnson	Dil Jones	Neil Wright	Graham Jones
2005-2006	Vacant	Dil Jones	Vacant	Graham Jones
2006-2007	Derek Clarke	Dil Jones	Bruce Maskell	Graham Jones
2007-2008	Derek Clarke	Bruce Maskell	Roy Gibson	Graham Jones

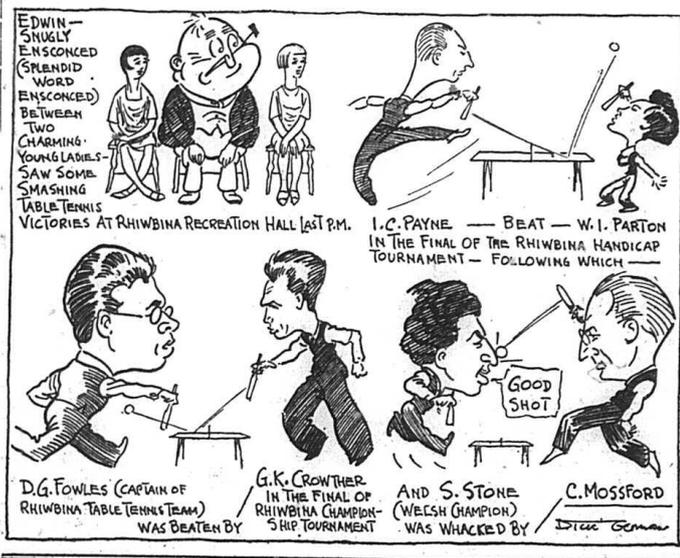
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SEASON	PRESIDENT	CHAIRMAN	VICE CHAIRMAN	SECRETARY
2008-2009	Derek Clarke	Roy Gibson	Vacant	Graham Jones
2009-2010	Vacant	Roy Gibson	Vacant	Graham Jones
2010-2011	Roy Gibson	Chris Richards	Vacant	Graham Jones
2011-2012	Roy Gibson	Chris Richards	Vacant	Graham Jones
2012-2013	Roy Gibson	Chris Richards	Vacant	Richard Clarke
2013-2014	Roy Gibson	Chris Richards	Vacant	Chris Davies
2014-2015	Roy Gibson	Peter Gordon	Vacant	Chris Davies
2015-2016	Roy Gibson	Peter Gordon	Vacant	Chris Davies
2016-2017	Roy Gibson	Peter Gordon	Vacant	Chris Davies
2017-2018	Roy Gibson	Peter Gordon	Vacant	Chris Davies
2018-2019	Roy Gibson	Peter Gordon	Vacant	Chris Davies

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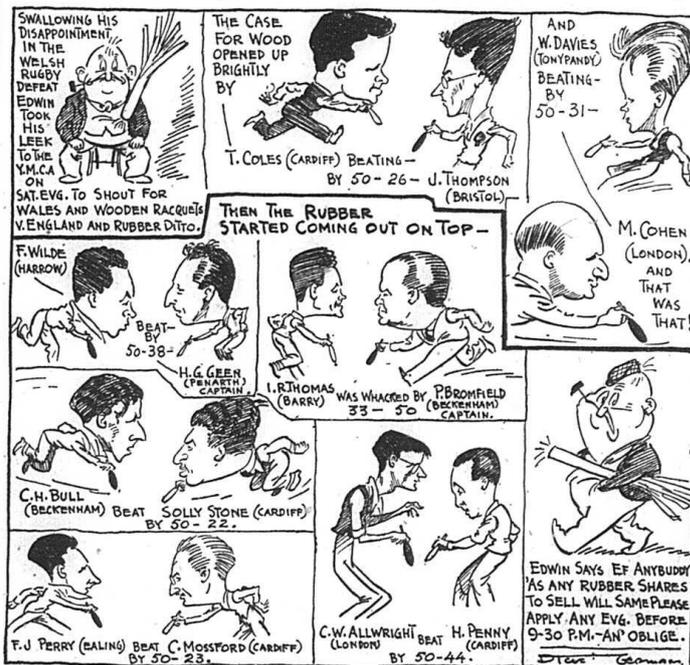
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Dick German's Cartoon: Table Tennis at Rhiwbina.



Dick German's Cartoon:

International Table Tennis.



# Cardiff & District League Management Committee - Officers

SEASON	TREASURER	MATCH RESULTS	WELSH LEAGUE COORDINATOR
1936-1937	J Hugh Milsom	W G Bryant	None
1938 -1939	Hugh Milsom	None	None
1949-1950	Oliver Davey	None	Len Thomas
1950-1951	Oliver Davey	None	Len Thomas
1951-1952	Oliver Davey	None	Len Thomas
1952-1953	Oliver Davey	None	Len Thomas
1953-1954	Oliver Davey	None	Len Thomas
1954-1955	Oliver Davey	None	Len Thomas
1955-1956	Oliver Davey	None	Len Thomas
1956-1957	Dan Jones	None	Len Thomas
1957-1958	S Jones	None	Len Thomas
1958-1959	Not Known	None	Len Thomas
1959-1960	W E Hollyman	None	Len Thomas
1960-1961	W E Hollyman	None	Bill Clement
1961-1962	W E Hollyman	None	Bill Clement
1962-1963	W E Hollyman	None	Bill Clement
1963-1964	W E Hollyman/A J Way	None	Bill Clement
1964-1965	A J Way	None	Bill Clement
1965-1966	A J Way	K W B Handy	Bill Clement
1966-1967	Bryn Williams	Mrs W G Clement	Bill Clement
1967-1968	Bryn Williams	Mrs W G Clement	Bill Clement
1968-1969	Bryn Williams	Mrs W G Clement	Bill Clement
1969-1970	Bryn Williams	Mrs W G Clement	Bill Clement
1970-1971	Bryn Williams	Mrs W G Clement	KenVaughan
1971-1972	Bryn Williams	Mrs W G Clement	Tony Johnson
1972-1973	Bryn Williams	Bill Clement	Tony Johnson
1973-1974	Bryn Williams	Bryn Williams	Tony Johnson/Jean Beer
1974-1975	Gwyn Pritchard	Bryn Williams	Jean Beer/M Phillips
1975-1976	Gwyn Pritchard	Graham Jones	Jean Beer/Tony Johnson
1976-1977	Gwyn Pritchard	Graham Jones	Jean Beer/Tony Johnson
1977-1978	Gwyn Pritchard	Graham Jones	Jean Beer/ Tony Johnson
1978-1979	Barrie Russ	Graham Jones	Jean Beer/Tony Johnson
1979-1980	Barrie Russ	Graham Jones	Jean Beer/Tony Johnson
1980-1981	Barrie Russ	Graham Jones	Jean Beer/Barrie Russ
1981-1982	Barrie Russ	Graham Jones	Neil Hammond/Jean Beer/Barrie Russ
1982-1983	Miss Jean Beer	Graham Jones	Tony Johnson/Jean Beer
1983-1984	Miss Jean Beer	Graham Jones	Tony Johnson/Jean Beer
1984-1985	Miss Jean Beer	Graham Jones	Tony Johnson/Jean Beer
1985-1986	Miss Jean Beer	Graham Jones	Tony Johnson/Jean Beer
1986-1987	Miss Jean Beer	Graham Jones	Tony Johnson
1987-1988	Miss Jean Beer	Graham Jones	Tony Johnson
1988-1989	Miss Jean Beer	Graham Jones	Tony Johnson
1989-1990	Miss Jean Beer	Graham Jones	Tony Johnson
1990-1991	Miss Jean Beer	Graham Jones	Tony Johnson
1991-1992	P S Greenwood/M C Hitching	Graham Jones	Tony Johnson
1992-1993	Miss Jean Beer	Graham Jones	Tony Johnson
1993-1994	Miss Jean Beer	Graham Jones	Roger Grech
1994-1995	Miss Jean Beer	Graham Jones	Roger Grech
1995-1996	Dil Jones	Graham Jones	Roger Grech
1996-1997	Dil Jones	Graham Jones	Tony Johnson
1996-1997	Dil Jones	Graham Jones	Tony Johnson

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SEASON	TREASURER	MATCH RESULTS	WELSH LEAGUE COORDINATOR
1997-1998	Dil Jones	Graham Jones	Tony Johnson
1998-1999	Dil Jones	Graham Jones	Tony Johnson
1999-2000	Dil Jones	Graham Jones	Roger Grech
2000-2001	Dil Jones	Graham Jones	Derek Clarke
2001-2002	Dil Jones	Graham Jones	Derek Clarke
2002-2003	Dil Jones	Graham Jones	Derek Clarke
2003-2004	Dil Jones	Graham Jones	Derek Clarke
2004-2005	Dil Jones	Graham Jones	Neil Wright
2005-2006	Dil Jones	Graham Jones	Neil Wright
2006-2007	Dil Jones	Graham Jones	Owen Clutterbuck
2007-2008	Dil Jones	Graham Jones	Owen Clutterbuck
2008-2009	Bruce Maskell	Graham Jones	Graham Jones
2009-2010	David Holloman	Graham Jones	Graham Jones
2010-2011	David Holloman	Graham Jones	Graham Jones
2011-2012	David Holloman	Graham Jones	Graham Jones
2012-2013	David Holloman	Tony Williams	Roger Grech
2013-2014	David Holloman	Tony Williams	Roger Grech
2014-2015	Alex Embiricos	Chris Richards	Roger Grech
2015-2016	Alex Embiricos	Chris Richards	Roger Grech
2016-2017	Alex Embiricos	Geoff Lloyd	Roger Grech
2017-2018	Alex Embiricos	Geoff Lloyd	Roger Grech
2018-2019	Alex Embiricos	Geoff Lloyd	Steve Eades



*Teams parading at the Commonwealth Championships in Cardiff, UK, 1989.*

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SEASON	CLOSED TOURNAMENT SECRETARY	OPEN TOURNAMENT SECRETARY	CUP COMPETITIONS SECRETARY
1936-1937	Jack Brown	Not Known	Not Known
1938 -1939	Jack Brown	Not Known	Not Known
1949-1950	Jack Brown	Not Known	Not Known
1950-1951	Jack Brown	Ken Milsom	Not Known
1951-1952	William Morgan	Ken Milsom	Not Known
1952-1953	William Morgan	Not Known	Not Known
1953-1954	William Morgan	Not Known	Not Known
1954-1955	William Morgan	Not Known	Not Known
1955-1956	William Morgan	S Jones	Not Known
1956-1957	William Morgan	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Not Known
1957-1958	Bryn Thomas	G Collins	Not Known
1958-1959	J Fownes	G Collins	Not Known
1959-1960	J Fownes/H L Walker	Nancy Roy Evans	Not Known
1960-1961	J Fownes/H L Walker	Nancy Roy Evans	Not Known
1961-1962	J Fownes/H L Walker	Nancy Roy Evans	Not Known
1962-1963	J Fownes/H L Walker	Nancy Roy Evans	Not Known
1963-1964	J Fownes/H L Walker	Nancy Roy Evans	Not Known
1964-1965	Mervyn Coulson	Bill Clement/Jack Brown	Not Known
1965-1966	Mervyn Coulson	Bill Clement/Jack Brown	Not Known
1966-1967	Bryn Williams/Peter Clarke	Bill Clement/Jack Brown	Not Known
1967-1968	Mrs Shirley Sturgess/Mervyn Coulson	Bill Clement/Jack Brown	Not Known
1968-1969	Mrs Shirley Sturgess/Mervyn Coulson	Bill Clement/Jack Brown	Not Known
1969-1970	Mrs Shirley Sturgess/Mervyn Coulson	Bill Clement/Jack Brown	Mervyn Coulson
1970-1971	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Bill Clement/Jack Brown	Graham Teague
1971-1972	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Bill Clement/Jack Brown	Tony Johnson
1972-1973	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Nancy Roy Evans/Jack Brown	Tony Johnson
1973-1974	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Nancy Roy Evans/Jean Beer	Tony Johnson
1974-1975	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Nancy Roy Evans/Jean Beer	Tony Johnson
1975-1976	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Nancy Roy Evans/Jean Beer	C G Saunders
1976-1977	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Mervyn Coulson/Jean Beer	Bruce Maskell
1977-1978	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Mervyn Coulson/Jean Beer	Bruce Maskell
1978-1979	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Mervyn Coulson/Jean Beer	Paul Curtis
1979-1980	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Jean Beer	Paul Curtis
1980-1981	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Jean Beer	Jeff J Jones
1981-1982	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Jean Beer	Jeff J Jones
1982-1983	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Jean Beer	Jeff J Jones
1983-1984	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Jean Beer	Jeff J Jones
1984-1985	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Jean Beer	Jeff J Jones
1985-1986	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Jean Beer	Jeff J Jones
1986-1987	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Jean Beer	Jeff J Jones
1987-1988	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Jean Beer	Bob Cummings
1988-1989	Mrs Shirley Sturgess	Jean Beer	Bob Cummings
1989-1990	Jean Beer	Jean Beer	Bob Cummings
1990-1991	Jean Beer	Jean Beer	Bob Cummings
1991-1992	Graham Jones	Graham Jones	Bob Cummings
1992-1993	Graham Jones	Graham Jones	Bob Cummings
1993-1994	Graham Jones	Graham Jones	Bob Cummings
1994-1995	Graham Jones	Graham Jones	Bob Cummings
1995-1996	Graham Jones	Graham Jones	Bob Cummings
1996-1997	Graham Jones	Graham Jones	Bob Cummings
1996-1997	Graham Jones	Graham Jones	Bob Cummings
1997-1998	Graham Jones	Graham Jones	Bob Cummings
1998-1999	Graham Jones	No Longer Played	Bob Cummings
1999-2000	Graham Jones	No Longer Played	Bob Cummings
2000-2001	Graham Jones	No Longer Played	Bob Cummings
2001-2002	Graham Jones	No Longer Played	Roger Grech
2002-2003	Graham Jones	No Longer Played	Roger Grech
2003-2004	Graham Jones	No Longer Played	Roger Grech
2004-2005	Graham Jones	No Longer Played	Roger Grech
2005-2006	Graham Jones	No Longer Played	Roger Grech
2006-2007	Graham Jones	No Longer Played	Nick Brown
2007-2008	Graham Jones	No Longer Played	Richard Clarke

SEASON	CLOSED TOURNAMENT SECRETARY	OPEN TOURNAMENT SECRETARY	CUP COMPETITIONS SECRETARY
2008-2009	Graham Jones	No Longer Played	Richard Clarke
2009-2010	Chris Davies	No Longer Played	Richard Clarke
2010-2011	Chris Davies	No Longer Played	Roger Grech
2011-2012	Chris Davies	No Longer Played	Roger Grech
2012-2013	Chris Davies	No Longer Played	Roger Grech
2013-2014	Chris Davies	No Longer Played	Roger Grech
2014-2015	Chris Davies	No Longer Played	Roger Grech
2015-2016	Chris Davies	No Longer Played	Roger Grech
2016-2017	Chris Davies	No Longer Played	Roger Grech
2017-2018	Chris Davies	No Longer Played	Roger Grech
2018-2019	Chris Davies	No Longer Played	Phil Jones

## CARDIFF AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE.

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Mr. H. MASSEY.  
74, Cosmeston Street, Cardiff.

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## Cardiff & District League Management Committee - Elected Representatives

SEASON	ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES SINCE 1955-1956
1955-1956	R Mogridge, J Fownes, D C Underwood, Ron Perryman, W Gordon Jones, Mrs H Roy Evans
1956-1957	W Shelley, J Fownes, D C Underwood, R Perryman, Oliver Davey, Mrs H Roy Evans, A J Way Bryn Thomas, R R Davies, R C Watkins, P W Drage, N Smith, N P Courtney, Miss G M Bright
1957-1958	W Shelley, J Fownes, D C Underwood, R Perryman, Oliver Davey, Mrs H Roy Evans, A J Way R R Davies, I Jones, D J Weaver, W S Francis, N P Courtney, Miss B J Thomas, G M Bright
1958-1959	W Shelley, W Hollyman, D C Underwood, Ron Perryman, Oliver Davey, Mrs H Roy Evans A J Way, I Jones, J M Richards, D J Weaver, G Thomas, M Minton, R F Profit, Mrs V Davies
1959-1960	W Shelley, W Hollyman, Bill Clement, Ron Perryman, Mrs H Roy Evans, G Collins A J Way, N Smith, I Jones, J M Richards, M Minton, H Mordecai, R F Profit, J J E Hill
1960-1961	W Shelley, B Thomas, A Thomas, M Minton, Ron Perryman, Mrs H Roy Evans, A J Way J Webber, N Smith, J M Richards, K Jones, H Mordecai, R F Profit, J J E Hill, C Marshall
1961-1962	W Shelley, B Thomas, A Thomas, M Minton, Ron Perryman, Mrs D Clement, Len Freeman A J Way, T Johnson, Sandra Morgan, J M Richards, K Jones, H Mordecai, S C David, B Wilcox
1962-1963	G Greatrex, B Thomas, A Thomas, M Minton, Ron Perryman, Mrs D Clement D Green,, Tony Johnson, G Durrant, J M Richards, K Jones, H Mordecai, K Wintle, S C David, D Noyes, K W B Handy
1963-1964	G Greatrex, B Thomas, A Thomas, Philip Bevan, Ron Perryman, Mrs D Clement Alan Thomas, Tony Johnson, R R Davies, Mervyn Coulson, D Cantor, J M Richards, S C David, K W B Handy, Miss Wynne Williams, K Jones
1964-1965	W Shelley, B Thomas, S Embry, M Minton, Ron Perryman, Mrs D Clement Alan Thomas, J Weston, D Cantor, Len Freeman, J Tate, Bob Cummins, A Clement S C David, K W B Handy. Miss Wynne Williams
1966-1967	W Shelley, S Embry, Dr J W Crossley, Ron Perryman, S C David, Bob Cummins Philip Bevan, Tony Johnson, R Pearson, J Tate, E Tomlinson, K Patterson, E J Williams, Bernard Dimascio, A Collard, E Durrant, M.Evans, Mervyn Coulson
1967-1968	W Shelley, Graham Teague, J W Crossley, Ron Perryman, Bernard Dimascio, Bob Cummins D Griffiths, Derek Clarke, Dorothy Attenborough, S C David, E Tomlinson, Ken Vaughan, E Counsell, B James, Mike Benson, B Perrott, J O'Brien, G Greatrex, D Jones
1968-1969	A Howe, Graham Teague, Dr J W Crossley, Ron Perryman, P Thomas, Bob Cummins D Griffiths, Derek Clarke, Dorothy Attenborough, Ken Vaughan, C Evans, G Francis, Mike Benson, B Perrott, D Fisher, K Brown, J Baker, B R James. G Greatrex
1969-1970	A Howe, Graham Teague, Ron Perryman, Bob Cummins, J Davies, C Williams, G Francis D Griffiths, Mrs J Faulkner, Ken Vaughan, W Real, B Perrott, D Fisher, K Brown, J Spencer
1970-1971	Ron Perryman, Bob Cummins, J Davies, W Real, C L Williams, Roy Gibson, D Williams, Jean Beer, Mrs Ken Vaughan, R Davies, Ken Brown, Keith Brown, R Davies
1971-1972	Ron Perryman, Bob Cummins, J Davies, W Real, C L Williams, W Thomas, D Williams, Jean Beer, Mrs Ken Vaughan, Ken Brown, Colin Brown, R Davies
1972-1973	Ron Perryman, Bob Cummins, J Davies, C L Williams, G Jones, Graham Teague, D Williams, Jean Beer, Mrs Ken Vaughan, Clive Wheatley, Ken Brown, Colin Brown
1973-1974	Bob Cummins, J Davies, Graham Jones, Graham Teague, Mrs Ken Vaughan, Clive Wheatley Peter Wilson, P Alderson, J J Oakley, R J Trusler, Gwyn Pritchard, Terry Coulthard
1974-1975	Bob Cummins, J Davies, Graham Teague, Clive Wheatley, Terry Coulthard, Jack Bullock, C Saunders, T R Morgan, G Moore, J Bourge, John Findlay, Peter Wilson
1975-1976	Bob Cummins, J Davies, Graham Teague, Clive Wheatley, Terry Coulthard, Jack Bullock, Sandra Pickering, T R Morgan, G Moore, J Bourge, John Findlay, Peter Wilson
1976-1977	Bob Cummins, J Davies, Graham Teague, Clive Wheatley, Terry Coulthard, Jack Bullock, Sandra Pickering, G Moore, J Bourge, J J Jones, John Findlay, Peter Wilson
1977-1978	Bob Cummins, J Davies, Graham Teague, Clive Wheatley, Terry Coulthard, Jack Bullock, K Patterson, G Moore, J Bourge, J J Jones, John Findlay, Peter Wilson

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1978-1979	Warwick Armstrong, J Bourge, Bob Cummins, G Codd, Bruce Maskell, C Wheatley, J Bullock John Findlay, L Morgan, K Patterson, Gwyn Pritchard, I Watts, Peter Wilson, J J Jones
1979-1980	Warwick Armstrong, J Bourge, Bob Cummins, G Codd, Clive Wheatley, Jack Bullock, John Findlay, Neil Hammond, Gwyn Pritchard, I Watts, Peter Wilson, J J Jones
1980-1981	J Bourge, Jack Bullock, G Codd, Bob Cummins, John Findlay, Neil Hammond C Hicks, Gwyn Pritchard, C H Perry, L Powell, Clive Wheatley, Peter Wilson,
1981-1982	J Bourge, Jack Bullock, G Codd, M W Collard, Bob Cummins, John Findlay, C Hicks, Gwyn Pritchard, C H Perry, L Powell, Clive Wheatley, Peter Wilson,
1982-1983	J Bourge, Jack Bullock, M W Collard, Bob Cummins, John Elward, John Findlay, Gwyn Pritchard, C H Perry, L Powell, R E Thomas, Clive Wheatley, Peter Wilson,
1983-1984	J Bourge, M W Collard, Bob Cummins, John Elward, John Findlay, Sandra Pickering, Gwyn Pritchard, C H Perry, L Powell, Geoff Strangeway, Clive Wheatley, Peter Wilson
1984-1985	J Bourge, Bob Cummins, John Findlay, C Hicks, Gwyn Pritchard, C H Perry, L Powell, Geoff Strangeway, Graham Teague, Dick Thomas, Clive Wheatley, Peter Wilson
1985-1986	J Bourge, Bob Cummins, David Davies, John Findlay, W Luce, C H Perry, L Powell, Dave Ricketts, Geoff Strangeway, Mrs D Walker, Clive Wheatley, Peter Wilson
1986-1987	J Bourge, Bob Cummins, David Davies, John Findlay, W Luce, C H Perry, L Powell, Dave Ricketts, Geoff Strangeway, Mrs D Walker, Clive Wheatley, Peter Wilson
1987-1988	J Bourge, John Findlay, C Hicks, J Jones, W Luce, C H Perry, L Powell, Dave Ricketts, Geoff Strangeway, Mrs D Walker, Clive Wheatley, Peter Wilson
1988-1989	J Bourge, T Collier, John Findlay, John Helyar, C Hicks, C Hinchey, J J Jones, C H Perry, L Powell, Mrs D Walker, Peter Wilson,
1989-1990	J Bourge, T Collier, I Fenton, John Findlay, John Helyar, C Hicks, C Hinchey, C H Perry, L Powell, Mrs D Walker, Peter Wilson,
1990-1991	J Bourge, T Collier, John Findlay, John Helyar, Frank Hillier, Dil Jones, Mrs D Walker, Peter Wilson,
1991-1992	John Findlay, P Freeman, Roger Grech, John Helyar, Frank Hillier, M Hitchings, Dil Jones, Peter Wilson,
2000-2001	J Bourge, Derek Clarke, John Clements, John Findlay, Roger Grech, Kim Johnson
2001-2002	J Bourge, Derek Clarke, John Clements, John Findlay, Kim Johnson, John Paine
2002-2003	J Bourge, Derek Clarke, John Clements, John Findlay, Kim Johnson, John Paine, Neil Wright
2003-2004	J Bourge, Derek Clarke, John Clements, John Findlay, Brian Lloyd, John Paine
2004-2005	J Bourge, Derek Clarke, John Clements, John Findlay, Brian Lloyd, John Paine
2005-2006	J Bourge, Derek Clarke, John Clements, John Findlay, Earl Jeffers, Bruce Maskell
2006-2007	Richard Clarke, John Clements, John Findlay, Roy Gibson, Earl Jeffers, Tony Williams
2007-2008	Chris Davies, John Clements, John Findlay, Tom Hughes, Tony Williams
2008-2009	Chris Davies, John Clements, John Findlay, Tom Hughes, Eric Turner
2009-2010	John Clements, John Findlay, Roger Grech, Earl Jeffers, Eric Turner
2010-2011	John Clements, Eric Turner, Michael Julian, Martin Michael, Richard Clarke
2011-2012	Eric Turner, Richard Clarke, George Evans
2012-2013	George Evans, Jordan Rees
2013-2014	George Evans, Alex Embiricos, Peter Gordon, Peter Heaven, Nathan Thomas
2014-2015	Peter Heaven, Nathan Thomas, David Holloman, Paul Curtis
2015-2016	Paul Curtis, Roger Thomas, Gil Hanks
2016-2017	Paul Curtis, Steve Eades, Phil Jones, Sammy Ogunade
2017-2018	Paul Curtis, Steve Eades, Phil Jones, Sammy Ogunade, Nathan Thomas, Gwyn Trehearne
2018-2019	Paul Curtis, Colin Hicks, Julie Hughes, Sammy Ogunade, Chris Richards, Nathan Thomas Gwyn Trehearne, Steve Eades

## Cardiff Open Winners - Ladies

SEASON	LADIES' SINGLES	LADIES' DOUBLES
1936-1937	Mrs B Morgan (Brynmawr)	Not Played
1937-1938	Mrs E H Evans (Mid-Glam)	Not Played
1938-1939	Mrs Nancy Roy Evans (Cardiff)	Not Played
1939-1940	Miss M Scott (Bristol)	Not Played
1940-1941	Not Played	Not Played
1942-1943	Not Played	Not Played
1943-1944	Not Played	Not Played
1944-1945	Not Played	Not Played
1945-1946	Miss E Blackburn (Exeter)	Not Played
1945-1946	Not Played	Not Played
1946-1947	Miss Betty Gray (Swansea)	Nancy Roy Evans & Audrey Bates (Cardiff)
1947-1948	Miss Betty Gray (Swansea)	Not Played
1948-1949	Miss Audrey Bates (Cardiff)	Not Played
1949-1950	M Fry (Bristol)	Miss Fry & Mrs C Thompson
1950-1951	Miss Audrey Bates (Cardiff)	Not Played
1951-1952	Miss Audrey Bates (Cardiff)	Miss B Gray & Mrs B Crews (Swansea)
1952-1953	Miss Audrey Bates (Cardiff)	Mrs A Coombes-Jones (Port Talbot) & Mrs R Beynon (Swansea)
1953-1954	Not Played	Not Played
1954-1955	Miss S Jones (Swansea)	Miss B Gray & Miss S Jones (Swansea)
1955-1956	Miss Betty Gray (Swansea)	Miss J Collier & Miss T Pomroy (Bristol)
1956-1957	Not Played	Not Played
1957-1958	Miss Audrey Bates (Cardiff)	Miss A Bates & Mrs Gretta Dimascio (Cardiff)
1958-1959	Miss Audrey Bates (Cardiff)	Miss A Bates & Mrs Gretta Dimascio (Cardiff)
1959-1960	Mrs A Jones (Port Talbot)	Mrs Margaret Jones & Miss Margaret Phillips (Cardiff)
1960-1961	Miss Audrey Bates (Cardiff)	Mrs Margaret Jones & Miss Margaret Phillips (Cardiff)
1961-1962	Miss B Sayer (London)	Misses C & P Holes (Southampton)
1962-1963	Miss C Holes (Southampton)	Mrs T Spokes & Miss J Collier (Bristol)
1963-1964	Miss J Collier (Bristol)	Mrs T Spokes & Miss J Collier (Bristol)
1964-1965	Mrs C Moore (Lancs)	Miss M Phillips (Cardiff) & Mrs C Moore (Lancs)
1965-1966	Margaret Phillips (Cardiff)	Miss Margaret Phillips & Miss Sandra Morgan (Cardiff)
1966-1967	Mrs E Gray (Newport)	Miss Margaret Phillips & Miss Sandra Morgan (Cardiff)
1967-1968	Miss K Perry (Birmingham)	Miss Margaret Phillips & Miss Sandra Morgan (Cardiff)
1968-1969	Mrs L Radford (England)	Miss Margaret Phillips & Miss Sandra Morgan (Cardiff)
1969-1970	Jenny Cornock (Warwicks)	Miss Margaret Phillips & Miss Sandra Morgan (Cardiff)
1970-1971	Not Played	Not Played
1971-1972	S Kavallierou (Sussex)	Miss Margaret Phillips & Miss Sandra Morgan (Cardiff)
1972-1973	J Heaps (Bucks)	J Heaps (Buck) & J Lloyd (Worcs)
1973-1974	K Frazer (New Zealand)	K Frazer & A Stonestreet
1974-1975	Margaret Phillips (Cardiff)	Miss Margaret Phillips & Miss Sandra Morgan (Cardiff)
1975-1976	D St. Leger (Warwicks)	K Groves & D St. Leger (Warwicks)
1976-1977	T Foldi (Switzerland)	T Foldi & M Lehmann (Switzerland)
1977-1978	Janet Carr (Staffs)	C Maisey & P Oung (Wilts)
1978-1979	Elaine Lamb (Devon)	Stephanie Jones (Wales) & J Carr
1979-1980	Janet Carr (Staffs)	Cathryn Jones & Debbie Coulthard (Wales)
1980-1981	Stephanie Jones (Wales)	S Jones & J New
1981-1982	Lesley Tyler (Wales)	Jane Sully & Heidi Cotter (Wales)
1982-1983	Lesley Tyler (Wales)	Lesley Tyler & Shirley Cain (Wales)
1983-1984	Elaine Short (Devon)	Jane Sully & Heidi Cotter (Wales)
1984-1985	Karen Groves (Birmingham)	Sandra Peakman & Karen Groves (Birmingham)
1985-1986	Jill Harris (Walsall)	Jill Harris (Walsall) & Esmé Stevenson (Cornwall)
1986-1987	Helen Perrott (Avon)	Lesley Tyler & H Potter (Wales)
1987-1988	Not Played	Not Played
1988-1989	Lesley Keast (Wales)	Melonie Carey (Somerset) & Helen Perrott (Avon)
1989-1990	Justine Thomas (Wales)	Not Played

## Cardiff Open Winners - Men

SEASON	MEN'S SINGLES	MEN'S DOUBLES
1936-1937	D J Thomas (Ogmore Vale)	Not Played
1937-1938	H Needles (Gilfach)	T S Smith & F Smith (Cardiff)
1938-1939	Gerald Chugg (Cardiff)	H Needles & R Morris (Ogmore)
1939-1940	Gerald Chugg (Cardiff)	M Price & W Sweetland (Cardiff)
1940-1941	Not Played	Not Played
1942-1943	Not Played	Not Played
1943-1944	Not Played	Not Played
1944-1945	L Samuel (Aberdare)	T S Smith & F Smith (Cardiff)
1945-1946	D J Thomas (Ogmore Vale)	T S Smith & F Smith (Cardiff)
1945-1946	Walter Sweetland (Cardiff)	Not Played
1946-1947	Aubrey Simons (Bristol)	D Sweetland & K Milsom (Cardiff)
1947-1948	Walter Sweetland (Cardiff)	A Simons & R Litten
1948-1949	Monty Smith (Cardiff)	W Sweetland & S Jones
1949-1950	Stan Jones (Newport)	Mel Harris & R White (Newport)
1950-1951	Monty Smith (Cardiff)	Monty Smith & Gerald Chugg
1951-1952	G Morgan (Port Talbot)	W Sweetland (Cardiff) & S Jones (Newport)
1952-1953	John Davies (Cardiff)	W Sweetland (Cardiff) & S Jones (Newport)
1953-1954	Not Played	Not Played
1954-1955	Brian Merrett (Gloucester)	B Merrett & R Morley (Gloucester)
1955-1956	Brian Merrett (Gloucester)	B Bucknell & R Haydon (Bristol)
1956-1957	Not Played	Not Played
1957-1958	G Morgan (Port Talbot)	G Morgan & J Simonson (Port Talbot)
1958-1959	Brian Merrett (Gloucester)	B Merrett & A Morris (Swansea)
1959-1960	George Evans (Barry)	G Morgan (Port Talbot) & A Morris (Swansea)
1960-1961	A Morris (Swansea)	Ron Davies (Pontypridd) & George Evans (Barry)
1961-1962	A Thomas (Cardiff)	M Symons (Warrington) & D Stanley (Huddersfield)
1962-1963	V Ireland (London)	R Morley & K Edwards (Gloucester)
1963-1964	Graham Gear (Barry)	M Mordecai (Bristol) & G Morgan (Swansea)
1964-1965	Brian Merrett (Gloucester)	B Merrett & R Morley (Gloucester)
1965-1966	Dennis Holland (Gloucester)	Ron Davies (Pontypridd) & Brian Everson (Newport)
1966-1967	M Johns (London)	R Morley & D Holland (Gloucester)
1967-1968	Chester Barnes (England)	C Barnes (England) & L Haslam (Jamaica)
1968-1969	Chester Barnes (England)	C Barnes (England) & L Radford (Essex)
1969-1970	Graham Davies (Wales)	Graham Davies & H Thomas (Wales)
1970-1971	Not Played Due To Postal Strike	Not Played Due To Postal Strike
1971-1972	B Burn (England)	R Gunnion & P Glynn (Warwicks)
1972-1973	D R Munt (Warwicks)	D R Munt (Warwicks) & Brian Everson (Glam)
1973-1974	A Clayton (England)	Alan Griffiths & Graham Davies (Wales)
1974-1975	A Clayton (England)	Alan Griffiths & Graham Davies (Wales)
1975-1976	Desmond Douglas (England)	A Clayton (England) & A Fletcher (Yorks)
1976-1977	John Hilton (England)	J Hilton (Cheshire) & P Bowen (Lancs)
1977-1978	George Evans (Wales)	A Clayton & J Harrison (Yorks)
1978-1979	Alan Griffiths (Wales)	Mike John (England) & D Welsman
1979-1980	Graham Davies (Wales)	Alan Griffiths & Graham Davies (Wales)
1980-1981	Nigel Eckersley (England)	N Eckersley & Kevin Beadsley (England)
1981-1982	Alan Griffiths (Wales)	A Jones & G Wilkins (Wales)
1982-1983	David Hannah (Scotland)	Nigel Thomas & Mark Thomas (Wales)
1983-1984	Gary Wilkins (Wales)	Nigel Thomas & Mark Thomas (Wales)
1984-1985	Carl Morgan (Birmingham)	Nigel Thomas & Nigel Tyler (Wales)
1985-1986	Nigel Tyler (Wales)	Nigel Thomas & Nigel Tyler (Wales)
1986-1987	Carl Morgan (Birmingham)	A Creed & Paul Lewis (Avon)
1987-1988	Not Held	Not Held
1988-1989	Tony Taylor (Manchester)	Nigel Tyler (Wales) & Tony Taylor (Manchester)
1989-1990	Stephen Ward (Wales)	Paul Lewis (Wales) & Nick Williams (Cardiff)

## Clubs Who Have Played in the Cardiff & District League

600 Social Club	Caerphilly TT Club	Cliftonians
602 H A A Regiment	Caerphilly YMCA	Clive Street Baptists
Aber Valley YMCA	Canton Sports	Coastaff Recreation
Albany Road Y C	Canton YMCA	Cogan Athletic Club
Albert Road Methodists	Cardex	Cogan British Legion
All Saints Youth	Cardiff C C	Companies Registration Office
Amersham	Cardiff City Fire Service	Coop Youth Club
Antler Club	Cardiff City Table Tennis Club	Cory Hall Youth Club
Ararat Baptist Church	Cardiff Corporation Transport	Cowbridge.
Atradius	Cardiff County Court	Cowbridge Athletic
Automatic Telephone Exchange	Cardiff Deaf	Cowbridge TT Club
BBC	Cardiff Eagles	Cowbridge YC
B O A C	Cardiff Eastern	Crikey Club
Barclays Bank	Cardiff Electricity Department	Crossways
Bargoed-Capel	Cardiff Gas Athletic Club	Crwys Hall
Bargoed Heolddu S C	Cardiff Harlequins	Currans Welfare
Bargoed YMCA	Cardiff High School for Boys	Customs and Excise
Barry Athletic Tennis / Table Tennis	Cardiff Land Board	Cwmaman
Barry Central	Cardiff Maccabi	Cymrex Sports Club
Barry Motor Club	Cardiff Marine	Cwrt-yr-Ala Athletic and Social Club
Barry Plastics Sports and Social Club	Cardiff Minster Covenanter	CWS Retail
Barry YMCA	Cardiff New Synagogue	DCB Cardiff
BEA	Cardiff Power Station	Dave Ricketts All Stars
Bedwas Community Y C	Cardiff Sports & Social	Deaf and Dumb
Bedwas Stars	Cardiff Training College	Diamond Street Chapel
Bethal Baptist YC	Cardiff University	Dinas Powis Lawn Tennis Club
Bethany Baptist	Cardiff Wednesday Society	Distillers Plastics
Birchgrove	Care for the family	Duffies
Blands	Cathays Liberals	Eastmoors Y C
Bluebirds	Cathays Methodists	Ely Boys Centre
Bocian Social	Cathays Wesleyans	Ely Esbe
Bridgend Street Y C	Cathays Y C	Empire Strikes
British Airways	CED	Fairoak
British Council	C S G S C	Fairwater
British Electrical Authority	Cardiff Jewish Youth Society	Fairwater Conservatives
British Electricity Social Club	Central Boys Club	Fairwater Institute
British Oxygen Social Club	Central L Board	Fairwater Youth Club
British Road Services	Central YMCA	Ffrindiau Tennis Ford Blaengar
Bryngwyn	Church of the Resurrection	Fifty-three Club
Budgen, Hy. & Co	City of Cardiff College of Education	Film Renter's
Bute Town Community Centre	City Parks Department	Fitzalan Y C
Bute Town Y C	City Police	Forestry Commission
C U A C O	City Supporters (Splott Branch)	GCC
Caer Castell Y C	Civil Aviation	
Caerphilly.	Civil Service	
Caerphilly Recreational	Clare Gardens	

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G E Club Wales	Llandaff Institute	Pontyclun Institute
GE Ilan Nomads	Llanederyn Y C	Pontypridd Deaf
G E Sardis	Llandough Hospital	Pontypridd YMCA
GE Star	Llanishen Civil Service	Porth YMCA
GE Ysgol Rhydyfelin	Llanrumney Youth Centre	Portland Sports
G K & B & N	Llwyn-y-Grant	Post Office Athletic Club
Gabalfa.	Ludlow Street Methodists	Postal Headquarters
Gabalfa Polytechnic	Lyndon Athletic Club	Powell Duffryn Engineering
Gilfach Welfare Bowling Club	Mackintosh Harlequins	R A F Association (Ely)
Glamorgan Polytechnic	Mackintosh Sports Club	R A F Association (Penarth)
Glanely Athletic Club	Marsh Bros. (Marsh & Lovebird)	R A F St Athan
GPO Clerks	Medical School	R S S
Grange Baptists	Memory Lane Cakes	Radnor Road
Grange YMCA	Ministry of Labour	Radyr.
Greenclose Recreation	Ministry of Pensions & Nat. Ins.	Radyr Social
Greenfield Club	Ministry of Works	Raithwaite Welfare
Gripoly Mills	Moorwell Motors Social Club	Renold Social Club
Guest Keen Sports Club	National Coal Board	Rhiwbina Recreation Club
GWR Barry	National Coal Board (No.5 Area)	Rivlins Sports & Social
GWR Institute Reserves	Nat West / Penmark	Roath Park Athletic
H A L G A P	National Westminster Bank	Roath Park Congregational
Habonim	Newport YMCA	Roath Park Social
Halifax	Ninian Institute	Roath Park Tennis Club
Hancock's Welfare	Ninian Park	Roath Road Athletic
Hanover Recreation Club	North Llanishen C C	Roath Road Mixed
Hawthorn.	Norwich Union	Rover Social
Hawthorn Boys' Club	Oakfields	Royal Ordnance Factory
Hayes Recreation Club	Old Illydians	Royal Insurance Group
Health Citizens Association	Old St Mellons TT Club	Rumney Baptist Y C
Heath Celtic	Old Sandonians	Rumney Conservative Club
Hendredenny	Orwebbs Social Club	Rumney Technical College
Hengoed	Overseas (30) Club	S W Constabulary "Cardiff Division"
Heol Hir Y C	P D E Social Club	Saintwell Rover YC
Hills Industries Social Club	P O D P S	Sanjos Club
Holms Central	P O D P S Brunel	Services United
Holton Road Methodist Y C	P Leiner	Severn Road
Hopkinson's Sports	Paragon Club	Sherman Athletic
Howells Garages	Park Club	South Glamorgan Nalgo
Inland Revenue	Park Lawn Tennis Club	South Wales Electric Power Co
Investments Grants Office	Penmark Workforce Club	South Wales Electricity Board
Jacobbs	Penarth Tabernacle	Spillers-French
Jewish AC	Penarth Woodpeckers	Spillers Ltd TT Club (Spillers Athletic)
Jewish Institute	Penarth Windsor	Splott YMCA
Jewish Social Club	Penarth YMCA	Splott Road Methodist Youth Club
Kernick Pentwyn Juniors	Penbryn Community Centre	Standard Telephones and Cables
Lancom	Penllyn TTC	Steelfab
Lansdowne Spinners	Pentwyn Community Centre	St Alban's Youth Club
Lermoms Recreation Club	Persian United	St Andrew's Major Golf Club
Llanbradach	Peterston-super-Ely	St Augustine's
Llandaff Citizens YTT Club	Pontcanna Studios S C	St Catherine's

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St Cattwg's	T A S S A	Welsh Office
St Clare's Y C	T M O	Welsh Paraplegic
St Cyprians	Telegraph	Welsh Pricing Committee
St David's.	Telephonists	Welsh Regional Hospital Board
St David's.	Telman Athletic	Wesley Hall
St David's C Y M S	Thirty Club	Western Mail & Echo
St Dyfrig's	Thorn Lighting	Western Welsh
St Fagan's C C	Tintern Athletic Club	Wheatsheaf Rec
St Germans	Trechemco Sports Club	Whitchurch Methodists
St Gwladys Y C	Transport	Whitchurch Rugby Club
St Helen's	Transunion	Whitchurch YMCA
St John's	Tredomen A C	Williams & Glyns Bank
St Joseph's	Treforest	Wonky Bar
St Mark's Institute	Trehafof TTC	Wood Street.
St Martin's (Caerphilly)	Turnall's Sports Club	Wood Street Institute
St Mary's TT Club	Ty-Rhiw Community Centre	Woodville Road Baptists
St Mary's Canton	UWIST	YMCA
St Mellons Comm. Education Ctre.	Vale Academy	YWCA
St Mellons TTC	Vehicle and General	YWCA, Ely
St Michaels's Club	Victoria Park Club	YWCA Central
St Patricks CYMS	Wales Gas Board	Y W Exiles
St Peter's	Wenallt (Rhiwbina) Tennis Club	Ystrad Mynach Church
St Philip Evans School	Welsh Board of Health	Ystrad Mynach Boys' Club
St Teilo's	Welsh College of Advanced Tech.	
Strand Club	Welsh Development Agency	

## 6 Do's

1. Press your shorts regularly.
2. Always wash your shirt after every wearing. They will last much longer this way.
3. Always clean your shoes before every tournament and match.
4. Always see that your socks are neat around the ankles. (Please white socks with white shoes. Coloured ones, even though they match your shirt, break the line and do not look nearly so smart as white.)
5. Always see that your sweater is the same colour as your shirt. Apart from the smartness, this happens to be an E.T.T.A. dress rule !
6. Try to wear the same colour shirt as your doubles partner.



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## 5 Don'ts

1. Wear ear-rings when playing.
2. Wear pearls or necklaces of any kind when playing.
3. Wear bracelets—especially not the jangling kind.
4. Wear elaborate hair styles that come adrift immediately you start playing. Most hair can be kept under control by ribbon even where pins and grips fail. But please see that the ribbon matches your shirt.
5. Forget to wash the mud splashes off the backs of your legs if it happens to rain on the way !

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