

# Isle of Wight

## Table Tennis League

**October 2022**

### **Message from the Chairman**

Welcome to Season 2022/23!

I hope everyone had a good summer and has come back raring to go; after the first few weeks, some teams are already putting their stamp on their respective divisions.

As I'm sure most of you will already know, we've had a few changes in the Management Committee since last season; Tom Waddell has stepped up to take over the reins of League Secretary, although Ted will be a tough act to follow. Rob Smith has added to his current responsibilities by taking on the role of Tournaments Officer. Finally, Glenn Morley has been appointed Junior Coaching Officer, continuing the great work he and Mike Prior were doing with the kids (Mike is still involved on Saturday mornings). Glenn has established a merry band of helpers who are all regularly giving up a lot of time for the junior coaching sessions: Martin Johnstone and Ricky Lock, Elaine Mills and Graham Evans, Hugh Idle and Danny Burns, and also Laurence Voong - all lending their expertise every week to help the kids improve.

And this brings me to another great piece of news, which is that we have three young players trying their hand in Division One for the first time this year - best of luck to Ross, Lewis and Ryan. They join Joe in the top flight, and the Island scene looks promising for our younger players.

One highlight of the summer was the weekend coaching camp run by top Plymouth coach Paul Whiting. Many of our players benefitted from his experience, and he was ably helped out by our own Coaching team - Glenn, Martin and Ricky. Thanks also to Nicky Dando for her determination and hard work bringing the event to fruition.

Anyway, I wish you all a fun and successful season.

Regards,

Alex Rorke (Chairman, IWCTTA)

## **News**

### **Mountbatten Charity Tournament and Presentation**

The Isle of Wight County Table Tennis Association held a charity tournament in July in aid of the Mountbatten Hospice, which attracted around 20 of the top table tennis players in southern England, including five ranked within the top 100 in England, along with top Island talent.

The Number 1 Seed was George Downing, who, although now living in Bournemouth, was born on the Island and competed here for many years, and now represents the Isle of Wight in the Island Games.

**George in action**



Downing made it to the final where he met top Hungarian player Ferenc Horvath, who now coaches in Cambridge. The two players demonstrated the incredible skill and determination necessary for performance at this level, much to the entertainment of the watching crowd of spectators. The match went to five sets, with Downing taking control of the decisive set to win and claim the £500 first prize.

With donations from groups and individuals, £1000 was raised for the Earl Mountbatten Hospice, and a cheque for this sum was presented in August to Charlotte Hornblow and Nicola Seymour from the Hospice Management team by Martin Dove and Tim Giles. Staff at the hospice expressed their appreciation to the Table Tennis Association for their fund-raising efforts.

It is hoped to make this an annual event, if sufficient sponsorship can be acquired again.

The IW Table Tennis Association wish to thank everyone who supported the tournament this year, especially the local sponsors:

Mike Turner, Director, Solent Pools  
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**Martin and Tim presenting the cheque to Charlotte Hornblow of the Mountbatten Hospice**

**Martin, Peter and Tim with the £1000 cheque**



## Presentation Evening

The Annual Presentation evening was held on Friday 19 August at Lakeside Hotel in Wootton, where everyone enjoyed an evening of food, conversation and entertainment by Aaron Isted, the illusionist.



Some of the winners from the 2021-2022 season with their trophies  
(Pat had so many she had to sit down!)

The most successful male and female of last season, Hugh and Pat





### **Non-League Tournament**

The 21<sup>st</sup> of August was the date for the Non-League tournament at Smallbrook. There were only ten entries but it was a very enjoyable competition.

In the final Roger West (aged 75) beat Jai Lock (aged 11). Roger had previously played in the league for many years and Jai had only been playing table tennis for four months and shows great potential.



**Roger and Jai – the finalists**

### **Isle of Wight Island Echo Centenary Cup**

We have a brand new competition starting this season which is a handicapped singles event sponsored by the Island Echo, who are very generously providing £200 prize money, with £100 for the winner, £50 for the runner up and £25 each for the two losing semi-finalists. Look out for this one as it is going to prove very popular! This will be held for the first time on Friday 27 January 2023 starting at 7 pm. We thank the Island Echo for sponsoring this new cup and their ongoing support for Island table tennis.

### **Junior Table Tennis Coaching**

Glenn Morley has been running junior coaching sessions on Monday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings when former Coaching Officer Mike Prior is still involved. All the sessions have been well attended with a gradual increase in participants, with ages ranging from eight to eighteen.

A team of people have been helping with these sessions to join already qualified coaches Martin Johnstone and Ricky Lock, with regular help from Graham Evans, Danny Burns and Elaine Mills. If

anyone else would like to help please contact Glenn or come along to one of the sessions; everyone is most welcome, even if just as feeders or ball collectors!

There is also regular Junior coaching taking place at Shanklin Youth and Community Centre on Tuesday evenings, which is run by Don Hobbs.

## Isle of Wight Table Tennis Association

**Junior Table Tennis Coaching is  
available at two Island venues:-**

**TABLE TENNIS CENTRE, SMALLBROOK**



**Mondays & Thursdays**

**5-00pm – 7-00pm**

**Saturdays – 9.30am -12.30pm**

**All sessions £3-00 (bats & balls provided)**

**Further information from Glenn Morley**

**E. mail [zaffrel@uwclub.net](mailto:zaffrel@uwclub.net) Mobile 07799145504**

**SHANKLIN YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**6 Victoria Avenue, Shanklin, PO37 6PJ**

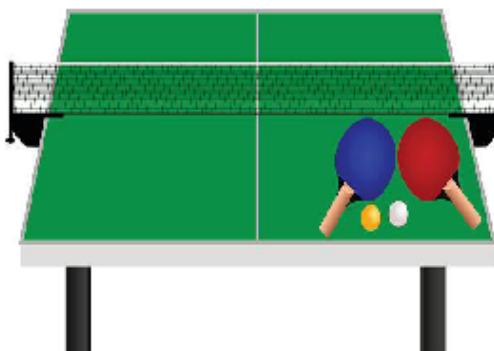


**Tuesday evenings**

**6.30pm - 7.30pm (Juniors)**

**Further  
information  
from Don Hobbs**

**E. mail [hobbsd88@gmail.com](mailto:hobbsd88@gmail.com)**



## Paul Whiting Coaching Course

*By Nicky Dando*



Hopefully you will all have seen the advertising fliers that Pete sent out about the weekend coaching course I organised the weekend of 10th and 11th September. When I discussed the possibility of accepting Paul Whiting's offer to lead the weekend Martin was a bit dubious that there would be sufficient interest to cover our costs but agreed to give it a go. We kept the costs half the price of equivalent courses on the mainland at just £30 per day or £55 for both days to encourage as many people as possible to attend. The fliers went out and I crossed my fingers!

I'd met Paul on a mainland course a few years ago and was impressed at his ability to keep things simple and not to just focus on the most able attendees on the course. Paul lives in Plymouth and is a Level 4 coach. He still plays in various National and International Veterans competitions.

15 enthusiastic people aged between 11 and 85 attended each day with the majority signing up for both days. These numbers, plus Paul's commitment to keep costs down enabled us to not just break even, but to make a small profit.

Paul's coaching was supplemented by excellent input from Glen and Martin Johnstone who both gave up their weekends to help us, which was greatly appreciated by participants.

The coaching was fantastic. The coaching focussed on drills and exercises that would directly improve our match play. We learnt forehand and backhand drill sequences, the block, returning spin, spin serves and both forehand and backhand openers which, for many, are critical to us progressing in our match play.

The training was presented so clearly, in plain English which I believe the majority attending understood. The most challenging section perhaps was some of the detailed theory around spin which was covered first thing on Sunday, when several attending were complaining about aching bodies!

Paul pitched the training at just the right level. Even the youths who receive regular coaching commented that although they were already familiar with practicing the same drills with Glen, it was good to hear Paul's different tips to improving their play. They also commented that it was good to just have the extended time to practice.

Here is some feedback from another participant, Steve Gibbons:

"I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed the training sessions given by Paul Whiting last Saturday and Sunday. I've not received formal coaching before and wasn't sure what to expect. It was excellent! With great assistance from Glenn and Martin, Paul gave us a really good range of drills and tips over the two days and he got it across in a really clear and enthusiastic way. I took away some really practical tips that I am already putting in to practice. Thanks for arranging this and I'll be at the front of the queue if Paul is able to come back and do a follow up at some point."

One additional point to celebrate given the National and local efforts to engage women and girls in table tennis, the fact that we had **40% female attendance** on Saturday was truly remarkable and I feel is worth celebrating in itself, especially given that our overall female player rate in the league is significantly lower than that.

The overriding feedback has been positive, followed by the question, "When can he come back?"

## **Ladies Sessions**

### ***by Nicky Dando***

The Ladies Sessions (Fridays 4.30-6.30) have continued each week since January. After the initial flurry which saw up to 18 ladies practicing in January, numbers have gradually reduced to a core of 6 regulars who attend weekly, plus the occasional session from some of the originals who come when they can.

I asked those attending why they came and what they enjoyed most. Here is a selection of their comments:

"I just love coming."

"I really look forward to this session all week."

"It's good exercise, fun and uplifting."

"It's a really friendly community."

"We have all really improved."

"I really like the way we all swap partners every 15 minutes so we all play everybody."

"Nicky's enthusiasm is infectious and she is so positive and encouraging of us all."

"Good advice available when needed."

"It inspired me to join the Summer League and now the Winter League."

"I use it to solve problems that I have discovered in my Summer League matches."





All lovely quotes, but my favourite has to be this one, "It's just a totally non-judgmental, pleasant session, where we are all progressing without pressure."

The robot is very popular to practice specific shots. Having access to the bucket of balls has been great and some weeks one or two ladies practice their serves on their own using ball catching net. All are excellent tools which have helped aspects of the ladies play.

The regulars have now signed up to play in the Winter League and they definitely have

the bug with none of them stopping for the once traditional cup of tea, chat and a biscuit. Instead, they grab their water bottle and continue to play through. Interestingly, though I have recently had a request to return to some of the fun introductory activities we did, like the chocolate target game and more doubles, so I will oblige!

The majority of the ladies attending were absolute beginners when they started out. Much as these regulars now love their Friday sessions, with a couple now attending other sessions during the week, there is still quite a step up in order to be ready to play in the League. None of us more experienced players probably give much thought to "umpiring" and scoring a match, but this alone has caused considerable anxiety for some of the ladies and we have had to have practice sessions for all of the new league players to help them be ready. I have explained to them repeatedly, how friendly each third division team is and how helpful all the other players will be. I wish them all the best in their first season.

I have tried to count up how many ladies played in the Winter League 21/22 and believe it was 11, so I am delighted that we have 7 new players directly from the Ladies sessions, plus 2 more from Shorwell Saints. So 20 Ladies this season! Fantastic, but still a far from balanced percentage. The Ladies Session was the brainchild of Alison Botha, and we still liaise and have some new ideas for generating another wave of new ladies.

### **Banded Tournament**

A banded tournament was held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, organised by Rob Smith. This was a very enjoyable event and a great way to get in some practice prior to the season starting. There were five groups taking part and the winners of the groups were:

Group One: Debbie Yates

Group Two: Guarav Shah

Group Three: Ryan Cates

Group Four: Joe Chapman

Group Five: Mark Turner



**Ryan – winner of Group Three**



Pat Thorley provided a lovely buffet lunch of sandwiches, hot dogs and homemade cakes which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

### Isle of Wight Table Tennis Association Clothing

In connection with the association's centenary, we are delighted to announce the launch of our own clothing range. You may remember that in the spring we invited members to vote on a series of Isle of Wight Table Tennis logos for new t-shirts, polos, sweatshirts, and hoodies. Eighty six members voted, and the two most popular logos have now been incorporated into the clothing.

We now have a range of eight colours in different styles, with a choice of front and rear logos.



These are available at very reasonable prices from BigWight! - an Island company based in Newport, specialising in quality printed, embroidered and plain clothing for work, sport, school and leisure.

Click on their logo below to view and to order any of the clothing:



The company will deliver or you can collect direct from their shop.

### Isle of Wight Table Tennis Association Centenary

The IWTTA celebrates its centenary in January and is one of the oldest table tennis clubs in England. At the moment, the committee are considering various ways in which to celebrate this unique anniversary. Any ideas would be most welcome.

Please let Pat Thorley have your suggestions. E. mail [p-thorley@sky.com](mailto:p-thorley@sky.com)

## **Friendly Tournament**

Wootton Table Tennis Club will be playing Ryde Club on Tuesday, 6 December at Smallbrook in a friendly tournament. If any other club around the island would like a friendly tournament, playing opposition with similar ability/rating, please email Peter Clarke at [clarke477@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clarke477@yahoo.co.uk) and he will try and arrange this.

## **Dates for your Diary**

Friday 25 November - Gordon Burns Handicapped Singles

Wednesday 28 December - Brian Warne Drawn Handicapped Doubles

Friday 27 January – Isle of Wight Island Echo Centenary Cup (Handicapped Singles with prize money)

All are 7.00 pm start. Full details will be sent out to members nearer the time.

## **Island Games 2023**

### **The Island team for the Island Games in Guernsey 2023**

The Island Table Tennis team for the Island Games due to be held in Guernsey in July 2023, after being postponed owing to Covid, was announced at the end of July.



Dan Burns, the table tennis Team Manager said, “I am delighted to announce that the team has been selected to represent the Island at the next Island Games in Guernsey. Congratulations to all the players selected. Let’s go TEAM IOW”

### **The Team is:**

Women: Pat Thorley, Elaine Mills, Temeesha Hobbs and Anna Joyce

Men: George Downing, Scott Lawson, Hugh Idle and Danny Burns

Team Isle of Wight’s Island Games table tennis squad may be a work in progress, but that won’t deter them from giving everything to win a medal in Guernsey next July.

Eight players will represent the Island, boasting a combination of youth and experience. The Island has a rich history in Island Games table tennis; Team Isle of Wight has won 22 gold medals since 1987. The squad began its rebuilding job at the Gibraltar games and it’s hoped the progression will continue in Guernsey.

“We’ll be considered outsiders for a team medal but we’ll give it our absolute best,” said Dan Burns, a nine-time Island Games gold medallist. “The squad have all enjoyed good seasons so we go in good form.” Last time out the team achieved a silver in mixed doubles, a bronze in individual men’s and a bronze in men’s doubles.

George Downing, who has been playing professional table tennis abroad, is considered the Island's most likely medal hopeful. "He is by far our strongest player and a fantastic addition to the team," said Dan. "He's in with a real chance of a gold medal if he plays to the best of his ability."



# ISLAND GAMES

The NatWest International Island Games started in 1985 on the Isle of Man and have taken place every 2 years since then.

The Isle of Wight is a founder member and two-time host of the Games (1993 and 2011).

The games have been dubbed by the media as the *"Small Islands Olympics"* and now comprises around 3000 competitors from 24 different Islands in 14 different sports, taking place over seven days.



Congratulations to the eight players who have been selected to represent the Isle of Wight in the 2023 ISLAND GAMES which will be held in Guernsey



**Ladies Team - Anna Joyce, Pat Thorley, Tameesha Hobbs, Elaine Mills.**

**Mens Team - George Downing, Daniel Burns, Scott Lawson, Hugh Idle.**



## Fundraising for the Island Games Team

Our Island Games table tennis team require funding to cover travel and accommodation for the week's events in July next year, and are holding various fundraising events. Any support would be gratefully received.

At the moment there are two fund raising events:-

**A "GoFundMe" scheme:** whereby members, family, friends and businesses can donate directly. At time of going to press the total stands at £830, nearing the £1000 target.

Click on the link below for further information and to contribute:-

[Fundraiser by Peter Clarke : 2023 ISLAND GAMES Fundraiser \(gofundme.com\) \[gofundme.com\]](https://www.gofundme.com/fundraiser/peter-cl Clarke)

**A Horse Racing evening on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at Newclose Cricket Pavilion at Blackwater, starting at 7.15 pm.**

Booking is essential so please email Peter Clarke at [clarke477@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clarke477@yahoo.co.uk) or add your name to the list at Smallbrook.

# Horse Racing Fundraiser Evening



Isle of Wight Table Tennis Team  
2023 Island Games



Fri 11th Nov  
7.15pm

Free  
Entry

Enjoy a fun night & help  
raise funds for our 2023 Island  
Games team.



**Newclose Cricket Club**  
Blackwater Rd, Blackwater , PO30 3BE





## **Winter League** *(details correct as of 24<sup>th</sup> October)*

### **Division One**

At this early stage of the season, Ryde A top the table with Vics A in second place, eight points behind but with a game in hand. Ryde A's Scott and Ryde B's Hugh remain unbeaten, whilst Scott's team mates Mark and Rob have lost two each, both to Ryde C's Tim and Alex. Special mention goes to Ryan of Ryde D who has made a big leap up from Division Three and is holding his own with an average win rate of 44%.



Scott of Ryde A



Tim of Ryde C

### **Division Two**

Ryde Rascals head the table, with Vics B in second place and with a game in hand. Vic's Dave and Barry remain unbeaten at this stage, whilst the Rascal's Brian and Peter have lost one each. New player to Island table tennis, Gourav of Ryde Revellers, has impressed at this early stage and has a 55% win average.



Peter of Ryde Rascals



Barry of Vics B

### Division Three

The small village of Shorwell looks set to make a mark on the table tennis map this season, as their two teams lie first and second in the third division table at this stage. The Spinners lead, with the Saints in second place and with a game in hand. However, St Lawrence Lizards will be looking to spoil the party as they lie third and also have a game in hand.



Robert, Steve and Peter of Shorwell Spinners



Derek of St Lawrence Lizards

Ryde Rustic's 91 year old Bert has featured in a couple of interesting matches, one against 11 year old Jai of Ryde Retailers (an 80 year age gap between the two!) and one against his granddaughter Rebecca of Ryde Frogs. Bert lost to Jai in a thriller and got the better of Rebecca in their match.



Rebecca and Bert



Jai and Bert



## From the Archives

In our regular look back through the England Table Tennis Association newsletters we reach the end of the eighties - 1989.

In the January issue the keenness of Isle of Wight supporters was appreciated in supporting the Chinese tour of England, with Islanders staying to watch the last matches in Southampton and having to stay up all night to catch the early morning ferry home:

In the February issue the League Tables were published for the Southern Region but the Island men's and ladies teams were struggling:

<b>SOUTHERN REGION</b>	
<b>from BRIAN LAMERTON</b>	
League Tables as at 1st. Jan 1989.	
<b>Premier Division</b>	
Kingfisher 'A'	4 4 0 30 6 11
Cippenham 'A'	4 3 1 22 14 9
Am Gen 'A'	4 2 2 19 17 7
Rownhams	4 2 2 16 20 5
Purbrook	4 1 3 14 22 3
Isle of Wight	4 0 4 7 29 1

<b>Ladies League</b>	
Cippenham	2 2 0 9 1 5
Aldershot	2 1 1 4 6 3
Isle of Wight	2 0 2 2 8 1

**Missed the boat**  
I remember particularly the large contingent that came over from the Isle of Wight, especially those who quite deliberately missed the last boat not to miss the closing parts of the match and had to wait till 6 in the morning for the next. How can the game go wrong with devotion and enthusiasm like that? My thanks also to the many, many people who helped to make the matches such a success. I have not forgotten any of them. They are just too numerous to mention. Those were stirring days. May there be many more.

Carl Prean had dropped to third in the England rankings and was seventeenth in Europe:

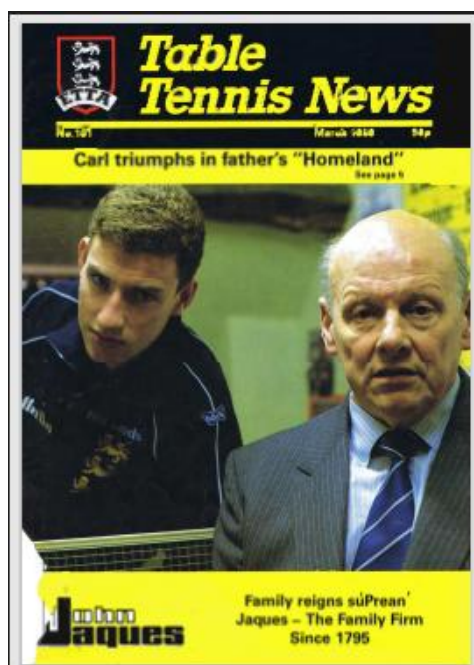
<b>MEN</b>	
1. Alan Cooke (Chesterfield)	2611
2. Desmond Douglas (Walsall)	2485
3. Carl Prean (Ryde)	2119

The March issue had our very own Carl and John Prean as cover stars, plus local League and County news, which involved some of our current players:

★ **COVER PICTURE**

Never in the history of the sport in Britain or possibly in the world have a father-and-son shown such dedication as John and Carl Prean from Ryde, Isle of Wight. In the committee rooms for John and on court for Carl their powers provide formidable strength of purpose.

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## A Staggering German Cup Final



## ISLE OF WIGHT

Brian Lamerton

WHEN last I wrote Isle of Wight notes I said that the Regional League team was champing at the bit waiting their first match; now literally as I sit at the typewriter comes the 'phone call that after 5 defeats we have secured our first victory – Sunday 29th. January – Rownhams 4 Isle of Wight 5. 2 sets apiece for Roger Hookey and Mike Turner with the all important fifth set from the wiley Joe Daly – for the ever present Joe this was a first win and a very important one it was too. In the same period the ladies have played once only. Losing 5 love to Cippenham.

The April issue was quiet on Island news although Carl was busy playing in the German League, tournaments and making coaching videos:

**The**  
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The May issue had lots of local Island news, and Sandown A were crowned the League Champions. The Commonwealth Games had been held and Carl had played in the Gold medal winning England team, plus playing in the World Championships too:

## ISLE OF WIGHT

Brian Lamerton

ROGER HOOKEY capped an outstanding season when taking the Islands championship with an emphatic 21-18, 21-9 final defeat of Mike Turner; last years champion Chris Angus and Dave Hilliam were defeated semi-finalists. Sharon Urry is the new ladies champion and for good measure she also shared the mixed doubles title with Martin Mitchell. Peter Urry and Paul Morton surprised everybody (themselves included) by defeating Roger Hookey and Mike Turner in the mens doubles final whilst the successful ladies partnership was Joy Batten and Amanda Will.

### Late Call

Another late 'phone call came from Veteran Dave Williams, our News sheet Editor, to tell me that he defeated the holder Keith Taylor in the first round of the Guildford cup – a handicap event (I didn't have the heart to ask for Daves start!) – but by the final all the big names had gone as Ventnor's 14 year old Sam Johnson out hit another junior Matthew Roberts.

A new innovation this season has been a 'Top 10' tournament – from two groups of 5 Roger Hookey, Mike Turner, Ian Smith and Alan Hulbert emerged as semi-finalists with Hookey defeating Turner two straight in the final.

The name Hookey is becoming as well known in Island table tennis circles as the name Prian, as Roger together with the aforementioned Turner and Smith spearheads Sandown towards a third successive championship.

	P	W	Pts
Sandown	12	12	48
Newport Vics 'A'	12	9	35
Shanklin	11	9	33
Rookley 'B'	12	6	27
Rookley 'A'	11	6	27
Newport Vics 'J'	11	5	26
Wroxall 'A'	12	6	24
Sandown Boys Brigade	12	2	12
Wroxall 'B'	12	2	12
Haven Street	12	3	11
Ryde	11	0	1

Hookey's other accomplishments this season were to lead Sandown (ably assisted by the aforementioned Turner and Ian Smith) to another Island first division title and also to act as Captain, Secretary, Baggage Man and No. 1 player to the Regional League team – not the most successful of seasons on the table but at the time of writing we are 'hanging on' to our premier division place. In the Ladies Regional league our girls finished third (out of 3) – come on Hampshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire lets have some more opposition next season.



Five of our youngsters Duncan Watson, Marcus Gorman, Alister Hulburt, Mathew Roberts and Mathew Hobley journeyed to Southampton to participate in the Leeds Youth Cup – they didn't set the World on fire but all enjoyed their excursion into the 'big time'.

Three more youngsters, representing Newport Vics. Richard Gower, Andy Westhoppe and Graham Chiverton lifted the handicap Knowles Cup with a 5 sets to 2 win over Cowes High School (comprising 2 pupils plus 1 staff member).

My drive for umpires (Yes, I double as Umpires Sec.) has so far produced one completed test paper – again a junior – if he passes next time I'll name him! (he wasn't far off first time).

And Congratulations to an old youngster – Carl Preat, still only 21 and his team gold from the Commonwealth championships in Cardiff was his fourth Commonwealth medal.

	P	W	Pts
Sandown 'A'	20	20	80
Shanklin 'A'	20	18	67
Newport Vics. 'A'	20	14	57
Wroxall 'A'	20	11	48
Rookley 'B'	20	10	46
Newport Vics 'J'	20	9	43
Rookley 'A'	20	8	39
Wroxall 'B'	20	4	21
Sandown Boys Brigade	20	4	20
Haven Street 'A'	20	4	14
Ryde 'A'	20	0	5

Premier Division	P	W	Pts
Kingfisher 'A'	9	8	24
Cippenham 'A'	10	8	22
Purebrook 'A'	9	5	13
Amity Generation 'A'	9	4	13
Isle of Wight	9	1	6
Rownhams	10	2	6

First Division	P	W	Pts
Pyestock	8	8	19
Burnham	8	4	12
Cippenham 'B'	8	3	10
Kingfisher 'B'	8	2	10
Amity Generation 'B'	8	3	9

Ladies Division	P	W	Pts
Cippenham	4	4	11
Aldershot	4	1	4
Isle of Wight	4	1	3

## THE FINAL PLACINGS

### Men

1. ENGLAND
2. Nigeria
3. Hong Kong
4. India
5. Canada
6. Pakistan
7. New Zealand
8. Jamaica
9. Australia
10. Wales
11. Scotland
12. N Ireland



Carl Preat tested Waldner

One of Waldner's hardest matches was in Round 3 when he came through a really thrilling battle with Carl Preat who was beaten 3-1, but in all four games the score of 19-19 was on the board, this surely is some indication that Preat, one year younger than Waldner, is a true professional, more experienced than anyone in his age-group in Europe and able to cope with the pressure of playing regularly in front of crowds of thousands of people in West Germany. Waldner beat Preat 21-23, 22-20, 21-19, 21-19.

In the October and November issues the Island related news was all about Carl, who had overtaken Desmond Douglas to go back to second place in the England rankings:



Carl Preat: Two vital singles wins to ensure England victory.

### SENIOR MEN

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|------------------------------|------|
| 1. Alan Cooke (Chesterfield) | 1868 |
| 2. Carl Preat (Ryde)         | 1628 |
| 3. Desmond Douglas (Walsall) | 1606 |

The December issue had an interesting article on the local Island scene, and a mention for our Welfare Officer, Heather Wykes:

# Isle of Wight

by BRIAN LAMERTON

AS THE southernmost county in the country, winter comes late to the Isle of Wight, and only two weeks league fixtures have been completed to date, but not without surprises. Champions, and many times past winners, Sandown, haven't won a match! In fairness, they have had injury problems, but this hasn't stopped them in the past, especially as Roger Hookey has turned in a maximum — full credit to Newport Vics who held them and to Wroxall who thumped 'em. I wrote in this column a year ago that the Rookley team of Paul Morton, Mark Mitchell and Peter Urry fancied themselves — well they didn't make it in 88-89, but they are the early leaders for 89-90.

Outstanding individual performance so far is that of 18 year old Mathew Hobley, who, having moved direct from Newport Vics 4th division team to their 1st division, has won 5 out of 6. The same record incidentally as that of Carl, with whom Mathew practised during the summer in the European League — watch this space!

From success to tragedy — another young Vics player Graham Chiverton recently met an untimely death in a car accident — a good all round sportsman, Graham will be sadly missed by a wide circle of friends, and our condolences, perhaps a bit belatedly, go to his family through this magazine.

We have not had the best of starts in the Southern regional league — two defeats for both mens and ladies teams — but each team has obtained one point; a win apiece for Roger Hookey, Mathew Hobley and Joe Daly against Chippenham 'A' and a singles and doubles win, in

partnership with Heather Wykes, for debutant Maureen Hewison against OLUP.

The National Vice-Chairman for coaching, Stuart Sneyd, came to the Island in the summer for a coaching rally, which was well attended, enjoyed and set a platform for the future. For the first time a number of our youngsters travelled to the mainland for the regional trials — we didn't set the world alight but they knew we were there.

Our usual pre-season tournament for first year juniors attracted an entry of 20, and after four keenly contested groups Adam Crews of Cowes High School emerged as the final winner.

I was not at the last National Council meeting, a change of date clashing with a planned 7 days in the sun, but I understand that John announced that he was prepared to stand for another season as National Chairman, and that must be good news for all of us.



### And finally...

We are lucky that we are able to play table tennis easily and affordably. In some areas of the world, people have to be more inventive to play the game. Here's a selection of people playing on their own homemade or community tables, ranging from the professional looking to those ingeniously made out of any materials close to hand.



Niger



Nepal



Nigeria



Ethiopia



Uganda



Brazil

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