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Grand Prix Success for Daniel Moses

Welcome to Kingfisher News

In this edition we start with a look back at the concluding half of the 2016 Summer Kingfisher Grand Prix – congratulations to Daniel Moses on winning the series.

It's been a busy start to the season for our British League teams which this year includes a Kingfisher Women's British League team. With 17 teams competing across the Reading and Bracknell leagues there have already been some great matches including the first Kingfisher A vs OLOP A match of the season.

Our juniors have been active at home, and abroad and we hear from Jamie Liu and Anaya Patel about their experience of the Euro Mini Championships.

I hope you are all enjoying your table tennis and our wonderful club.

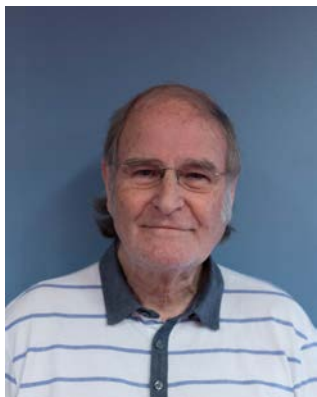
Gwynne Penny, Editor



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Introduction



I am unable to get to the Club as much as I would like to currently but from the contact I get it seems that everything is running pretty smoothly at the moment (I hope I don't regret saying that – I'm sure I won't). That to me shows that the hard work done by your committee members is being rewarded.

I hope you are enjoying your TT and also with some success if you are one of those playing at the competitive level.

I popped in to see some of the excellent table tennis at the recent Senior British League weekend. The organisation by Peter and all of the volunteers was excellent and I understand that all of our visitors went away suitably impressed. The next weekend will soon be upon us (12th/13th November) and I recommend you pop in to have a look.

Since the last newsletter we have put together a "Club Etiquette" sheet which our Hon Gen Secretary has issued to all members. Most members comply with all of this as a matter of course, but it is useful that it is posted at the Club to remind us all to think of others.

If you feel that you can help as a volunteer in any way, or if you have any questions or ideas to make the Club a better place I trust that you will come along or contact me either by email colindyke@waitrose.com or by phone 0118 9783770. There is no harm in having a chat. Our continual aim is to make the experience of your membership of our great Club as fulfilling as possible and if this is not the case, please get in touch.

Colin Dyke, Chairman

Week 7 Report

27 June 2016

Week 7 and into the second half of the series, this week again saw a low turnout of 13 (probably due to the fact that England were playing in the European football championships – but probably best to ice over that!.)

Yonatan Slobodskoy had a good week, taking out both Richard Fifield and Eric Van Looy before coming up against Hari Gehlot in the semi-final. Yonatan went down 11-4 in the first leg but came back fighting hard to take the second one 15-13 over Hari. Another close leg in the third, losing 9-11 and then Hari was into his stride taking the 4th end 11-5 to secure a place in the final.

Daniel Moses had a clean run through to the final, taking all of his matches in 3 sets against Gwynne Penny, then Trevor Organ and Joshua Gallen. The final saw Daniel Moses vs Hari Gehlot for the third time during this Grand Prix series and for the third time Daniel took the match in 3 sets.

In the consolation event new club member Dmitry Khakhamov beat Trevor Organ in 3 sets (11-3, 11-3, 11-7) and then went on to play Ian Cole in the semi-final. After a very close first leg (15-13), Dmitry took the next two legs 11-6 and 11-4. This secured his place in the consolation final. Meanwhile, Eric Van Looy had a very tight battle against Joe Barraclough, with Joe taking the first end 11-9. Eric came back to take the second 11-7. A very close fought third end saw Eric come back from 8-10 down to take it 12-10. Joe fought back in the 4th leg 11-6 but couldn't quite keep the consistency going and bowed out 11-7 in the 5th. Eric's semi final opponent (Calin Spicica) scratched out which put Eric up against Dmitry Khakhamov in the consolation final. In a close fought battle, Eric took the first end but Dmitry came back to take the next 3 for the win.

Overall, Daniel Moses continues to lead the series with 797 points. Martin Adams is on 519, Hari Gehlot 391, Trung Tran 335 and Mark Banks 269. Joe Barraclough continues to lead the juniors but Joshua Gallen has closed the gap to second place to just 42 points, with Yonatan just behind on 177.



Daniel Moses – Main Event Winner

Results - 2016 GRAND PRIX NO 7

Main Event

Last 16:

Daniel Moses bt Gwynne Penny 4, 4, 8
Joshua Gallen bt Dmitry Khakhamov -11, 6, 5, 8
Tony Reynolds bt Calin Spicica 5, 6, 2
Hari Gehlot bt Joe Barraclough 9, 3, 7
Yonatan Slobodskoy bt Richard Fifield 10, 8, -4, 7
Eric Van Looy, Trevor Organ and Ian Cole all had a bye

Quarter Finals:

Daniel Moses bt Trevor Organ 8, 3, 4
Joshua Gallen bt Tony Reynolds 9, 9, 8
Hari Gehlot bt Ian Cole 7, 6, 5
Yonatan Slobodskoy bt Eric Van Looy -6, 6, 7, 12

Semi Finals:

Daniel Moses bt Joshua Gallen 9, 9, 6
Hari Gehlot bt Yonatan Slobodskoy 4, -13, 9, 5

Final:

Daniel Moses bt Hari Gehlot 8, 8, 7

Consolation Event

Semi Finals:

Dmitry Khakhamov bt Ian Cole 13, 6, 4
Eric Van Looy went through by default as Calin Spicica had to withdraw

Final:

Dmitry Khakhamov bt Eric Van Looy -8, 10, 7, 8



Dmitry Khakhamov, Consolation Event
Winner

Week 8 Report

4 July 2016

Week 8 brought 20 entries with one notable absentee: Daniel Moses.

In the last 16, Grand Prix Host, Rick Leachman notched up his first ever victory over Trevor Organ. Rick showed steady determination throughout, after taking the first leg 11-7, Trevor came back to take the second 7-11. Rick then took the next 11-6 but Trevor answered with 11-9. The final leg was a tight battle, but Rick finished ahead, 11-8. Another round 16 match that looked likely to go the distance took place between Krassi Ivanov and Joshua Gallen. Joshua took the first leg 11-9. Krassi came back with 11-7 and 11-9 and Joshua battled well, pulling off some fantastic shots, but in the end couldn't quite push it to 5 as Krassi took the 4th 11-9.

Elsewhere in the last 16, Yonatan Slobodskoy and training partner Joe Barraclough played one another with a close game 11-9 to Yonatan. He then took the 2nd leg 11-5. Joe was not to be put down easily and rallied to take the 3rd leg 11-5 but couldn't quite keep the momentum going in the 4th leg and went out 11-6.

Martin Adams was back this week and efficiently dispatched both Tony Reynolds and Yonatan on his route to the semi-final where he met Simon Vine. Simon put up a good fight, and after going down 6-11 and 8-11 in the first two, managed to take the third end 11-8 but Martin came back strong in the 4th 11-1.

Meanwhile, Hari Gehlot beat Harry Munro and Krassi Ivanov to secure his semi-final place. He then faced Trung Tran who started well and took the first two 12-10, 11-8. Hari then came back in the next two 11-4, 11-7 and kept it going in the 5th to emerge with 11-7 for the win.

In the final, Martin started strongly 11-3. Hari replied with 11-5. Martin took the third end 11-9 and sealed it with 11-8 in the 4th.

The consolation event felt a bit like a main event with Tony Reynolds, Martin Gunn, Steve Miller and Harry Munro all in it. In a semi-final that was fought like a final, Tony had a good match with Martin, using spin and placement to his advantage to take the first end 11-5 and the second 12-10. Martin managed to tighten things up in the 3rd end and took it 11-9 but Tony was determined and they battled it out in a very close 4th end, with Tony just managing to secure the win 13-11.

Harry Munro beat Calin Spicica in 4 sets which put him into the semi final with Steve Miller. Harry dominated the match, winning 11-7, 11-0, 11-8 – an outstanding performance, especially considering that it had been some 3 weeks since he played last. He then went into the final against Tony Reynolds and put in another good performance in the first leg 11-8. A lapse of concentration appeared to cost him in the second, which Tony took advantage of to the tune of 11-2 but Harry started to get some ground back in the 3rd leg 11-8. He then really seemed to focused on his topspin play and managed to take the 4th leg 11-9. With momentum now on his side, he marched home 11-3 to take the 5th.

Overall, Daniel Moses continues to lead the series with 797 points. Martin Adams closes the gap a little on 654, Hari Gehlot 489, Trung Tran 399 and Mark Banks 293. Joe Barraclough continues to lead the juniors on 280 with Joshua Gallen on 240 and Yonatan Slobodskoy on 214.

Results - 2016 GRAND PRIX NO 8

Main Event

Last 16:

Simon Vine bt Richard Rosinski -3, 7, 4, 11
Rick Leachman bt Trevor Organ 7, -7, 6, -9, 8
Martin Adams bt Tony Reynolds 8, 8, 5
Yonatan Slobodskoy bt Joe Barraclough 9, 5, -5, 6
Richard Fifield bt Gwynne Penny 9, 6, 10
Trung Tran bt Calin Spicica 4, 4, 8
Hari Gelot bt Harry Munro 7, 3, 5
Krassi Ivanov bt Joshua Gallen -9, 7, 9, 9

Quarter Finals:

Simon Vine bt Rick Leachman 6, 5, 6
Martin Adams bt Yonatan Slobodskoy 5, 7, 6
Trung Tran bt Richard Fifield 9, 7, 6
Hari Gehlot bt Krassi Ivanov 9, 6, 9

Semi Finals:

Martin Adams bt Simon Vine 6, 8, -8, 1
Hari Gehlot bt Trung Tran -10, -8, 4, 7, 7

Final:

Martin Adams bt Hari Gehlot 3, -5, 9, 8

Consolation Event

Semi Finals:

Tony Reynolds bt Martin Gunn 5, 10, -9, 11
Harry Munro bt Steve Miller 7, 0, 8

Final:

Harry Munro bt Tony Reynolds 8, -2, -8, 9, 3



Martin Adams – Main Event Winner



Harry Munro, Consolation Event Winner

Week 9 Report

11 July 2016

Week 9 brought 22 entrants to the Grand Prix. Daniel Moses was back this week, Elson Costa made his second appearance in the series and Liam McTiernan made his first appearance of the series. No Martin Gunn or Mark Banks this week.

In the last 16, Liam beat Simon Vine in 3 sets and then went on to play Tony Reynolds who put up a spirited fight, taking the first leg 11-6. Liam took the next three 11-9, 11-8 and 11-9 – close matches and a good performance by both players. Liam then went on to play Trung Tran in the semi-final and had another 3 close games (11-9, 11-9, 11-8) to secure his place in the final. Meanwhile, Martin Adams took 3 games to defeat Rob Gladstone in the last 16 and then faced Daniel Moses in the quarter final. Martin took the first two legs 11-7 but Daniel fought back in the third to take it 15-13. An epic 4th leg ensued with both players making full use of the available court. In the end Martin prevailed in the 4th game 18-16, to reach the semi-final where he beat Krassi Ivanov (11-4, 11-7 and 13-11).

The final between Liam McTiernan and Martin Adams was decided in 3 sets with Liam taking the first 11-8. In the second set Martin managed to get it to 10-10 but Liam picked up the 2 deciding points to take it 12-10. He then got well into his stride and took the third end 11-2.

In the consolation rounds, Yonatan Slobodskoy put in some good performances to beat Joe Barraclough and Steve Miller in 4 sets each. On the other side of the draw, Eric Van Loy beat Nigel Keedy and Rob Gladstone in 3 sets each, and then had a tough semi-final match with Elson Costa – losing the first leg 10-12 then taking the next two 11-7, 11-8 but faltering on the 4th end 3-11. Eric's determination in the deciding set paid off with 11-9 to book his place in the consolation final.

And what a final it turned out to be! Played just before 11pm, with only the players and hosts in attendance, it was a cracking match between Yonatan and Eric. Eric took the first leg 11-6 but Yonatan recovered well to take the second 11-9 and the third 11-8 – making good use of his ability to recover quickly between forehand and backhand counter-topspin shots to stay in the rallies. In the third leg Eric took control and managed to hold him down to just 5, setting things up for a great fifth set. At the switchover point it was 5-2 to Eric, but Yonatan managed to pull it back to 5-5. It was then neck and neck to the end with Yonatan managing to take the 5th set 11-9.



Liam McTiernan – Main Event Winner

Overall, Daniel Moses continues to lead the series with 849 points. Martin Adams is on 744, Hari Gehlot 539, Trung Tran 459 and Tony Reynold 337.5. Joe Barraclough continues to lead the juniors on 308 with Joshua Gallen on 276 and Yonatan Slobodskoy on 274.

Results - 2016 GRAND PRIX NO 9

Main Event

Last 16:

Daniel Moses bt Rod Kay 9, 2, 5
Martin Adams bt Rob Gladstone 3, 7, 5
Krassi Ivanov bt Elson Costa 7, 9, 3
Hari Gehlot bt Richard Rosinski 7, 8, -9, 5
Harry Munro bt Joshua Gallen 8, -8, 9, 9
Trung Tran bt Trevor Organ 10, -7, 8, 9
Liam McTiernan bt Simon Vine 6, 8, 6
Tony Reynolds bt Gwynne Penny 5, 6, -11, 4

Quarter Finals:

Martin Adams bt Daniel Moses 7, 7, -13, 16
Krassi Ivanov bt Hari Gehlot 9, -8 -5, 6, 12

Trung Tran bt Harry Munro 3, 4, 7
Liam McTiernan bt Tony Reynolds -6, 9, 8, 9

Semi Finals:

Martin Adams bt Krassi Ivanov 4, 7, 11
Liam McTiernan bt Trung Tran 9, 9, 8

Final:

Liam McTiernan bt Martin Adams 2, 10, 8

Consolation Event

Semi Finals:

Yonatan Slobodskoy bt Steve Miller 7, -9, 6, 7
Eric Van Looy bt Elson Costa -0, 7, 8, -3, 9

Final:

Yonatan Slobodskoy bt Eric Van Looy -6, 9, 8, -5, 9



Yonatan Slobodskoy – Consolation Event
Winner

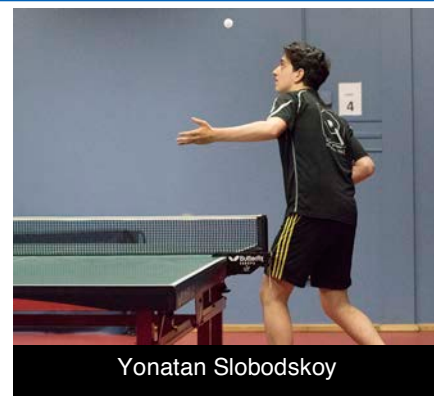
Grand Prix Week 9 Gallery



Elson Costa



Simon Vine



Yonatan Slobodskoy



Simon Vine, Elson Costa, Eric Van Looy, Liam McTiernan, Joe Barracough



Liam McTiernan



Martin Adams and Liam McTiernan



Liam and Adam McTiernan



Steve Miller



Robert Gladstone



Joshua Gallen



Eric Van Looy



Rick Leachman



Joshua Gallen



Elson Costa

Week 10 Report

18 July 2016

Week 10 brought a heatwave with the thermometer exceeding 30 degrees centigrade, so no real surprise that we only had 16 entrants for the Grand Prix.

In the last 16, there was a close battle between Trung Tran and Dmitry Khakhamov. Dmitry took the first leg 11-9. Trung took the second 11-6 and then the third 11-4, but Dmitry was not to be beaten that easily and he responded in the 4th with 11-8. In a close 5th set it was Trung who won through in the end 11-7.

In the quarter finals, Tony Reynolds had a close game with Yonatan Slobodskoy. Tony took the first leg 11-7 and Yonatan answered by taking the second 11-7. The third leg went in Tony's favour, 11-8. Yonatan wasn't quite able to clinch the 4th which went for Tony 11-7. Tony then had a very tough draw against Daniel Moses in the Semi-Final. He put up a good fight, taking the second leg 18-16 but Daniel sealed it in the 4th, 11-8 to book his place in the final.

Meanwhile, Martin Adams had a clean run through to the final winning all his matches in 3 sets. Joe Barraclough had some great rallies with him but wasn't able to secure the points he needed for a win. Trung Tran managed to get to deuce with Martin the quarter finals first leg but then went out 6-11, 6-11. Elson Costa also managed to take one leg to deuce with Martin but lost it 12-10 in the third.

The final showdown, between Daniel Moses and Martin Adams, which is the 4th time that they have contested the main event final in this series, Daniel took the first leg 11-9. Martin took the second 11-4. Daniel replied with 11-5 and then denied Martin a 5th set by closing out the 4th leg 11-8.



Daniel Moses – Main Event Winner

In the Consolation round, Grand Prix Host Rick Leachman and assistant Gwynne both made it to the Semi-finals. Rick clocked up another good win over Trevor Organ – in 4 sets and Gwynne managed her first match win of the series over Joe Barraclough in 3 sets. Trevor then went on to face Dmitry Khakhamov in the semi-final and managed to take the third leg 11-6, but Dmitry's game proved too strong and he took the 4th 11-9. Gwynne faced Harry Munro and struggled to read his serve which cost her too many points throughout the 3 sets, although the middle set was close with Harry taking it 15-13.

This set up a good consolation final between Harry Munro and Dmitry Khakhamov. Dmitry took the first leg 11-8 and despite trailing by a few points in the second leg, Dmitry came back to take it 12-10 and kept a cool head to win through the third 11-9.

Overall, Daniel Moses continues to lead the series with 970 points. Martin Adams is on 842, Hari Gehlot 580, Trung Tran 499 and Tony Reynold 398.5. Joe Barraclough continues to lead the juniors on 334 with Yonatan Slobodskoy on 317 overtaking Joshua Gallen this week who is on 276.

Results - 2016 GRAND PRIX NO 10

Main Event

Last 16:

Hari Gehlot bt Trevor Organ 3, 3, -7, 5
Daniel Moses bt Steve Miller 5, 8, 5
Yonatan Slobodskoy bt Guy De La Villesbrunne 3, 4, 5
Tony Reynolds bt Rick Leachman 8, 6, 7
Trung Tran bt Dmitry Khakhamov -9, 6, 4, -8, 7
Martin Adams bt Joe Barraclough 7, 4, 5
Krassi Ivanov bt Harry Munro 4, 3, 9
Elson Costa bt Gwynne Penny 6, 7, -9, 5

Quarter Finals:

Daniel Moses bt Hari Gehlot 9, -6, 4, 6
Tony Reynolds bt Yonatan Slobodskoy 7, -7, 8, 7
Martin Adams bt Trung Tran 10, 6, 6
Elson Costa bt Krassi Ivanov 7, 8, 6

Semi Finals:

Daniel Moses bt Tony Reynolds 2, -16, 6, 8
Martin Adams bt Elson Costa 5, 5, 10

Final:

Daniel Moses bt Martin Adams 9, -4, 5, 8

Consolation Event

Semi Finals:

Harry Munro bt Gwynne Penny 8, 13, 2
Dmitry Khakhamov bt Rick Leachman 5, 5, -6, 9

Final:

Dmitry Khakhamov bt Harry Munro 8, 10, 9



Dmitry Khakhamov – Consolation Event Winner

Week 11 Report

25 July 2016

Week 11 and the penultimate in the series saw temperatures return to normal for the time of year, and number of entries at a respectable 21.

There were 3 outstanding matches in the last 32 this week that deserve mention. Simon Vine and Rod Kay battled it out in an incredibly close 5-set game with Rod taking the first leg 11-9 and then having to dig deep to take the second 17-15. Simon then came back to take the third 12-10 and the 4th 11-8. He kept the pressure on in the 5th and won through 11-7. Andrew Smith and Trevor Organ also battled it out in 5. Andrew took the first leg 11-6 but Trevor took the next two 12-10 and 12-10. Andrew wrestled control back in the 4th 11-5 and secured his place in the next round with a good 11-6 win in the 5th. The third outstanding match saw an exciting battle between Eric Van Looy and Daniel Moses. Eric took the first leg 11-5. Daniel replied with 11-6. Eric then took the next 11-9. The 4th set was fought over hard but in the end Daniel came through 11-9 to force it to five and then took the last set 11-6.

In the last 16 there were also some very close matches. Elson Costa and Simon Vine battled hard with 4 extremely tight games, Elson eventually winning through in the 5th set. Andrew Smith managed to pick up a good win over Joshua Gallen in 4 sets. Martin Adams kept Krassi contained to 3 sets. Rob Gladstone took one set off Hari Gehlot. Trung Tran used his counter attack from the back of the court well against Steve Miller and managed to win in 3 sets after a close first set (12-10). Guy De La Villesbrunne put up a valiant fight against Richard Fifield, 9-11, 7-11, 8-11 and bagging a bonus point in the process. Daniel Moses and Tony Reynolds both cruised through on 3 straight sets against Joe Barraclough and Gwynne Penny.



Martin Adams – Main Event Winner

In the quarter finals there was a tough five-setter between Hari Gehlot and Elson Costa with Hari taking the first leg 13-11. Elson then came back to take the next two 11-4 and 11-9. Hari replied with 11-5, setting up a very close 5th set which went to 10-10 before Hari managed to clinch the last 2 points for the win. Martin Adams took out Andrew Smith in 3 straight sets.

Meanwhile, Trung Tran won a close 3-set game against Richard Fifield and Daniel Moses took 4 sets to see off Tony Reynolds.

The semi finals saw Trung Tran battle with Daniel Moses, almost managing to push it to 4 sets, going out 10-12 in the third and a very close 5-set battle between Martin Adams and Hari Gehlot with Hari taking legs 1 and 4 but not quite holding on in the last one which Martin took 11-8.

The final showdown saw another Adams vs Moses final, but this time it all went Martin's way, winning in 3 straight: 11-5, 11-5, 11-3.

In the Consolation round, Eric continued to show good form and won his way through to the final with a 5-setter over Calin Spicica and a 4-setter over Rod Kay. Joshua Gallen saw off Rick Leachman and Rob Gladstone in 3 straight to book his place in the consolation final. He then put on a great performance in the first two sets, winning 11-7 and 11-4. Eric fought back and took the third leg 11-8 but a determined Joshua took the next 11-7 to close out the match in 4-sets.

Overall, Daniel Moses continues to lead the series with 1066 points. Martin Adams is on 966, Hari Gehlot 639, Trung Tran 561 and Tony Reynold 438.5. Joe Barraclough continues to lead the juniors on 364 with Joshua Gallen retaking the 2nd slot on 353 and Yonatan Slobodskoy (absent this week) moves back into 3rd on 317.

Results - 2016 GRAND PRIX NO 11

Main Event

Last 16:

Elson Costa bt Simon Vine 10, 9, -10, -9, 5
Hari Gehlot bt Rob Gladstone 6, 4, -8, 5
Andrew Smith bt Joshua Gallen -9, 8, 8, 8
Martin Adams bt Krassi Ivanov 5, 6, 7
Trung Tran bt Steve Miller 10, 6, 7
Richard Fifield bt Guy De La Villesbrunne 9, 7, 8
Daniel Moses bt Joe Barraclough 5, 3, 4
Tony Reynolds bt Gwynne Penny 2, 5, 6

Quarter Finals:

Hari Gehlot bt Elson Costa 11, -4, -9, 5, 10
Martin Adams bt Andrew Smith 6, 2, 6
Trung Tran bt Richard Fifield 9, 7, 9
Daniel Moses bt Tony Reynolds 7, 6, -10, 6

Semi Finals:

Martin Adams bt Hari Gehlot -10, 8, 7, -9, 8
Daniel Moses bt Trung Tran 5, 8, 10

Final:

Martin Adams bt Daniel Moses 5, 5, 3

Consolation Event

Semi Finals:

Joshua Gallen bt Rob Gladstone 3, 9, 10
Eric Van Looy bt Rod Kay 9, 11, -8, 12

Final:

Joshua Gallen bt Eric Van Looy 7, 4, -8, 7



Joshua Gallen – Consolation Event
Winner

Week 12 Report

1 August 2016

Week 12 and the finale of the 2016 series, with double points on offer saw 17 players keen to compete.

Andrew Parker hosted the event, giving Rick Leachman a well deserved break. Outside the rain poured down whilst inside the four players at the top of the leaderboard had a clear run through the last 16 to reach the latter stages of the primary event. Daniel Moses dropped just 8 points in 3 sets as he took out Guy De La Villesbrunne, Hari Gehlot saw off Trevor Organ in 3 sets, Martin Adams took out Nigel Keedy in 3 sets: 11-3, 11-8, 11-2 and Trung Tran saw off Gwynne Penny 11-5, 11-6, 11-9.

The Quarter Finals were also settled in straight sets with Daniel Moses seeing off Richard Rosinski and Hari Gehlot making great use of placement around the table to take out Joshua Gallen 11-8, 11-8, 11-4. On the other side of the draw, Trung Tran took out Andrew Smith 11-5, 11-4, 11-6 with some great counter-hit rallies between the pair and Martin Adams closed out Rod Kay 12-10, 11-3, 11-7.

The first 4-setter of the evening came in the semi-final between Martin Adams and Trung Tran with Trung taking the first leg 11-7. Martin replied with 11-8, 11-9 and 11-6, seeing him safely through to the final. Meanwhile, Daniel Moses confidently took on Hari Gehlot with a 3-set win 11-2, 11-5, 11-7 to book his place in the final.

The final showdown between Martin Adams and Daniel Moses was a fitting series main event finale. At 12-12 in the first leg it was clear this was going to be a hard fought battle and impossible to predict which way it would go. Both players made full use of the available court space and there were some fantastic counter-spin rallies with Daniel retrieving the ball from seemingly impossible positions at times.



Daniel Moses and Martin Adams - main event final



Towelling down at 12 all in the final



Using every inch of the court

After a narrow defeat of 14-12 in the first leg, it was neck and neck all the way but Martin kept battling away and took the 2nd leg 11-9. Daniel replied with 11-6 in the third leg. In the fourth another close leg saw it go Martin's way – 11-9. In the 5th, at the change over of ends, Martin was 5-2 up. He then steadily built on his lead and Daniel missed several crucial shots from deep which helped Martin to cruise home 11-4. Even with double points on offer this was not enough for him to close the gap overall, but it brought the tally of matches between the pair in the series to 9, with Martin Adams winning 5 times and Daniel winning 4 times.



In the Consolation event there was a great battle between Richard Fifield and Robert Gladstone : a 5-setter that could have gone either way. Richard took the first leg 11-4. Rob came back with 11-7 and 11-6. Richard then took the 4th leg 11-5. In the 5th leg it was extremely close with Richard eventually winning through 12-10. Richard then went on to meet Steve Miller and had another 5-set match, coming back from 2 legs down, taking the 4th 14-12 and winning in the 5th 11-3. Meanwhile, Nigel Keedy won in 5 over Trevor Organ, having lost the first 2 legs. He then took out Rick Leachman in 3 to book his place in the Consolation final with Richard. In the final match, the first two legs were close, going 11-9 and 11-7 in Richard's favour. Nigel fought back to take the third 11-8. Richard then closed him out in the 4th, 11-4.

Results - 2016 GRAND PRIX NO 12

Main Event

Last 16:

Richard Rosinski bt Steve Miller 8, 10, 4
Daniel Moses bt Guy De La Villesbrunne 2, 6, 0
Hari Gehlot bt Trevor Organ 4, 1, 12
Joshua Gallen bt Richard Fifield 5, 6, 6
Trung Tran bt Gwynne Penny 5, 6, 9
Andrew Smith bt Robert Gladstone 7, 8, 5
Rod Kay bt Rick Leachman 10, 9, 7

Martin Adams bt Nigel Keedy 3, 8, 2

Quarter Finals:

Daniel Moses bt Richard Rosinski 3, 5, 2
Hari Gehlot bt Joshua Gallen 8, 8, 4
Trung Tran bt Andrew Smith 5, 4, 6
Martin Adams bt Rod Kay 10, 3, 7

Semi Finals:

Daniel Moses bt Hari Gehlot 2, 5, 7
Martin Adams bt Trung Tran -7, 8, 9, 6

Final:

Martin Adams bt Daniel Moses -12, 9, -6, 9, 4

Consolation Event

Semi Finals:

Nigel Keedy bt Rick Leachman 5, 8, 10
Richard Fifield bt Steve Miller -9, -2, 3, 12, 3

Final:

Richard Fifield bt Nigel Keedy 9, 7, -8, 4



Martin Adams – Main Event Winner



Richard Fifield – Consolation Event Winner

Grand Prix 2016 Final Places and Awards

Seniors

1st: Daniel Moses – 1250 points awarded £110 and the 2016 Grand Prix trophy

2nd Martin Adams – 1178 points awarded £60

3rd Hari Gehlot – 759 points awarded £30

4th Trung Tran – 689 points awarded £15

U21

1st Joshua Gallen – 433 points awarded £50 Bribar Voucher

Ladies

1st Gwynne Penny – 335.5 points wins £25

Best Performance as judged by the organisers:

Harry Munro for his 3-2 win over Tony Reynolds in week 8 - awarded £50 Bribar Voucher

Thank you to Blue Jelly Solutions for sponsoring the Kingfisher Grand Prix 2016. Thank you to the organizing team: Colin Dyke, Andrew Parker, Rick Leachman, Roger Woolven-Allen, Gwynne Penny, Melvyn Lovegrove and Andy Yon.

But most of all thank you to all the players that competed in great spirit to make this a fantastic Grand Prix Series.



Daniel Moses receiving first place award from Steve Miller of Blue Jelly Solutions.

Grand Prix 2016 Awards



Daniel Moses 1st Place



Martin Adams – 2nd Place



Hari Gehlot – 3rd Place



Trung Tran – 4th Place



Joshua Gallen – U21's top placed



Gwynne Penny - Top Placed Ladies



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Senior British League News



By Peter Charters

The Kingfisher 2nd Senior British League team played the first of their weekends at their home club on 11th/12th September.

On the first day the four players who were all junior members of the club (Josh Gallen, Jamie Liu, Reece Chamdal and Sam Liu) got off to a good start with a 6-4 win over Ellenbrough. Jamie Liu took two including the scalp of Denise Payet the English Junior number one girl; Reece won his two with one from Josh who was playing at one. Reece and Jamie combined for a doubles win.

The second match on the Saturday afternoon was against BATTs 3 and proved to be a tough one resulting in a 5-5 draw. In this match Reece again won his two, Jamie and Sam one each with the Jamie/Reece combination again winning their doubles. Sam upped his game to take the final singles 13-11 in the fourth to give his side the draw.

On Sunday morning, Hari Gehlot arrived to reinforce the team playing at one. Kingfisher found themselves in opposition to two fellow club members in the form of Tony Reynolds and Mark Banks playing at three and four for 23Technology. Hari won his two against the top two ranked visitors, Jamie took his two beating Rod McMullen and Mark but Tony won his two for the opposition beating Josh and Reece. The Reece/Jamie pair won their doubles leaving the match score 7-3 to Kingfisher.

The final match of the weekend for Kingfisher was against Guernsey playing under their club name of Ravenscroft. Their team led by Gary Dodd and Oliver Langlois were in the end too strong and too powerful for Kingfisher although Hari did beat Dodd. Kingfisher went down 2-8.

Kingfisher are third in the division of eight; this in the third layer of the British League.



Joshua Gallen, Reece Chamdal,
Jamie Liu and Sam Liu
(photo by Angela Liu)



Sam, Jamie and Reece with Hari Gehlot
(photo by Angela Liu)

Tables > Seniors 2016-17 > National B-3

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SR	GR	Points
1	Fusion II	4	4	0	0	4.00	2.41	8
2	Ravenscroft I	4	4	0	0	2.64	1.78	8
3	Kingfisher II	4	2	1	1	1.00	0.96	5
4	Finsbury	4	1	2	1	0.82	0.80	4
5	Ellenborough	4	0	2	2	0.74	0.80	2
6	BATTS III	4	0	2	2	0.67	0.82	2
7	23 Technology	4	1	0	3	0.43	0.59	2
8	York Gardens II	4	0	1	3	0.67	0.87	1

Last Updated: 11 Sep 2016

Women's British League

By Gwynne Penny with photos by Melvyn Lovegrove

After an anxious wait during the summer to see if our application to enter a team into the Women's British League was successful, we found ourselves at University of Nottingham Jubilee Campus over the weekend of 1st and 2nd October for our first 5 matches, in division 5.



Our team consisted of Sue Purton, me and Anaya Patel, with me captaining the team. Raj Patel (Anaya's dad) was very supportive and helped us throughout the weekend – a valuable asset to the team!

Our campaign kicked off on Saturday morning with our first match on table 18 (the coldest part of the hall!) against a strong Burton Uxbridge III side consisting of all young junior/senior players with an entourage of supporters.

I went on first, but a combination of nerves and getting used to the playing conditions got the better of me and I was swiftly dispatched by their number 1, Lisa Rinnhofer in 3 straight games (11-8, 11-3, 11-6). Sue was on next and fared rather better with a 5-setter win over Morgan Sykes, (11-5, 8-11, 8-11, 11-8, 11-4). Anaya's first match was against Gemma Kerr, who she has played before but never yet beaten a close first leg ended with Anaya just ahead 12-10, but Gemma came back to win the next 3 (11-4, 11-7, 13-11). Gemma also saw me off, in 5, which was frustrating as I had taken a 2-0 lead early on, only to lose it 11-9 in the 5th set. Lisa took out Sue in straight sets (11-7, 11-6, 11-4). Anaya scored a good win over Morgan Sykes (14-12, 11-9, 11-5) – Net result, a 4-2 loss.

A shaky start, but undeterred we headed off to our next fixture against all-veteran team, Billwood. A good start by Sue over Susan Body brought an early lead. Gwynne then lost to Sue Hickman in 3. Anaya had 2 good wins over Margaret Dignum and Susan Body. Sue Purton lost out to Sue Hickman in 4 games which left things in the balance at 3-2 with the last game between myself and Margaret to play. It was a hard fought match in 5 sets, but we managed to secure the win! (6-11, 13-11, 8-11, 11-7, 11-8). This was our first highlight of the weekend.



Celebrating our win!

Our last fixture of the day was against Sutton at Hone, another experienced veteran team, and in spite of three very close matches that went to 5, we were unable to put any wins on the scoreboard and lost 6-0.

I had a super battle with Val Murdoch, fighting back from 2-0 down to force it to five, but then just not quite closing off in the 5th to lose it 11-7. Both of Anaya's matches went to 5 sets and she just lost out 11-9 to Lin Roff in the 5th set of the last game.

Day 2 and we faced the team at the top of the table, XLNT Draycott 4, led by veteran Tulay Dundar with juniors Nicole Scott and Aimee Evans. I had played Tulay twice previously (lost one, won one), but she was on fierce form this weekend and I just couldn't match her pace and was dispatched in 3 straight sets. Sue struggled against Nicole's spin and pace. In the third match, Anaya put on a great performance to beat Aimee Evans. Sue then faced Tulay and was also dispatched in 3, although she managed to score more points than I did against her. Anaya then faced Nicole Scott and put on a fantastic performance to win 11-8, 11-5, 11-8. By this point the score was 3-2 and the last match was between myself and Aimee. I managed to win the first two sets, but then lost then next two 9-11 and 10-12. It was neck and neck in the 5th set and I could feel the pressure building but I was determined not to let it slip away completely and with a bit of luck at the end I managed to get the win, 12-10, which gave us a draw.

Our final match of the day was against Halton 4. It started well enough, with Gwynne winning in 3 straight over Lucie Hancock. Sue had a good battle with Molly Hancock but after a narrow loss in the third end wasn't able to come back to take the 4th. Anaya put up a good fight against Chloe Ireland but also lost in 4. Sue lost to Lucie in 4. Then Gwynne played Chloe Ireland. It was a close match that saw us take alternate ends to take it to 5, but Gwynne wasn't able to close it out in the 5th set and lost 11-6. Anaya rallied well to take the last match to 5 and secured a win over Molly Hancock. This was probably our lowest point of the weekend: we had several close matches that felt like they could have gone our way, but didn't, and that meant the difference between a win and a loss for the team. As Halton were sitting at the bottom of the table as we went into this match, it felt like quite a disappointment to lose this one.

Overall it was a positive experience for the team, and we supported one another well throughout the weekend. Anaya made a very good impression, both in her level of skill and her professional approach to the game. Sue had a tough job playing at number 1, but kept a cool head throughout and performed well. For me it was a great opportunity to put into practice some of the things that I have been working hard on throughout the summer - my game feels like it is starting to evolve, but I still have plenty to work on. This was my first time as captain of a team in this type of formal tournament environment, which is quite different from county and local league, but I felt that I learned a lot and I am looking forward to the next weekend in February.

Whilst it would have been good to finish in a safer position, it didn't feel like we were too far off the pace and providing that we have some good preparation in the training hall before our next fixture, I'm confident that we can do better in the next round – our aim will be to escape the relegation zone and aim for a mid-table finish.

Tables > Womens 2016-2017 > Division 5

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	GF	GA	Points
1	XLNT Draycott 4	5	3	2	0	20	10	71	43	8
2	Burton Uxbridge 3	5	3	2	0	18	12	69	53	8
3	Sutton At Hone	5	3	0	2	19	11	68	56	6
4	Halton 4	5	1	1	3	12	18	47	67	3
5	Kingfisher 1	5	1	1	3	11	19	49	71	3
6	Billwood	5	0	2	3	10	20	54	68	2

Last Updated: 02 Oct 2016

Thank you to Kingfisher for supporting us, and to our kit sponsor, Tees Sport, here we are looking very smart in our blue kit (photograph courtesy of Melvyn Lovegrove, official photographer for the Women's British League, 2016-17).



Euro Mini Championships – Jamie Liu

By Angela Liu

On Thursday 25th August Jamie travelled to Schiltigheim in Strasbourg, France to compete in his 3rd and final time at the u12 Euromini Championships.

The competition started on Friday morning and concluded on Sunday afternoon in hot & humid halls with temperature recordings of 40°C inside and outside of 35°C.

Jamie progressed through 3 gruelling stages winning all of his matches but unfortunately by the end of the 2nd day, the final stage 4 he suffered a close defeat by a German and a French player. This meant Jamie had to continue the rest of the tournament in the consolation event. He won 2 knockouts but then lost to a strong Czech player in the semi finals. Jamie had one last chance to fight for the 3rd place and a bronze medal which he did successfully.



After the previous day's disappointment there was a lovely surprise as Jamie was awarded his bronze medal by World Table Tennis Legend Vladimir Samsonov who recently came 4th at the Rio Olympics.

The support & company from his England team mates & parents at this years Eurominis made the trip a very enjoyable one despite some of the results. After 3 years of competing in Strasbourg Jamie finally also managed to see some of the sights on the last evening after the tournament.

We would like to thank everybody past and present who has helped Jamie with his journey on becoming a good player and hopefully he will continue to work hard, keep learning, keep improving and most importantly keep enjoying Table Tennis!!





Jamie Liu (3rd from left) and Anaya Patel (2nd from right) with the Euro-mini's England squad.

Euro Mini's and Hunts 2* – Anaya Patel



By Anaya Patel

Recently, I travelled to Strasbourg (France) to play in the Euro Mini Championships. This was my first ever competition abroad and my first time representing England. It was a brilliant experience for me as it allowed me to compete against the best U12 Girls in Europe and allowed me to benchmark myself with the girls in Europe.

My first game was against the Elana Zaharia who was the No.2 seed from Romania who then went on to become the eventual runner-up. Every match had to be treated as a knock out game which was mentally challenging and draining. It didn't get any easier. My 3rd match was against the No. 5 seed. I soon realised the importance of ranking. My next game was against the No. 25 seed from Greece, I lost this game 3-1 however I played really well and this was one of my best matches as I dominated throughout but made a few too many mistakes.

As I had come 3rd in my group in Stage 2, I was entered into the consolation draw. It didn't get any easier. In my group I beat Chloé Iopeti from Lorraine 3-0 and I also beat Sona Nalbandyan 3-1. This

meant that I qualified for the next round of the consolation (last 32). I played very well on the final day as there was no pressure on me and eventually finished joint 25th in the consolation event.



This competition has made me stronger and made me realise how much talent there is in Europe and their style of play. I did expect more of the girls to be more attacking so this was a bit of a surprise. This competition has given me motivation to work harder and get my consistency level up so that I can go back to Europe next year stronger and make a mark.



Recently I travelled to Cambridgeshire to play in the Hunts 2*. This was my first competition of the new season. I had entered into the U13s, U15s and U18s event as I wanted to get match practice.

In the U13, I was seeded No. 4. My only loss in this event was to the No3 seed Scarlett O'Neil in the group stage however in the final I beat Scarlett O'Neil 3-0 to win my first 2* event.

In the afternoon I played in the U15 event. I had some good wins in my group beating both Alana Mansfield and Scarlett O'Neil in straight sets. In the Semi Final, I had a tough encounter against Ilyssa Lacorte and eventually battled my way through to win in the fifth set.

In the Final I played Lois Perryman from Kent. I had my up and downs in the final including coming back from 6-0 in one game to win. Again this match went into the final set however it all clicked together and I won 11-3 to win my 2nd Gold of the day.

As soon as the final had finished, I had to play in the under 18's event and won my first 2 group matches beating Alana Mansfield 3-0 and Charlotte Marsden 3-1. Unfortunately I had to pull out of the competition after my match to Charlotte due to cramp/tiredness in the legs.

I have set myself some tough goals this year and with hard work I hope to achieve these and now looking forward to a great season.

Your Committee – 2016-17



Peter Charters

- President
- Coaching Officer & Head Coach
- British League Secretary
- National Junior League Secretary
- National Cadet League Secretary
- Lease Trustee



Colin Dyke

- Chairman
- Treasurer
- Lease Trustee



Peter Bradley

- General Secretary
- Premier Club Co-ordinator
- Clubmark Co-ordinator:



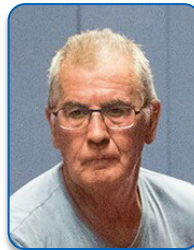
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- Welfare Officer
- Bookings Officer
- Lease Trustee
- Events Co-ordinator



Sandra Shepherd

- Membership Secretary
- Tees Sport Agent



Rick Leachman

- Facilities Officer
- Website Manager



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Gwynne Penny

- Newsletter Editor
- PR & Facebook page
- Website Manager
- Local League Co-Ordinator
- Volunteer Coach



Andy Yon

- Committee Member
- Assistant Facilities Manager



Allan Bruton

- Committee Member
- Lease Trustee
- Cleaning Supervisor
- Friday Club Contact



John Liddle

- Committee Member



Ck Liu

- Committee Member



Raj Patel

- Committee Member



Melvyn Lovegrove

- Committee Member

Additional Club Roles:

Team Kit Manager: Peter Charters
Robot Manager: Rick Leachman
Table Manager: Dave Duncan
Lost Property: Andy Yon
Guest Book Administrator: Sandra Shepherd
Social Events Co-ordinator: Allan Bruton

Kingfisher Agent, Tees Sport discount scheme: Sandra Shepherd

Auditor: Nigel Lynch

Morning Club Contacts:

Contact the Morning Club leaders below for more information about Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday Club.



Tuesdays:
Diane Taylor



Wednesdays:
Roger Woolven-Allen



Fridays:
Allan Bruton

A hand holding a red paddle on a tennis court. The background shows a tennis net and a green court surface.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS

Your help

This is an appeal to all Kingfisher members:

The continued smooth running of our club currently depends upon a small group of volunteers and there are a number of posts on the committee that will need to be filled at the next AGM in order for our club to continue to function.

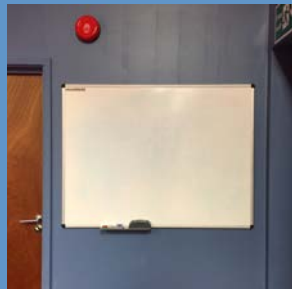
The committee runs on a friendly basis with each member assisting others where possible. By next season we will also have a full set of job specifications to help members (particularly new ones) to understand their roles and provide guidance. Help is always to hand.

If you feel you can help as a volunteer in any way, however small, please contact any member of the committee.

Newsletter Noticeboard

40-Minute Session Rule

There are times when practice facilities are at a premium and members are waiting to play. All members are reminded that, whenever the playing hall or individual tables are not pre-booked, table use must be limited to sessions of 40 minutes maximum (whether for 1-to-1 coaching, training or practice), if other members are waiting to play. To help manage this a whiteboard has been added near table 4/5. When you arrive and want to play, add your name and the time to the board.



Social Area

The committee would like to remind members to keep the chairs in the social area clear for people to sit. Bags and clothes should be left either in the changing rooms, or stowed underneath the chairs in the playing area.



Lost Property

Left something behind at the club?
The lost property cupboard is located below the kitchen worktop.
Contact the Lost Property Manager, Andy Yon for more information.

Always Bring Your Key + Fob

Please ensure that if you are the last person to leave the building you check that the building is empty, the emergency exit doors in the playing area are securely shut, the lights are switched off and the front door is closed **and locked** with the mortice key.

Non-Marking Playing Shoes

To reduce the amount of dirt being brought into the playing area, members are reminded to change into clean, non-marking playing shoes before entering the playing area.

Newsletter Noticeboard

Reminder: Guests

Members may sign in up to 2 guests at a time – **the member must be present** at the club while their guests are at the club.

A guest may visit up to 4 times before they need to decide whether to apply for membership.

The first visit is free, but the subsequent visits are chargeable at £5 per guest, per visit.

Payment of Guest Fees:

The member signing in the guests is responsible for ensuring that the guest fees are paid to the treasurer (Colin Dyke).

Guests must be signed into the guest book (located near the front door) **BEFORE** they enter the playing area.

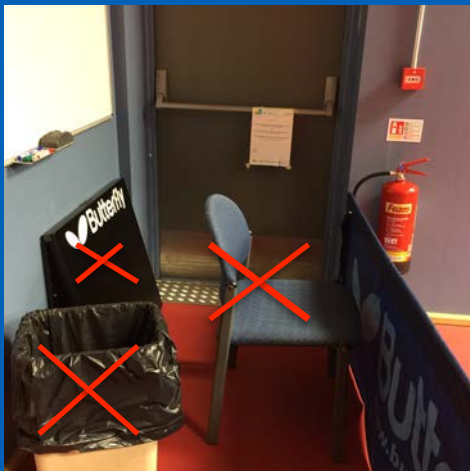
First Aid

There is a First Aid kit and AED/Defibrillator inside the playing area near the main door. The accident record book is stored in the social area at the far end on/in one of the green cupboards at the far end. All accidents must be recorded in the book, and if any first aid supplies are used, please remember to inform a member of the committee so that they may be replenished.



Emergency Exits

Please ensure that the emergency exits are left clear at all times with no chairs, scoreboards, bags or rubbish bins blocking the way to the exit.



Where to find information - Kingfisher Club Website:

- Membership information and application forms
- News and Announcements
- Newsletters
- Table Diary

<https://www.tabletennis365.com/Kingfisher>

Towel Holders

Each court has 2 towel/water bottle holders for matches.



Newsletter Noticeboard

Playing Area Ventilation System

The committee would like to politely remind members that the ventilation controls in the playing area (pictured) should not be adjusted manually – the system has been set up to run on a timer and is being monitored by the committee. If you have any concerns over the humidity or temperature in the hall, please contact a member of the committee.



Club Shirts

Remember you can order club shirts through the Tees Sport discount scheme printed with the name of the club and optional additional lettering for your name, nickname or team.

Clean, simple design featuring the butterfly logo on the front and Kingfisher on the back – the shirt features excellent moisture management and is 100% polyester Micro Dryfit. Available in Blue, Graphite, Green, Red or Yellow. In a range of sizes from XXXS to XXXXL.



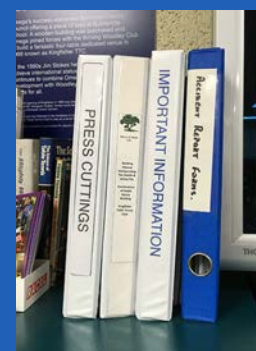
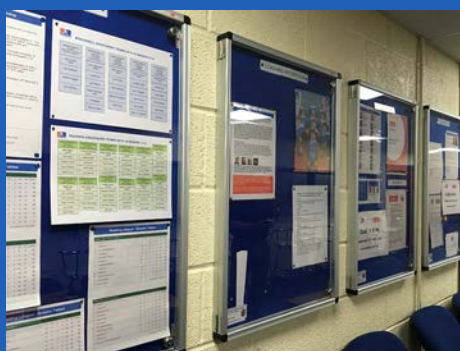
Contact Sandra Shepherd for details.

Where to find information at the club:

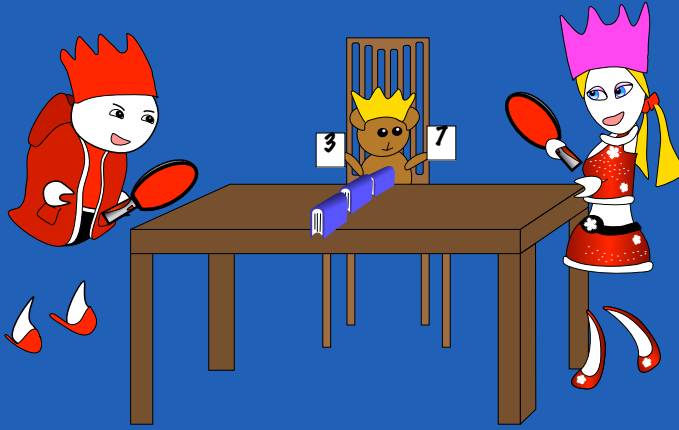
Check the noticeboards for:

- Member Listing
- Tees Sport Club Discount information
- Local League
- Coaching
- Committee
- Club Events
- Club Calendar and Diary

Looking for something else?
check the folder labelled
“Important Information”.



Kingfisher Christmas Dinner Party 2016



Allan Bruton has been busy taking bookings for the Annual Kingfisher Christmas dinner party, which takes place on Friday 10 December. If you have not yet booked your place, contact Allan as soon as possible to see if there are any seats left.

Reminder: Accidents/Incidents

In the event of an accident or incident at the club, please make sure that you inform a member of the committee at the first opportunity and complete a report form and forward a copy of it to the Club Secretary, Peter Bradley. Forms are located in the Accident Report Folder situated on top of the green cabinets in the social area.

Club Etiquette

A copy of the club etiquette guide has been circulated by email to all members, and is reproduced on the next page – please take a few moments to read it.



Did you know?

...that a table tennis ball weighs in at 2.7g, which is less than a 5p coin (3.25g).



Club Etiquette

1. Members should treat the Clubhouse, playing area and equipment with respect and apply due care at all times when using it. Fire extinguishers must not be used as doorstops but remain in position ready for use.
2. When entering the club please remove outdoor shoes and change into sports shoes before entering the playing courts.
3. Use the appropriate changing rooms when getting ready to play.
4. Please respect the ladies changing room. Only males with serious disability should use this facility.
5. Store sports bags under the chairs in the playing area, the changing room and the Social Area not on them.
6. Remember that you are not the only one using the club and keep noise levels to a minimum as it distracts players on other tables, who are either practicing or playing league matches.
7. If tables are moved for practice purposes please ensure that you return the playing area to its normal playing format of two match tables and three practice tables after your session.
8. If all the practice tables are in use and others are waiting to play, please ensure that you vacate a table after a maximum of 40 minutes use.
9. Please use the bins to discard any rubbish such as water bottles, wrappers etc. Do not leave them on the floor, window sills or seats.
10. If you use crockery and/or cutlery in the kitchen please ensure that it is washed, dried and put away again after use. It is not the job of the club cleaners to tidy up after you.
11. Switch off the lights over the table you have been using when finished.
12. When leaving the club please ensure that all the emergency doors are closed, all lights are switched off and, if you are the last to leave, Chubb-lock the main entrance door.

Approved by the Club Committee – 1st September 2016

P. R. Bradley

Peter Bradley – Hon. Gen. Sec.

Club Discount Scheme with Tees Sport

Kingfisher has renewed the contract with Tees Sport through until 31st July 2021. Tees Sport provides kit for our British League and National League teams and provides members with generous discounts on all clothing and equipment.



We are continuing to work with Tees Sport on special projects and, if anyone has any ideas, Chairman Colin would be pleased to hear from you.

Tees Sport is a leading supplier of specialist table tennis equipment in the United Kingdom, offering a wide range of most of the leading brands. Tees Sport is the largest retailer of Butterfly specialist equipment and Butterfly is the leading brand of blades and rubber. World Champion, Zhang Jike, European Champion, Timo Boll, and most of the England Team use Butterfly blades and rubbers. If you wish to obtain technical advice prior to ordering you will find Tees Sport staff knowledgeable and helpful and all of their sales staff have been involved in table tennis for many years and have played the game to at least British League standard. You can contact Tees Sport on 0800 458 4141 (freephone) or 01642 217844 / 249000 (standard).

Members wishing to take advantage of the generous discounts offered should place all orders via Sandra Shepherd, who can also provide advice, if required.

Discounts off the catalogue prices are as follows:

- Butterfly, Karlsson and Andro products – less 25%.
- Some Tees Sport products such as cleaners, rollers etc – less 25%.
- Donic products – less 25%
- All other Tees Sport products – less 15%

(The above discounts exclude tables which can be quoted for separately.)

OR

If the online, website price works out to be lower, even after the above discount has been applied, then Tees Sport will allow a 5% discount off the online price!

Orders through our Kingfisher Agent, Sandra Shepherd, should be made either by email at sandra.shepherd3@gmail.com or by post at 5 Orwell Close, Caversham, Reading RG4 7PU. Any queries please contact Sandra as above or by telephone: 0118 947 6089 (or text 07759 479977).

Tees Sport offers a same day shipment service for orders placed by telephone, internet or mail with a great saving on postage when ordered through our agent, Sandra.

AND

We are delighted to have negotiated a deal with Tees to offer members the opportunity of ordering a Kingfisher Club Shirt. For details of this offer please follow the link below or go to the Kingfisher TTC website.

https://www.tabletennis365.com/Kingfisher/Pages/Club_T_shirt



Reading League Update



14 October, 2016 - As I write this, after 4 matches, Kingfisher are currently dominating the top of Division 1 in Reading with Kingfisher 'A' at the top on 7 points, Kingfisher 'B' in 2nd place on 6 points, Kingfisher 'C' on 4 points in 4th place and Kingfisher 'D' on 4 points in 5th place. Sitting in 3rd place, having only played 3 matches are OLOP 'B'. OLOP 'A' are currently in the bottom half of the table, although they have only played 2 matches so far. I'm sure we will see some changes as the season goes on, but it's a good start for our Division 1 teams.

In division 2, Kingfisher 'G', last year's division 3 winners, have won 3 of their matches and drawn 1, which puts them at the top of the table – a great start!. Kingfisher 'F' have a game in hand and are sitting in 2nd place having won their first 3 matches. Kingfisher 'E' are currently sitting in 6th place after 3 matches, with 1 win, 1 draw and 1 loss.

In division 3, Kingfisher 'J' are currently in 3rd place having won 3 and lost 1. Kingfisher 'H' are in 7th place with 2 wins and 3 losses and Kingfisher 'I' are just off the bottom of the table with 1 win, 1 draw and 3 losses.

In division 4 for Kingfisher 'K' it's currently a mid-table slot at joint sixth with Tilehurst Methodists 'E', having won 2 and lost 2.

And in Division 5 Kingfisher 'L' have had a good start winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 1 which puts them in 3rd place at this early stage.

You may notice that there are a couple of captain's reports missing this time, (despite several attempts from me to chase up) – if you are in one of those teams and would like to send me a report for the next edition on behalf of your captain, the cut off date will be Friday 9th December.

Fixture and results available via the RDTTA web site here: <https://www.tabletennis365.com/Reading>

KINGFISHER A DIVISION 1 HOME: WEDNESDAY Martin Adams Captain Richard Rosinski Justin Mead Martin Gunn Mark Banks	KINGFISHER B DIVISION 1 HOME: MONDAY Yeqin (Philip) Zeng Captain Hari Gehlot Dmitry Khakhamov Richard Fifield Henryk Ciechanowicz	KINGFISHER C DIVISION 1 HOME: MONDAY Steve Murgatroyd Captain Andrew Parker Tony Reynolds Rod Kay Marco Essomba Stuart Williams	KINGFISHER D DIVISION 1 HOME: WEDNESDAY Robert Gladstone Captain Calin Spicica Phil Mead Trevor Organ Simon Vine	KINGFISHER E DIVISION 2 HOME: WEDNESDAY Roger Woolven-Allen Captain John Morris Grant Wheatley Luca Bianchi Colin Dyke (Reserve)	KINGFISHER F DIVISION 2 HOME: TUESDAY Allan Bruton Captain Ivor Hardman Rick Leachman Nigel Keedy Roger Pritchard (reserve)
KINGFISHER G DIVISION 2 HOME: TUESDAY Melvyn Lovegrove Captain John Upham David Joyce Steve Ng Sagar Sawant	KINGFISHER H DIVISION 3 HOME: MONDAY Willis Ma Captain Peter Bennett Michael Houghton Alex Zheng Jarek Chmielowicz Igor Sremac	KINGFISHER I DIVISION 3 HOME: MONDAY Mick Mitcham Captain Carol Byers Eric Holmes Steven Woolnough Dave Duncan	KINGFISHER J DIVISION 3 HOME: TUESDAY Didier Garcon Captain Gianpaolo Balsamo Gabor Radnoti Joaquin Sabater Nils Wedi	KINGFISHER K DIVISION 4 HOME: WEDNESDAY Gwynne Penny Captain Ruben Hernandez Ania Pytko David Wells John Simpson	KINGFISHER L DIVISION 5 HOME: TUESDAY Gill Bennett Captain Meriel Low David O'Keeffe Derek Crombie Ken Robb Clive Gold

Reading League Tables Division 1 & 2

Tables > Senior 2016-17 > Division 1

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Points
1	Kingfisher A	4	3	1	0	28	12	7
2	Kingfisher B	4	3	0	1	28	12	6
3	Our Lady Of Peace B	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
4	Kingfisher C	4	2	0	2	25	15	4
5	Kingfisher D	4	2	0	2	17	23	4
6	Our Lady Of Peace A	2	1	1	0	11	9	3
7	Tidmarsh A	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
8	Sonning Common and Peppard A	3	1	0	2	10	20	2
9	Reading YMCA	4	0	0	4	9	31	0
10	Sonning Common and Peppard B	3	0	0	3	5	25	0

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Tables > Senior 2016-17 > Division 2

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Points
1	Kingfisher G	4	3	1	0	26	14	7
2	Kingfisher F	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
3	Curzon Club A	4	2	1	1	21	19	5
4	Pangbourne WMC A	4	1	1	2	22	18	3
5	Our Lady Of Peace C	4	1	1	2	19	21	3
6	Kingfisher E	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
7	Tidmarsh B	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
8	Sonning Common and Peppard C	2	1	0	1	11	9	2
9	Sonning Common And Peppard E	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
10	Tilehurst Methodists A	3	0	1	2	9	21	1
11	Sonning Common and Peppard D	2	0	0	2	3	17	0

Last Updated: 05 Oct 2016

Reading League Tables Division 3 & 4

Tables > Senior 2016-17 > Division 3

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Points
2	Pangbourne WMC B	5	3	1	1	28	22	7
2	Springfield A	5	3	1	1	28	22	7
3	Kingfisher J	4	3	0	1	23	17	6
5	Milestone A	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
5	Tidmarsh C	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
6	Sonning Sports A	4	2	1	1	22	18	5
7	Kingfisher H	5	2	0	3	22	28	4
8	Tilehurst Methodists B	4	2	0	2	20	20	4
9	Our Lady Of Peace D	5	1	1	3	24	26	3
10	Kingfisher I	5	1	1	3	23	27	3
11	Tilehurst Methodists C	5	0	1	4	14	36	1

Last Updated: 14 Oct 2016

Tables > Senior 2016-17 > Division 4

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Points
1	Milestone B	5	3	2	0	35	15	8
2	Reading FC A - Community Trust	5	4	0	1	31	19	8
3	Tidmarsh D	4	3	0	1	27	13	6
4	Springfield B	4	2	2	0	24	16	6
6	Kingfisher K	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
6	Tilehurst Methodists E	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
7	Curzon Club B	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
8	Our Lady Of Peace E	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
9	Tilehurst Methodists D	3	1	0	2	11	19	2
10	Sonning Common and Peppard F	4	0	1	3	12	28	1
11	Curzon Club C	5	0	0	5	15	35	0

Last Updated: 14 Oct 2016

Reading League: Team Captain's Reports



Division 1 - Kingfisher A Martin Adams, Captain

It has been a good start to the season, remaining unbeaten and currently top of the table.

A couple of the major crunch matches have been completed, firstly coming away with a 5-5 against champions OLOP 'A'. It was Martin Gunn (100% so far) who impressed on this occasion getting the better of Daniel Moses. Then our colleagues from the 'B' team pushed us with Philip Zheng contributing a useful double including beating me 3-0. But Hari didn't win any - so we won 7-3.

Some good performances from Mark Banks, Richard Rosinski and Justin Mead have meant we won the other matches too!



Division 1 - Kingfisher B Yeqin (Philip) Zeng

No report.



Division 1 - Kingfisher C Steve Murgatroyd

This season has been interesting for Kingfisher C as we've been busy in the transfer window and recruited some fresh talent to our squad after losing Niall & Lisa.

We got off to a tough fixture with a match against OLOP A, but unlucky felt unlucky to just lose that one 6-4 for no points - we were 2-nil up in the doubles, but Tony & Marco found stubborn resistance from Daniel & Krassi who won the next three to once again highlight how vital the doubles match can be.

I would say that our results have pretty much gone as expected so far - drama has centred around our introduction of former number 10 on the national rankings, Marco Essomba. Not only did we have a last gasp challenge around his registration on the eve of the OLOP A match (thanks for helping us out Gwynne), but he was also responsible for "trainer-gate", where his brand new shiny trainers left marks on the OLOP and Kingfisher floors - it's now been put to bed, but it wasn't too much fun helping him scrubbing the floor for an hour after our home match, so he won't be wearing them again for table tennis!

So far we've used a squad consisting of Tony Reynolds, Andrew Parker, Marco Essomba & myself, with Stuart Williams & Rod Kay yet to make their league appearances for us.

Reading League: Team Captain's Reports



Division 1 - Kingfisher D Robert Gladstone

Our team has, so far performed quite well getting 2 out of 3 victories. Our star player, undoubtedly, has been Simon Vine, who has won all his games so far (against Reading YMCA and Sonning A). This rich vein of form will hopefully continue well into the season.

Both Calin Spicica and Philip Mead have shown some promise in their games. Hopefully as the season progresses, their match sharpness will develop further.

Philip performed well against OLOP B, gaining a great win over Steve Miller. This was a difficult match, with both sides struggling with moisture in the air, which also contributed at one point to a very slippery floor.

Admittedly, our 2 victories have not been against the stronger sides in the division, with some of the top teams coming up in our fixture list in the very near future.



Division 2 - Kingfisher E Roger Woolven-Allen

As I write these few words, my team is not doing quite as well as expected. I was (and still am) hoping for a mid-table finish, but we are currently slightly below the halfway mark. We have played four matches: won 1, drawn 1 and lost 2. Three points. Not quite good enough, but I am ever the optimist. We will improve!

Grant Wheatley has been our stalwart player to date, winning 8 out of 12 individual matches (including a fine maximum against OLOP C), while John Morris and Luca Bianchi have been giving him great support. I shall refrain from mentioning our other two players; suffice it that they have had medical problems. But, if problems can arrive, they can also disappear! I have this in hand...

And so, if you would be so kind, please watch this space. There will be much better things to tell you in the next issue of Kingfisher News! Well, I hope so, anyway.

Oh, and by the way, we won next week's first round Team Handicap match!!

Reading League: Team Captain's Reports



Division 2
Kingfisher F
Allan Bruton

A new squad this season, a useful start to the season and we had our first match cancelled by our opponents, but it is a long season with many more matches to go, however, I would expect the "F" boys to have a solid mid table season overall.



Division 2
Kingfisher G
Melvyn Lovegrove

It's been a dream start for my 'G' team with 9 points out of ten so far. I am well pleased as captain of this team, which has real spirit.



Division 3
Kingfisher H
Willis Ma

This year division 3 Team H has six players. Peter, Willis and Michael were in division 2 last season. Jarek promoted from division 5, Alex was in this division two years ago but did not play last year. Igor is new to the league. As we have 3 players from a higher division last season, some might thought we are favour for promotion. However, the fact that we have 4 points out of 5 games doesn't look good at all. Especially a whitewash from Tidmarsh C who promoted from division 4 on the opening game was a shock. We then beat OLOP D and Methodist C to gain the 4 points, followed with two narrow defeat by Kingfisher I and Methodist B. It is still too early to draw a conclusion and a long way to go. We might still in the promotion zone at the end of the season with better luck and more training. There is always hope, right?

Players performance so far:

Willis	8/9
Peter	6/12
Jarek	4/9
Alex	1/9
Michael	0/6
Igor	0/0

Reading League: Team Captain's Reports



Division 3
Kingfisher I
Mick Mitcham

Played 5 won 1 drawn 1 lost 3 in 9th place
Not a good start to the season.

Carol 4/6 66.6% Eric and Steve 7/12 58.3% Gwynne (playing up) 1/3 33.3% and Dave 3/12 25%



Division 3
Kingfisher J
Didier Garcon

No Report



Division 4
Kingfisher K
Gwynne Penny

After a slightly shaky start which saw us lose 6-4 over at OLOP 'E', we've had a good couple of weeks, with a very good win over at Tidmarsh 'D', followed by another good win at home against Tilehurst 'E'. Our next fixture this week was away against strong side Reading FC 'A', and we lost 2-8, but had some very close matches, so there's hope for the next time we meet them. It's far too early to predict where we will be by Christmas, but we've already had a much better start to the season than last year, so I am optimistic. Ania and David have both been on good form. John has only played one match so far, and Ruben has yet to make his debut as work commitments have kept him out of the team to date.



Division 5
Kingfisher L
Gill Bennett

Kingfisher L has started the season quite well. Ken Robb, with new improved rubbers on his bat, has won all his sets in comfortable style! David O'Keeffe and Derek Crombie, mostly unavailable to begin with, have each added to the final scores when they have played. We have welcomed two new Club and team members this year, Meriel Low and Clive Gold, who have already made valuable contribution. Meriel, putting in much effort, has won at least one set on every occasion, and all three sets against Tidmarsh E. Clive, who has played TT in past years, has returned to the game, and is proving a great asset, winning all his singles sets so far and remaining undefeated.

Bracknell League Update



14 October, 2016

Kingfisher 'B' team currently lead the way in the Premier division with Kingfisher 'A' in 3rd place.

In Division One, Kingfisher 'C' are currently at the top of the table, having won 2 and lost 1 and Kingfisher 'D' have drawn 1 and lost 1 which currently sees them at the bottom of the table, although they have only played 2 matches so far.

In Division Two, Kingfisher 'E' have made a good start, with 3 wins and 1 loss, which puts them in 2nd place behind Nomads 'C'.

Upcoming Events:

Berkshire Closed Tournament – at Kingfisher on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th November, 2016.

Deadline: Friday 11 November. Forms can be downloaded from the RCBTTA website here:

<http://www.berkshiretabletennis.co.uk/berkshireclosed.htm>

Audrey Hardy Hard Bat – at Kingfisher on Sunday 23 April, 2017 from 9am.

Deadline: Saturday 15 April, 2017. Contact David Holt to register your place.

<https://www.tabletennis365.com/BracknellAndWokingham/News/2016/January/audrey-hardy-hard-bat-tournament-23rd-april-2017/6692>

Get all the results and league information here:

<https://www.tabletennis365.com/BracknellAndWokingham>



BRACKNELL KINGFISHER TEAMS 2016-17 SEASON V1.4

KINGFISHER A PREMIER HOME NIGHT THURSDAY HOWARD SHIELD Y	KINGFISHER B PREMIER HOME NIGHT THURSDAY HOWARD SHIELD N	KINGFISHER C DIVISION 1 HOME NIGHT THURSDAY HOWARD SHIELD Y	KINGFISHER D DIVISION 1 HOME NIGHT FRIDAY HOWARD SHIELD Y	KINGFISHER E DIVISION 2 HOME NIGHT THURSDAY HOWARD SHIELD Y
John Willcocks Captain	Ivor Hardman Captain	Mick Mitcham Captain	Melvyn Lovegrove Captain	Gill Bennett Captain
John Morris	Allan Bruton	Carol Byers	Kenneth Robb	Gwynne Penny
Roger Woolven-Allen	Jeffrey Huggins	Peter Bennett	Dave Duncan	John Simpson
Phil Mead	Nigel Keedy	Michael Houghton	David Wells	Guy De La Villesbrunne
Richard Fifield		Luca Bianchi (reserve)	John Liddle	Derek Crombie
Trevor Organ				

Bracknell League Tables at 14 October 2016

Tables > Season 2016-17 > Premier

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	PA	Points
1	Kingfisher B	3	3	0	0	26	4	0	26
2	Braybrooke A	4	2	1	1	22	18	0	22
3	Kingfisher A	3	2	0	1	21	9	0	21
4	Wokingham A	3	1	0	2	15	15	0	15
5	Braybrooke B	4	2	0	2	14	26	0	14
6	Olop A	3	0	1	2	12	18	0	12
7	Nomads A	4	1	0	3	10	30	0	10

Last Updated: 11 Oct 2016

Tables > Season 2016-17 > Division 1

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	PA	Points
1	Kingfisher C	3	2	0	1	20	10	0	20
2	Wokingham C	4	2	0	2	20	20	0	20
3	Wokingham B	3	1	1	1	16	14	0	16
4	Olop B	2	1	1	0	12	8	0	12
5	Nomads B	4	1	0	3	12	28	0	12
6	Braybrooke C	2	1	1	0	11	9	0	11
7	Kingfisher D	2	0	1	1	9	11	0	9

Last Updated: 12 Oct 2016

Tables > Season 2016-17 > Division 2

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	PA	Points
1	Nomads C	4	4	0	0	34	6	0	34
2	Kingfisher E	4	3	0	1	26	14	0	26
3	Wokingham Methodist A	4	3	0	1	25	15	0	25
4	Sportsable A	4	1	0	3	19	21	0	19
5	Wokingham D	3	2	0	1	16	14	0	16
6	Braybrooke D	4	1	1	2	15	25	0	15
7	Wokingham Methodist B	3	0	1	2	8	22	0	8
8	Sportsable B	4	0	0	4	7	33	0	7

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Bracknell Averages at 11 October 2016

Individual Averages > Season 2016-17 > All Divisions				
Player	Team	Played	Won	% Win
Richard Fifield	Kingfisher A	6	6	100.00 %
Nigel Keedy	Kingfisher B	3	3	100.00 %
Michael Houghton	Kingfisher C	3	3	100.00 %
Philip Mead	Kingfisher A	9	8	88.89 %
Ivor Hardman	Kingfisher B	9	8	88.89 %
Jeffrey Huggins	Kingfisher B	9	8	88.89 %
Guy De La Villèsbrunne	Kingfisher E	12	10	83.33 %
Carol Byers	Kingfisher C	9	7	77.78 %
Gwynne Penny	Kingfisher E	9	7	77.78 %
Allan Bruton	Kingfisher B	6	4	66.67 %
Peter Bennett	Kingfisher C	6	4	66.67 %
Luca Bianchi	Kingfisher C	3	2	66.67 %
Gillian Bennett	Kingfisher E	3	2	66.67 %
John Willcocks	Kingfisher A	9	5	55.56 %
Derek Crombie	Kingfisher E	6	3	50.00 %
Dave Duncan	Kingfisher D	5	2	40.00 %
John Liddle	Kingfisher D	5	2	40.00 %
Kenneth Robb	Kingfisher D	5	2	40.00 %
John Simpson	Kingfisher E	6	2	33.33 %
Gwynne Penny (S)	Kingfisher C	3	1	33.33 %
Dave Duncan (S)	Kingfisher C	3	1	33.33 %
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Bracknell League Team Captain's Reports



Premier Division
Kingfisher A
John Willcocks

We have had a mixed start to the season with two comprehensive wins and a heavy defeat in the three matches we have played so far. 10-0 and 9-1 away wins at Nomads A and Braybrooke B were good results but in our second match we lost 8-2 against out B Team which was disappointing. Despite having a six man squad injury and unavailability have meant that only four of our players have played so far and Richard has been our best player with 100% from two matches closely followed by Phil who has played in all three matches and who has 89%.



Premier Division
Kingfisher B
Ivor Hardman

Great start to the new season with 3 wins out of 3,
9-1 over Braybrooke B and Wokingham A
8-2 over Kingfisher A

Allan, Jeff and myself have been joined this season by Nigel Keedy,
Well, top of the table for now, will it last? Yes, if we all play as well as we have started.
Keep up the good work.



Division One
Kingfisher C
Mick Mitcham

Results for Bracknell team C in division 1
Played 3 won 2 lost 1 we are top
Great start after we lost the first game 7-3

Michael 3/3 100%

Carol 7/9 77.7%

Peter 4/6 66.6%

Luca 2/3 66.6%

Gwynne and David (playing up) 1/3 33.3%.



Division 1
Kingfisher D
Melvyn Lovegrove

Two matches played so far – one loss and a draw.

Bracknell League Team Captain's Reports



Division 2
Kingfisher E
Gill Bennett

The season has begun well for Kingfisher E, with all its team players contributing to the match scores so far. We have won 3 out of 4 of our League matches, two convincingly, with scores of 9-1 and 8-2. Wokingham Methodists A, however, proved too strong for us, causing the one loss. Apart from our regular and reliable Kingfisher players, Gwynne Penny and Derek Crombie, we have welcomed two new members to the Club and the E team. John Simpson has joined us from Nomads and Guy De La Villesbrunne from France, and is now working locally. With Derek and John unavailable on occasions, Gwynne and Guy have stepped in and contributed some good scores. In his first four matches Guy has won 10 out of his 12 singles sets. This week was the first round of the Howard Shield Handicap competition and, thanks to John and Derek both scoring wins, and Gwynne taking all three of her sets, and battling hard against the opposing Nomads B team from division 1, we have started the competition with a 5-4 win.

Ken Fellingham Cup

The Ken Fellingham Cup Ranking Tournament took place at Kingfisher on Sunday 23 October and was organized by David Holt.

Players were organized into groups of 3 for the first two rounds, and then ranked into a final group of 4 players to determine their final placings.

Congratulations to overall winner, Ian Cole and divisional winners: Nigel Keedy, John Liddle and Ben Davis.

Final Placings:

- 1st Ian Cole
- 2nd Nigel Keedy
- 3rd Richard Fifield
- 4th Ben Davis
- 5th Danny Buckle
- 6th Trevor Organ
- 7th Mark Kirton
- 8th Ivor Hardman
- 9th Gwynne Penny
- 10th John Liddle
- 11th Mick Rumbold
- 12th Pu Zhang



From left to right: Mick Rumbold, Trevor Organ, Ben Davis, Gwynne Penny, Ian Cole, John Liddle, Mark Lirton, Richard Fifield, Nigel Keedy and Danny Buckle, Pu Zhang (not pictured) – photo by David Holt.

A Serving of Sneakles

SNEAKLES ARRIVED EARLY FOR A KNOCK UP...

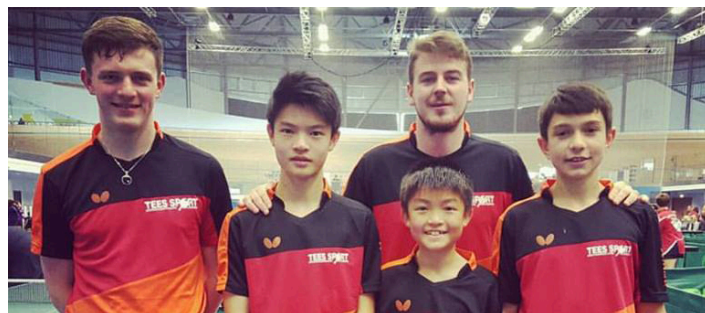


At the VETTS

This edition's Sneakles cartoon reflects a recent trip that I made to the Aldersley Leisure Village in Wolverhampton to attend the VETTS Midlands Masters. It doesn't seem to matter how early you arrive, there is always someone knocking up when you get there.... (mentioning no names, but Hariiiii!). I'd love to hear from any of you that have recently attended or are due to attend a tournament or local competition to feature in the next edition, so please get in touch.

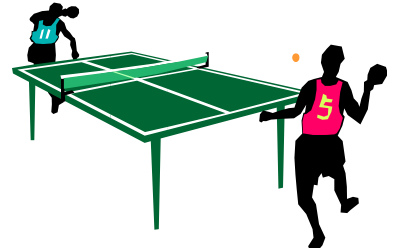
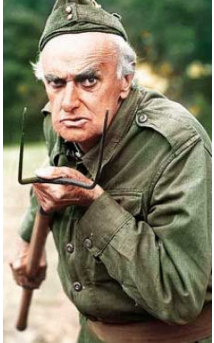
Breaking News:

Our Junior British League team were in action in Derby at the weekend in division 2B and put in some great performances – check the next edition for full writeup. Well done lads!



Prologue

success as well, of course, as a great deal of enjoyment. Or are you like Private Fraser out of Dad's Army and suspect that we might "a' be doomed"? Mind you, I wouldn't want to see our pessimistic Scottish friend (pictured) at the other end of any table I'm playing on! Just the sight of him, to my mind, puts Tom Maynard's ferocious kills completely into perspective!



I fear that my own team (Kingfisher E in Reading's Division 2) does not have enormously wonderful prospects, although I am optimistically forecasting that we will finish the season in mid-table. Two of our players (and I'm one of 'em) are currently not at the top of the Superfit League while a third member may have trouble making some of the fixtures. But when our top team turns out, they will undoubtedly frighten some of the very best in this division. And so our opponents will simply have to wait "until the night" to see what their chances of winning are. The whole thing could be very interesting. As Doris Day so memorably once sang, "Que sera, sera..."

Cleaning

I am not 100% sure of my ground here because – and I freely admit it – I was eavesdropping at the time. It wasn't quite a glass-tumbler-on-the-wall-jobbie, but it really was none of my business. I just happened to overhear a conversation between three other people, you see...

As many of you will know (especially if you attended the last Kingfisher AGM) Allan Bruton has done sterling work in keeping the premises clean. A few months ago, he proudly told me that he was the "Club Scrubber". He also reprimanded me for not changing my shoes when I walked into the playing area. Before telling him where he could stick his playing area, I thought about this logically for a minute or two and then decided that I simply had no option other than to apologise. Allan, of course, was perfectly and undeniably correct. If you walk into the playing area wearing muddy boots, it is completely obvious that you are in the wrong. For my part, out of sheer laziness, I used to travel to the Club wearing my playing shoes. No excuse whatsoever. Table tennis shoes they might be, but they had still just come in from the muck and grime outside the club-house. The reasoning behind this, of course, is to make sure that our wonderful flooring lasts for as long as possible. I (and I hope you) have no problem with this idea.



But back to my ear-wiggling...

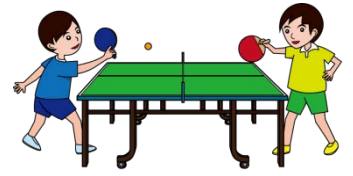
Colin and Allan were chatting to a young lady who I assume (and I am willing to be corrected here) appeared to be interested in taking up the post of cleaner. The three of them were discussing mutually-convenient times.

"Rather obviously," I overheard Colin say, "court cleaning can't be done when play is in progress." He waved in the general direction of Mick Mitcham's Table Diary. "However, we do have a list of court occupancy posted on the notice-board. We know what we're doing here, you see."

"You speak for yourself," I mumbled under my breath.

Table

THE chap who sees to my plumbing (and very good at it he is, too) has a son who has recently taken up the sport of table tennis. Full marks, so far. Now this gent has just built a huge decking area in his back garden and, on top of it, he would like to put a table tennis table. This area is open to the elements and so, were he to buy an expensive brand-new table, he would be courting disaster. I am sure you can guess what's coming... Do you, or anyone you know, possess a second-hand table that you or they would like to sell? Rather obviously, condition is far from important. If you can help in this respect, please give me a tinkle complete with your suggested price, on (0118) 947 8833 or 07771668881. Thanks.



Foul Serving

I started playing this wonderful sport of ours back in 1955 and, no matter what problems rear their ugly heads from time to time, I cannot think of life without table tennis.

In those bygone, halcyon days I lived in Greater Manchester and I played every week at the Manchester YMCA, one of the foremost clubs in the country. To the best of my knowledge there were no superb custom-built premises like Kingfisher, Draycott, Ormesby or Cippenham but the Manchester "YM" had a wonderful sports hall that, for one day a week, belonged to table tennis. Jeff Ingber (England's Joint-Number 1 at the time and the top player in Lancashire, pictured) practised there on a regular basis, as did Derek Schofield, a player well-known to many of Kingfisher's older playing fraternity. At the time, Derek was Cheshire's top senior player. Another chap who played there was our very own Wally Allanson who a decade or so ago made up one-third of the infamous and nefarious Halliday/Allanson/Samuel squad from Sonning Common. Wally and I had many common memories from that era and, as is the norm with older people, we've had lots of conversations along the lines of "Do you remember old so-and-so and what about Miss Thingummy?" I personally was a very lowly-ranked Cheshire Junior at the time. Wally was much better than I was.

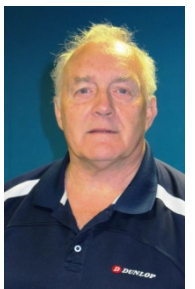


In 1959, the Navy and then the BBC took me abroad for over twenty years and, as a consequence, I missed the "Senior" bit of our sport completely. In 1982 I returned to the UK as an aged veteran when Brian Halliday (and, subsequently Allan Bruton) took me under his wing and found a spot for me in the Berkshire Veterans' squad. Number three in the eighth team, if I remember correctly.

My reason for boring you out of your skulls with all this personal nostalgia? As I say, I started playing table tennis in 1955 – over sixty years ago. Frightening... And, in all that time, I have only ever once been called for foul-serving. This happened a couple of years ago in an ordinary Reading Division 2 League match and the umpire was – Allan Bruton. To be fair, Allan did not deduct me a point; he merely called a let and gave me a telling-off. Yup, you're right; that's TWO telling-offs (for want of a better word) from Allan in just one newsletter.

Now most foul-servers are either guilty of hiding the ball, letting the ball leave from the fingers rather than the palm of the hand, or not throwing the ball up high enough. I had to do something different, of course. Ramesh Gehlot had tried to teach me the high toss serve and I thought I'd give it a bash in this particular match. Unfortunately, I threw it upwards far too hard and I had no idea where it was going. At this point I must have taken leave of my senses because I decided to give it a whack before I lost sight of it completely. "Let!" cried the umpire.

And so, just in case you don't know (I DID know, but hoped than Allan didn't – slim chance of that ever happening in the sport of table tennis!!), the ball must be travelling DOWNWARDS at the point of impact. I am not too sure why this is so but, once again, the incomparable Mr Bruton was absolutely correct. Worth bearing in mind. Mind you, since then, whenever Allan has volunteered to umpire one of my personal matches, I have made representations to the opposing team members suggesting that the proposed umpire is totally biased and I should like to have him replaced. It has never worked.



Olympic Games

I can't really say too much about the recent Games in Rio – except to reiterate the thoughts of others when I say how wonderfully well Team GB performed. Great stuff, the lot of you! And, if the media are to be believed, all

through the National Lottery! I have to confess that I buy about two lottery tickets a year, and so I can't take too much credit for our nation's success. But, in case you missed them, what I CAN do is to plagiarise the Radio Times and reproduce, below, two extracts concerning table tennis...

“WHAT I’LL BE WATCHING” by DOMINIC WEST

(from the Radio Times, 6th August 2016)

“I used to say the Olympics was all about the gymnastics for me – it really is amazing. But I also love table tennis. You can't beat a bit of ping pong! It is one of those sports that take the breath away, where you have to sit back and say – how the bloody hell do they do that?”



“WHY SHOULD I WATCH TABLE TENNIS?” by JAMES GILL

(from the Radio Times, 17th August 2016)

“TABLE tennis, the most popular racquet sport in the world (take that, tennis) is always a firm favourite come Olympics time – although probably only for people able to watch on HD TV.

Weighing just 2.7g and measuring 40mm, the plastic ball travels at over 100 kph. But it's the spin that really sets Olympic competition apart from your run-of-the-mill whiff-whaffer, with top players able to get the ball revolving at over 150 revs per second. (Note: To me, that is an incredibly high figure, even for our very top internationals. Can any more mathematically-inclined member care to verify this, or otherwise, please? Roger.)



“Paul Drinkhall is GB's best hope but it's Chinese athletes who dominate the sport, having won 24 out of the 28 gold medals since it was introduced in 1988. Their latest star is reigning Olympic champion Zhang Jike (pictured above) – named appropriately for Rio 2016, after the great Brazilian footballer Zico. Only one non-Asian player has won Olympic gold. Sweden's Jan-Ove Waldner (also pictured), we salute you.”



WELL, that's it from me for this issue. With Gwynne's kind permission and your forbearance, there'll be more next time. I know, I know, such vile threats... (Roger)

And Finally....

It has been a fantastic start to the season for me – in the last 6 weeks I've played in 4 divisions in the Reading league, 2 divisions in Bracknell, County Veterans team for Berkshire, Veterans British League, Women's British League and this week I played over in the Byfleet & District league, which has been something I've wanted to do since the start -- because my dad played in it some 30+ years ago -- and I have inherited my love of our great sport from him. When I first started playing, he encouraged me and inspired me to sign up for league play. He still plays table tennis every week, and we have some great conversations on the phone and swap tips and techniques to try and help each other to improve.



I hope you have enjoyed this edition of Kingfisher news and that you're enjoying the season as much as I am. See you at the club soon!

Gwynne

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