

# Isle of Wight

Table Tennis League

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By the time you read this we will already have completed the first half of the winter league. As ever, many of the games are really close and it's great to see the newer players, and those having transitioned into a higher division, finding their feet really successfully. The second half could be even closer. We have some competitions coming up both before and after Christmas and I hope to see you there.

Although it's imminent, we don't yet have the new lease in our hands, which will give us tenancy for a further 28 years at Smallbrook. However, the Management Committee has some significant improvement plans it hopes to take forward as soon as we do and I can talk about those in due course.

I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a New Year where everything lands on the table and all the nets and edges go your way.

Best wishes,

Enjoy your table tennis!

John.

## News in Brief

At the time of going to press it looks like Shanklin A will head the Division 1 table going into the Christmas break. Don has led from the front winning 11 of his 12 matches to date. His only loss so far has been to Dave Hilliam who has had an excellent first half of the season winning 16 out of 18 matches.

In Division 2, JC and the Sunshine Band continue to set the pace and show no signs of slowing up in their march to Division 1. Well played John, Ed and Mark. Honourable mentions go to Maximus Matt Mair, Sean Joyce, John Featherstone and Bill Paul, as well as to those consistently good performers Alan Hulbert, Barry Joyce, Dave Newnham and Paul White.

In Division 3 Saints lead the way. There are 100% records for Jon Baker and Trevor Percival. Honourable mentions to Sam, Debbie, Heather and Bert who have all played well this season.

Apologies to anyone who feels they should have been mentioned – there's always next time!

For those looking to stay sharp over Christmas, The Smallbrook Centre is open on Friday 22nd December, closed 23rd to 27th, open 28th and 29th, then closed until January 2nd.

## Forthcoming Tournaments:

The Handicapped doubles will be played on 14th December. It is sponsored by the County Press. The tournament will be limited to 24 pairs on a first come first served basis. Entries to [Mike Prior](#)



Handicapped  
Doubles

December  
14th

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The Division 2 Championship will be played on January 3rd. The Division 3 Championship will be played on January 4th  
Entries to [Mike](#)

The above tournaments will be played at Smallbrook. Stay tuned to the IWTTA website and club noticeboards for further information.

Next newsletter: January 2018. Please submit comments, articles, news by January 19th to [Ian Loosemore](#)

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## Christmas Corner

Time to make life easy with Table-Tennis themed gifts for Christmas.

Here are some ideas from Bribar and a few other suggestions that you may wish to give or receive....

<https://bribartt.co.uk/product-category/christmas/present-ideas/>

[https://www.etsy.com/uk/market/ping\\_pong](https://www.etsy.com/uk/market/ping_pong)

<http://blog.tabletennis11.com/table-tennis-ping-pong-christmas-gift-ideas>

<http://www.tabletenniscoach.me.uk/best-table-tennis-gift-ideas/>

[Mike Prior](#) is the man to go to for Bribar products.

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Calling all Island table-tennis legends past, present & future! Let us feature you in The IWTTA e-newsletter. Contact [Ian Loosemore](#)

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## Back in Time

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Division 2  
Championship  
January  
3rd

Division 3  
Championship  
January  
4th



Alison's photo proved too challenging for most readers! I thought John Sillar and Dave Williams would have known some of the faces – Dave claims to have been away with the Navy at the time....

Bert Paice and Maximus Mair provided the following ID's :

Bert's list

Back row from the left:

- No. 3 – Dave Fredericks
- No. 4 - John Rann
- No. 5 – Ray Turner
- No.10 – Jim Daly
- No.13 – Bill Jennings
- No.14 – Rob McCarthy

Front row:

- No.6 – Pat Deyes (although she wasn't 'Deyes then)
- No.8 – Phil Fredericks

Maximus had the following:

Alison, Maggie, Joan Rossi, Kathy Pierce, Joan Rossi, Jim and Joe Daly, John Stacey, Dave Fredricks, Ray Turner,

I shall raid the goodies cupboard for suitable prizes – thanks Bert & Matt for your efforts.

Bert has supplied a photo from the 70's (Bert is the dashing chap at the back on the far left!) Those of you stumped by Alison's photo might like to have a go at identifying the glitterati pictured.... Send your answers to me at [ian.loosemore@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.loosemore@btinternet.com)

## The stars of Island Table Tennis in the 1970's.



Practice mornings  
at  
Smallbrook:

The Table  
tennis Centre  
is open  
Monday and  
Wednesday  
mornings  
from 9-45am  
to  
12noon.  
£2.50.

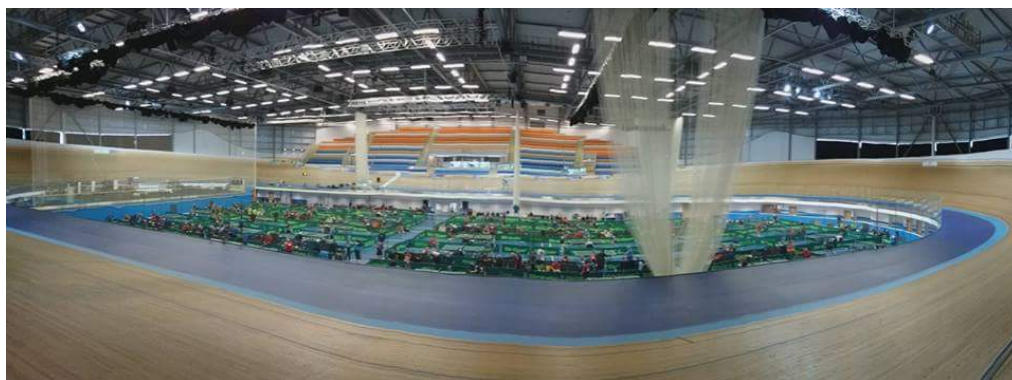


### Did you know

We have a really good facility for Isle of Wight table tennis at Smallbrook and more improvements are planned.

Pauline sent me a photo of where Alex plays in the Vets British League in Derby which looks pretty special.

**Call**  
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But where else do people play TT ? Here are ten rather unusual venues:

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/heart-matters-magazine/activity/table-tennis/strangest-places-to-play-table-tennis>

Here's hoping all IWTTA members have a relaxing & peaceful Christmas and that everyone returns to the fray in the New Year healthy and optimistic ...

See you next year!



**World War II  
Air Crashes  
here on the  
Island**



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