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Kingfisher Players at the Berkshire Closed

Welcome to Kingfisher News

As many of you know we had some very sad news in November about one of our members, John Creighton who passed away suddenly. In this edition we celebrate his extensive contribution to local league table tennis spanning over 30 seasons.

The Festive Season is upon us which means we have reached the half way point in the local leagues and it's time to reflect on the first half and gather ourselves ready for the second half.

I've had some great articles from Kingfisher members Anaya Patel and James Johnson about their experiences at recent tournaments, plus plenty more, so sit back, enjoy the festive fare and have a good read.

Wishing you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a superb New Year!

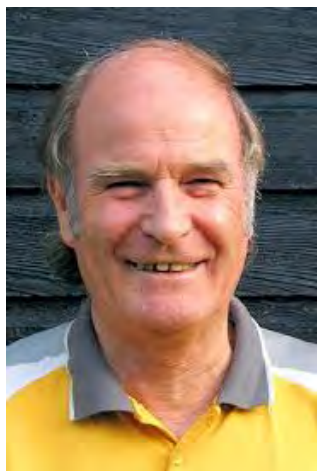
Gwynne Penny, Editor



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Introduction



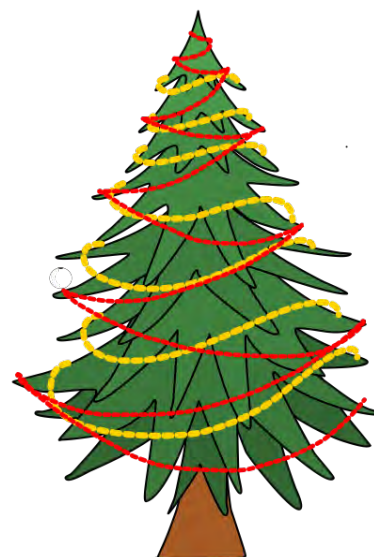
It is always sad to start my message with a reference to a member passing away. But sadly on 23rd November we had to report that John Creighton had passed away, only a couple of days after scoring a maximum in a League match at the Club. A number of us attended the very nice service at St Catherine's Church Bearwood and paid our last respects. Our thoughts are with his family at this unhappy time. RIP John.

You will have noticed some smart new notices at the Club entrance regarding non-members having to be signed in. We do need you all to please ensure this regime is followed. The Club has operated on this basis since its inception but now that we are growing much much larger, it is more important than ever to ensure we control the use of the Club. It is popular amongst members to be able to bring in a guest occasionally but it is essential for the system to be fully integrated with our responsibilities for insurance, table time, child protection, etc

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.

Finally, may I wish all of our members and their families a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR with lots of success on the green table.

Colin Dyke, Chairman



Remembering John Creighton

By Gwynne Penny

In November we received the very sad news that club member and local league player John Creighton had suddenly passed away. John had been a member at Kingfisher since 1994, was competing in both the Reading and Bracknell leagues this season, and was still on 100% in both leagues at the time of his final match on Friday 20 November, 2015. He played in more than 30 seasons in the local leagues.

Prior to joining Kingfisher, John worked at and played for the National Institute of Research in Dairying (NIRD) and I received the following record from Derek Harrison and Robin Lockwood in relation to John's earlier years in the Reading League:

1964/65 NIRD 'A' IN div 2 where he was captain and they finished 9th
1965/66 NIRD 'A' in div 2 captain 6th
1966/67 NIRD 'A' in div 2 captain 5th
1967/68 NIRD 'A' in div 2 captain 2nd average 91%
1968/69 NIRD 'A' div 1 captain finished 10th
1969/70 NIRD 'A' div 1 captain finished 10th
1972/73 NIRD 'A' captain div2 1st average 83% He also won the Div 2 divisional championship.
1973/74 NIRD 'A' captain div 1 finished 12th
1974/75 NIRD 'A' captain div 2 finished 3rd average 79%
1975/76 NIRD 'A' captain div 2 finished 8th average 86%
1976/77 – took a break from table tennis to concentrate on darts and played at the pub near the Winnersh roundabout.
1977/78 – Wokingham 'A' Division 2 (John only played a few games and the team were relegated to division 3)
1978/79 – NIRD 'A' div 3
1979/80 NIRD 'A' div 3 finished 9th average 73%.
1979/80 and 1980/81 div4 team Tony Griffin, K Griffin, R . Challinor, J. Creighton



John was also a long time player in the Bracknell league, and Allan Bruton recalls that John played in the Bracknell league prior to Allan starting in 1975.

After joining Kingfisher in '94, John played many seasons in Bracknell and/or Reading for the club:

1994/95 – Kingfisher 'A' Bracknell Premier Division – Captain
1995/96 – Kingfisher 'C' Bracknell Division 1 with Ian Morrison, Dave Duncan, Kenn Robb and Peter Baumgartner
1996/97 – Kingfisher 'H' Reading Division 4
1999/2000 – Kingfisher J Reading Division 4
2001/02 – Kingfisher 'H' Reading Division 4
2002/03 - Kingfisher 'H' Reading Division 4
2004/05 – Kingfisher 'I' Reading Division 4 and Kingfisher D, Bracknell Division 2
2005/06 - Kingfisher 'I' Reading Division 4
2006/07 – Kingfisher D, Bracknell Division 1
2007/08 – Kingfisher 'H' Division 3, Reading and Kingfisher C, Bracknell Premier
2008/09 – Kingfisher 'G' Division 3 Reading and Kingfisher 'D' Bracknell Division 1
2009/10 – Kingfisher 'H' Division 3 Reading and Kingfisher 'C' Bracknell Premier
2010/11 – Kingfisher 'F' Division 2 Reading and Kingfisher 'C' Bracknell Premier
2011/12 - Kingfisher 'G' Division 3 Reading and Kingfisher 'D' Bracknell Division 1
2012/13 - Kingfisher 'I' Reading Division 4 and Kingfisher 'E' Bracknell Division 1
2013/14 – Kingfisher 'J' Reading Division 4
2014/15 - Kingfisher 'J' Reading Division 4 and Kingfisher 'E' Bracknell Division 1
2015/16 – Kingfisher 'L' Reading Division 5 and Kingfisher 'D' Bracknell Division 2

Remembering John Creighton

John was a determined and spirited player with a good sense of humour. When I first started playing he would often take the time to play a few sets with me during the summer season. In his last match for Kingfisher D it was my own Kingfisher E team that were playing (we were the 'away' team, beaten 9-1 that night) and he and I had a really good 5-setter : 11-7, 7-11, 11-9, 11-13, 11-9).

A service was held for John on Monday 7 December at St Catherine's, Bearwood and Reverend Clifford very kindly sent us a copy of his address, which follows below.

Frederick John Creighton: Funeral at St. Catherine, Bearwood: 7th Dec. 2015

"John was born in 1940 on the Isle of Wight, to Carmel and Frederick Creighton. Soon they moved to Southampton where his brother, Michael, was born. Then, at the age of 11 or 12 yrs to Mortimer, Berkshire, where his father was a teacher at Wokefield Park School. John remembered it fondly as a time of roaming freely and playing in the woods.



John tended to be something of a sickly child, though at Ashmead School he proved to be a good sportsman. Later he was to play both football for Shinfield (until he broke his leg) and cricket for Shinfield Cricket Club, where he was a fast bowler. It was cricket that brought out his competitive spirit, and I'm told he especially didn't like being run out! He also played table tennis for the Reading and Bracknell Leagues over many years. On quieter days he loved fishing.

Although not academic, John was good at maths and very good at practical things. Many of you will have admired his "hands on" approach - making cupboards, pottery, the fine corner cupboard and other pieces which adorn the home today. He took evening classes in plumbing and carpentry at Reading College. It was here that he met Gerry, who was doing a secretarial course. They married in 1963 at the RC Church of Christ the King in Whitley. And it was there that John was confirmed.

Gerry and John lived in Shirley Avenue, Whitley, where both Jason and Elaine were born. With two small children it was time to look for a new place to live. The moment John saw No. 473 Reading Rd. as they passed by, that was it. They moved in in January 1971.

John's practical skills made him the ideal person to be employed by the National Institute of Research in Dairying, as Head of Building Services. Redundancy in 1984 hit John hard, and this led to several months of depression. He then joined Will Tyler where he enjoyed mentoring the younger staff members and being part of a team again and this certainly helped towards his recovery. After this he went on to become a Clerk of Works with Wokingham District Council from where he retired. In retirement he spent much time in the garden, did many an odd job for neighbours

and, only recently, worked with Adrian on his own kitchen upgrade. I've visited John at home on several occasions but I'd never been in the kitchen – until last week. And what a splendid job the two of them have done! Although John has had his health problems in recent years I was very surprised when he died so suddenly. The last time I saw him he still had that warm welcome and strong handshake, and had in fact helped his Kingfisher Table Tennis Club to a 9-1 victory on the Friday evening, then on the Saturday helped Adrian to put the final touches to the kitchen refurbishment.

John's sudden departure has been a great shock to Gerry, Jason and Elaine. They will need your support and prayers in the days ahead. But today we give thanks for him and in the prayers I will give you space to remember him in your own individual ways, and maybe recall some part of his life that you may have shared.

Of course, John had his frailties, just like the rest of us. I got the impression, from his speaking to me on one occasion, that he took the death of his mother very hard. None of us knows quite how we will respond to life's challenges. But in the midst of the sadness of today let's remember this: the Christian faith speak of a tomorrow. It was won for us through Jesus' death on the cross. The story of John's life, and of yours and mine when we finally pass this way, is not how good or bad we've been, how strong or weak, but how all-embracing is the love of Christ, who looks on us with compassion, understanding and forgiveness. In that reading from John 14, he tells His disciples, and through them he tells us, "I go to prepare a place for you...to take you to myself ...so that where I am you may be also." The sentence which began this service assures us "Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord". It is some weeks now since I saw John kneel with Gerry for communion at St. Mary's but he would have heard again those words "bring us with all your saints to feast at your table in heaven." That is now his privilege. For us it is yet to come. May he rest in peace and rise in glory."

The Reverend Clifford Smith
St Catherine's, Bearwood

Berkshire Closed Championships 5-6 December 2015

By Allan Bruton

The championships were held on 5th and 6th December at the Kingfisher table tennis club.

Sat 5th Dec. Veteran singles

The veterans competition was down in numbers from previous seasons and further disrupted when some of the players were seconded to the senior first team for matches on the same weekend in the premier division of the county championships, however some lively competition took place and without some of the would be seeds missing there were more players of a similar standard. The event was eventually won by Martin Gunn who was the only true seeded player in the draw, the runner up Allan Bruton. Under 21, Only 7 original entries with 2 withdrawals on the day so an all play all round robin group of 5 took place and again the only recognised seed to enter was one of the withdrawals due to work commitments the other players had a very good and even tournament with Yonatan Slobodskoy (pictured playing against Michael Houghton) coming out the winner with Thomas Perkins runner up.



Sun 6th Dec. Mens singles

Again a smaller entry than in previous seasons and again compromised by the loss of players, probable seeds, to the senior first team, this meant players promoted to seeded positions but 2 of those were non shows on the day so the whole competition was compromised, however there were 2 of the original seeds in place and actually the No 1 and No2. There was some very good table tennis played by the participants and all enjoyed their table tennis the final was a well contested affair with the eventual winner being Martin Gunn (pictured) and Daniel Moses as runner up.



Berkshire Closed Championships 5-6 December 2015

Graded Singles

An initial entry of 17 a pleasing increase on previous seasons so this prompted the increase of prize money to match the senior singles level, obviously an area of growth and one where the participants do not face the higher level players so start off with a more level standard so more of a chance to proceed in the competition. A couple of no shows again so last minute replacements were found on the day, overall a very good and hard fought competition with two juniors coming through to contest the final. Yonaton Slobodskoy just a little too strong for another of our junior girls in Anaya Patel (pictured) a young lady to watch in the future I think.



Ladies Singles

With an initial entry of nine ladies there was a no show from one so 2 groups of 4 ladies contested this competition with the winners and runners up going through to the semi finals, this competition brought together all age group from juniors to veterans and the final was indeed played by one player from each of these categories. The eventual winner and defending champion Celia Hooker (pictured) fending off the up and coming Scarlett Jones.



Mens Doubles

10 pairs contested this competition but as with all the events the missing players made quite a difference but some good hard fought matches took place with the eventual winners Daniels McTiernan and Moses were too strong for the Martin Gunn/Allan Bruton partnership although Martin tried very hard to carry his passenger home, it was a bridge too far on the day and being the final match on the sheet did not help.

Mixed Doubles

This attracted 8 pairs with 2 seeds who fought their way to the final. The winners Wendy Porter and Daniel Moses proving too strong for Gwynne Penny and Martin Gunn.

Berkshire Closed Championships 5-6 December 2015

Ladies Doubles

This competition started with only 4 pairs which was down to 3 pairs due to one player failing to turn up. There were a couple of close fought matches in this very small entry and the final ended up with the repeat of a first round match between Sue Purton and Wendy Porter facing Katie Shepherd and Anaya Patel, but in the final the two talented juniors turned the tables on the senior pairing and Katie and Anaya were the winners.

My thanks to all the participants for entering I hope you all had two days enjoyable table tennis.

Allan Bruton (organiser).



Photos courtesy of Didier Garcon and Gwynne Penny

Maria Brings Back a Bronze from India

Maria was part of the English team that participated in the recent Commonwealth Championships in Surat, India. Along with team mates Tin Tin Ho, and Karina Le Fevre they contested the Bronze medal against the Welsh team comprising Charlotte Carey, Megan Phillips and Chloe Thomas after losing out to home team India in the semi-finals. Maria showed great fighting spirit, securing the Bronze by beating Carey 11-9 in the fifth, having seen her opponent battle back from two games down to level.



For more details visit [Table Tennis England News](#).

British League Update

By Peter Charters

The Kingfisher team in the SBL Premier Division have again found the going difficult.



With many clubs in this division bringing in paid foreign players, the Kingfisher policy of using relatively local players who are members and helped on an expenses only basis limits our fire power.

However, over the last weekends play in Nottingham, Tom Maynard showed that he is still our best player with a number of excellent victories. This, on his first competitive matches after seven months out after a hip operation. The reliable Dave Barr was the second best contributor with two wins, Marcus Giles and Niall Cameron one each. Liam McTiernan failed to score. Survival will be difficult.

Tables > Seniors 2015-16 > Premier Division 2015-16

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SR	GR	Points
1	Nottingham Sycamore I	8	7	1	0	5.40	2.69	15
2	Drumchapel Glasgow I	8	6	1	1	2.76	2.09	13
3	Ormesby I	8	5	2	1	1.67	1.45	12
4	BATTS I	8	4	1	3	0.94	0.89	9
5	Fusion I	8	3	1	4	0.94	0.87	7
6	London Academy I	8	1	2	5	0.52	0.70	4
7	Cardiff City TTC I	8	1	2	5	0.45	0.63	4
8	Kingfisher I	8	0	0	8	0.21	0.39	0

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British League Update

Kingfisher 2 led by Federico Viterbo (16 played, 12 wins) remain in contention for promotion from Division two with Hari Gehlot (16-9) making valuable contributions in support of Fed. They will have to win some difficult matches to move up a division.

Tables > Seniors 2015-16 > Division 2 Midlands

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SR	GR	Points
1	York Gardens II	8	6	1	1	2.33	1.72	13
2	Cardiff City TTC II	8	5	2	1	2.08	1.49	12
3	Archway Peterborough I	8	5	1	2	1.58	1.32	11
4	Woodfield I	8	5	0	3	1.29	1.34	10
5	Kingfisher II	8	4	0	4	1.05	1.06	8
6	Nottingham Sycamore III	8	4	0	4	0.82	0.83	8
7	Westfield I	8	1	0	7	0.51	0.68	2
8	BATTS III	8	0	0	8	0.18	0.33	0

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Kingfisher 3 are also in a healthy position but as this team is made up of mostly juniors promotion is not a priority. Yeqin Zeng captains this team, winning six of his eight matches.

Tables > Seniors 2015-16 > Division 3 Midlands

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SR	GR	Points
1	Corby Smash TTC	8	6	2	0	2.48	1.57	14
2	Draycott IV	8	5	2	1	2.20	1.66	12
3	Woodfield II	8	4	2	2	1.29	1.18	10
4	Whitworth Academy II	8	4	1	3	1.22	1.18	9
5	Kingfisher III	8	3	1	4	0.86	1.03	7
6	23 Technology	8	1	3	4	0.70	0.77	5
7	Corby Town	8	2	0	6	0.40	0.52	4
8	Nottingham Sycamore IV	8	1	1	6	0.48	0.64	3

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British League Update

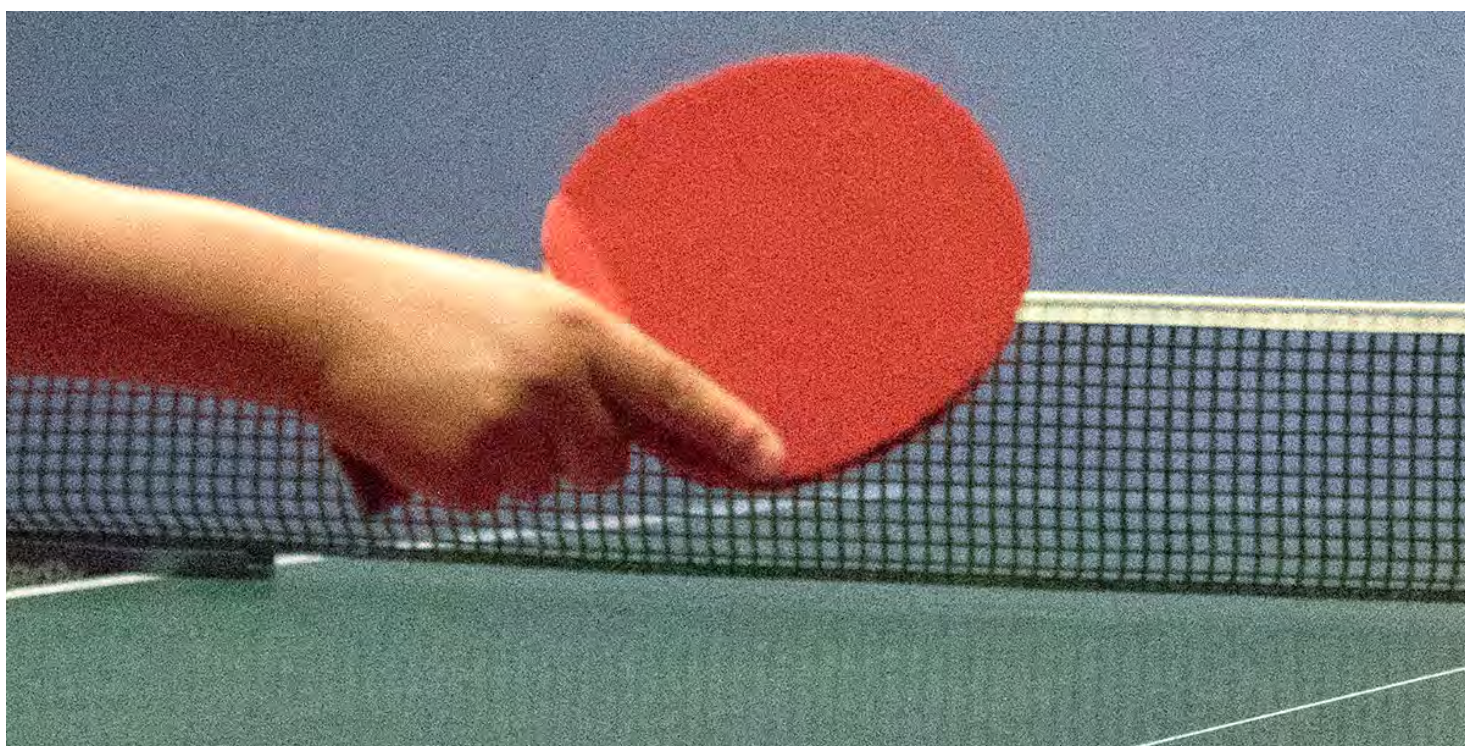
Of the juniors, Jamie Liu is 8-5 in the second team and 7-7 when playing in the third team. Josh Gallen and Gus Thomis have an over 50% record in the SBL so far this season.

In the Junior British League, Kingfisher are joint top of Division 3A at the half way stage. Jamie has 100% record with ten out of ten, Reece Chamdal five wins from ten and Sam Liu, four from ten.

Tables > Junior Boys 2015-16 > Boys Division 3A

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	GF	GA	Points
1	Wensum TTC	5	3	2	0	20	10	68	42	8
2	Kingfisher TTC	5	3	2	0	19	11	68	47	8
3	Horsham Spinners	5	3	0	2	17	13	64	58	6
4	Greenhouse B	5	1	2	2	12	18	51	65	4
5	St Neots TTC	5	1	1	3	13	17	54	62	3
6	Blades TTC	5	0	1	4	9	21	38	69	1

Last Updated: 18 Oct 2015



Weekly Coaching Group Sessions

The next coaching term runs from 11 January, 2016 to 18 March, 2016:

Mondays – 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Junior Coaching – early learners

This is the entry point for young players to start their table tennis at Kingfisher. There is a charge for this session, termly in advance to fund the professional coach.

Coach: [Graham Outrim](#)

Mondays – 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Junior Coaching – beginners

This is the entry point for young players to start their table tennis at Kingfisher. There is a charge for this session, termly in advance to fund the professional coach.

Coaches: [Alison Broe](#) and [Gwynne Penny](#)

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – 5pm to 7pm

Junior Coaching – intermediate/advanced

Junior Coaching and training by invitation for intermediate to advanced young players.

Coach: [Peter Charters](#)

Friday – 5.30pm to 7pm

Junior Coaching – intermediate

By invitation only, for intermediate players progressing towards advanced level.

Coach: [Gwynne Penny](#)

Saturday – 10.30am to 12 noon (commencing 16 January)

Mixed Session

Coaching for those players wishing to develop their table tennis.

Coach: [Graham Outrim](#)

The young players attending the Tuesday to Friday sessions are Kingfisher Club members.

For those attending the Monday and Saturday sessions, there is no requirement to be a club member but there is a charge to cover the cost of the professional coach.

All enquiries to either the Coaching Officer Peter Charters at petecharters@hotmail.co.uk or the Membership Secretary Sandra Shepherd at sandra.shepherd3@gmail.com



Coaching at Kingfisher

Kingfisher Table Tennis Club has a long standing ethos of coaching and player development. We are proud of the fact that because we are able to offer excellent practice and training facilities, more of our members have received international recognition than any other UK club of comparable size.

At the highest level table tennis is one of the world's most dynamic and athletic sports. It is a complex sport requiring speed of movement as well as quick mental reactions, fitness, strength and yet a fine touch is also required. This is all needed to reach the highest levels but even to be a good local player requires sporting skills and fitness. Kingfisher aims to create an environment where young and committed players are given the opportunity to reach their full potential in the sport of table tennis. We aim to help our young players develop technical, tactical, physical and mental skills. Also essential is the opportunity to spend the quantity and quality of table time each week, necessary to reach full potential.

Licensed Coaches

At Kingfisher, coaching and training is delivered by the following Table Tennis England Licensed Coaches. Peter Charters, Alison Broe, Graham Outrim and Gwynne Penny. To obtain this licence these people have to hold an English Table Tennis Association or UKCC coaching qualification; have a DBS (formerly CRB) certificate, have attended a First Aid and Safeguarding Children course, all in the last three years plus have attended CPD activity each year. The Coach Licence then provides the coach with insurance cover.



As professional coaches, Alison and Graham offer one to one individual coaching to both juniors and seniors. Paid coaches require a Kingfisher Permit from the club to use the facility for profit. This one to one coaching at Kingfisher is by arrangement at a mutually convenient time and will depend on the availability of a table.

Club members who do not hold a valid Coach Licence, but who offer paid sparring/coaching are not covered by insurance. The licensed coach's insurance does cover paid sparrers/coaching assistants working under their direction whilst they are present. The Club's insurance will not provide cover in these situations.

Also, whilst we encourage young players to use Kingfisher to practice with each other, this should be in the presence of a parent or a responsible adult. Parents must accept responsibility that this is adhered to.

Kingfisher Juniors

It has been a busy year for Kingfisher Junior, Jamie Liu, pictured here (front row, centre) at Wokingham Borough Council Sports Awards in November:



Jamie was awarded the Woodley Town Council Cup 'Path to Excellence in Sport' Award at Wokingham Borough Council's 2015 Sports Award Evening.

Achievements mentioned included:

- Represented English schools in April, won Gold for the second time at the British Primary School Team Championships, following success in January at Hungary Mini Cadet Open Championships in Budapest taking the U11 title.
- Crowned Doubles Champion at the National Championships in June, held in Sheffield, winning both U12 and U11 titles.
- Came 7th in Eurominis Championships U11 Boys Singles held in France this August which was the best performance by an English boy since 2005.
- National Rankings as of September 2015 of 5th in U15 boys and 1st in U13 and is currently the youngest member of the England Youth Squad.

Jamie has also been shortlisted for Junior Sports Personality of the Year by Get Berkshire Active. The ceremony takes place on Friday 5th February, 2016 at Hilton Hotel in Reading.

Kingfisher Juniors



Joshua Gallen, Gus Thomis, Katie Shepherd, Jamie Liu and Anaya Patel representing Berkshire Juniors at Cippenham in November.



Beginners at Monday coaching sessions (photos by Alison Broe)

Preparation and Training : Key to Success

By Anaya Patel

At the end of October, I made the long journey to Stockton on Tees to compete in the Stockton 4* Competition.

It was a long drive, in total actual travel time was just over 5 hours. My goal was to play Ruby Chan in Under 12's Girls in the knock out stages, hopefully the final!

I entered all the girls individual events from Under 12's to Under 18's and what an experience the weekend was. I knew it was going to be a tiring weekend playing both Saturday and Sunday.

My first event was the under 18's and my group couldn't be any tougher. I had Emily Bolton (ranked 2 in Juniors), Alisa Khalid (Scotland's No.2 Junior) and Jasmin Wong (Under 13's No 1). Having nothing to lose, I played all my three matches without pressure and performed quite well.

I was up in points in my matches with Emily and Alisha however they came back to win the game and the match overall.

My next event was the Under 12's Girls. This was my key event and the pressure was on. I won all my group games with ease, however in order to get to the Finals, I had to beat Alana Mansfield from Essex in the Semi-finals. Alana is currently ranked 9 in Under 13's and the better player on paper. I was very nervous and I knew if I had to win this game, I would have to open up strongly and play with a lot of spin – this was my game plan for Alana.



Anaya and Dad, Raj Patel at The Berkshire Closed – photo courtesy of Didier Garcon



Anaya competing at The Berkshire Closed Championships in December. Photo courtesy of Didier Garcon

I played well and put Alana under pressure and eventually won the game 3-1. During the match my Dad had to tell me to relax as I was putting a lot of pressure on myself and getting worked up when I lost a few points. Besides the win and getting to the final the other added bonus was I had earned a lot of ranking points. It was also nice to have Ruby Chan watching us play as she would play the eventual winner from this match.

Preparation and Training : Key to Success

The Final was always going to be tough and I had never played Ruby Chan before, only watched her play at the National Finals. I didn't feel pressured at all. The game was very fast and there was no slow play as we both liked to open up. Ruby won the match 3-0 however, I did not fall over easily and managed to win several points in each game. I was awarded Silver but very proud of this achievement as I had achieved what I wanted from this tournament and Ruby was the better player; I played as well as I could have. This was also my first medal at a 4* event and I was over the moon.

The training I had done at Kingfisher for the preparation for this competition had paid off. I have a long season to go but I know what to work on and look forward to playing Ruby Chan again and hopefully next time the result is different. I have learnt that

preparation and training is key. I have a long season but I am hopeful it will be a good season.

I would also like to say a big thank you to all my coaches and sparring partners. Without your support I would not have achieved my goals.

Anaya Patel



Photo courtesy of [Chris Rayner Table Tennis Photography](#).

Never underestimate the over 80's...

By James Johnson

I decided to enter the over 70's competition at Tipton.

I arrived at about 9.30 on Saturday 17th October and bumped into our Mark Banks who was due to play at 11am.

On checking my draw, I was fairly confident that the other players in my group, two of which were over 80 would give me a chance of playing fairly well. They were Mervin Wood who I found out was 83, Terry Wilson also over 80 and Granville Thornton aged 76.



What I did not realise was how good they were as Mervin Wood was ranked number 3 in England and he and Terry had represented England on many occasions.

Not being put off by that knowledge, I was determined to show them all that Veterans from Kingfisher are not to be taken lightly. That did not happen. I think I managed to reach 6 points in one game against Mervin but to be honest they were all in a different class to me. Their fitness and movement around the table was astonishing.

The experience certainly brought me down to earth, as I had presumed that any player over 80 would be slow. How wrong I was. Having lost all the games, I then watched Mark Banks playing and felt slightly better as he also lost his match. I have since been told that he reached the final of the plate.

My determination has not been lost as I have decided to enter the Veterans Southern Area Tournament next February and hope that in attending the Wednesday and Friday morning sessions, I will improve and put up a better show next time.

Well done again on a great newsletter which must be one of the best within table tennis clubs in England.

Thanks James – it's always nice to get good feedback and thank you for sharing your experiences at Tipton with us – I wish you the very best for the next one in February, and I look forward to hearing all about it! Gwynne

Your Committee



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- National Junior League Secretary
- National Cadet League Secretary
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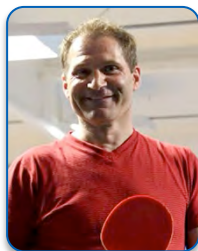
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- Committee Member



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Melvyn Lovegrove

- Committee Member

Additional Club Roles:

Team Kit Manager: Peter Charters
Robot Manager: Allen Pack
Table Manager: Dave Duncan
Lost Property: Andy Yon
Guest Book Administrator: Colin Dyke

Kingfisher Agent, Tees Sport discount scheme: Sandra Shepherd

Grand Prix Hosts: Wendy Porter and Andrew Parker

Cleaning: Feargal Gallen
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

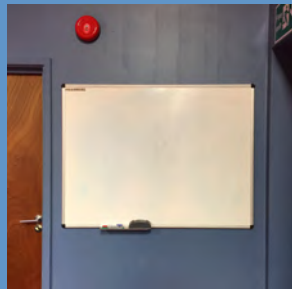


Fridays:
Allan Bruton

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.



Club Shirts

Remember you can order club shirts through the Tees Sport discount scheme – contact Sandra Shepherd for details.

Towel Holders

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



Club Discount Scheme with Tees Sport

Kingfisher has a contract with Tees Sport which runs up to 31 July, 2016. 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, Andro and Adidas products – less 25%.

Some Tees Sport products such as cleaners, rollers etc – less 25%.

Donic products – less 20%

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 Roundup



By Gwynne Penny

Half way through the 2015-16 season and here's how things are shaping up for Kingfisher teams in the Reading league:

In Division 1, OLOP 'A' have a 6 point lead over Kingfisher 'A'. Kingfisher 'C' are currently sitting 4 points behind the 'A' Team and Kingfisher 'B' and 'D' are sitting in 6th & 7th places.

In Division 2 Kingfisher 'F' and 'E' are in positions 6 & 7 with Kingfisher 'G' currently battling with SC&P 'E' and SC&P 'D' to stay out of the relegation zone.

In Division 3, Kingfisher 'J' have extended their lead to 5 points ahead of closest rivals Tilehurst Methodists 'A' with a great run of 10 wins and 1 draw. Kingfisher 'H' are in 4th position and Kingfisher 'I' are in the relegation zone.

In Division 4 Kingfisher 'K' are currently in 8th place with only 2 points clear from the relegation zone.

In Division 5, Kingfisher 'L' are in 3rd place.

November brought us some very sad news about John Creighton (RIP), who will be greatly missed.

Several new players have been signed up since the start of the season: Ed Caliman has rejoined Kingfisher 'C', Rob Gladstone joins Kingfisher 'E' and Nigel Keedy makes his Reading debut for Kingfisher 'G'.



Congratulations to Lisa Williams from Kingfisher 'D', who gave birth to son, Gethin Michael Williams, on 25 November, 2015 (pictured).

Wishing you all the very best of luck for the second half of the season. Enjoy your table tennis!

Gwynne

Reminder: Individual Handicap Cup - At Kingfisher on Sunday, January 3rd, 2016.

Entry is free. Closing date for registration: 31 December, 2015. Entries to be sent to Duncan Abbott.

Reading League : Teams



READING KINGFISHER TEAMS 2015-16 SEASON v1.6

KINGFISHER A DIVISION 1 HOME: MONDAY Mark Banks Captain Hari Gehlot Federico Viterbo Stuart Williams Martin Gunn	KINGFISHER B DIVISION 1 HOME: WEDNESDAY Richard Rosinski Captain Martin Adams Ian Girdler Justin Mead John Barclay	KINGFISHER C DIVISION 1 HOME: WEDNESDAY Yeqin (Philip) Zeng Captain Richard Fifield Yuan Zhuang Trevor Organ Eduard Caliman	KINGFISHER D DIVISION 1 HOME: MONDAY Steve Murgatroyd Captain Niall McGrane Andrew Parker Lisa Williams Tony Reynolds	KINGFISHER E DIVISION 2 HOME: WEDNESDAY Roger Woolven-Allen Captain John Morris Colin Dyke Grant Wheatley Robert Gladstone	KINGFISHER F DIVISION 2 HOME: TUESDAY Allan Bruton Captain Peter Bennett Ivor Hardman Michael Houghton Allen Pack
KINGFISHER G DIVISION 2 HOME: MONDAY Willis Ma Captain Rick Leachman Dave Gostelow Roger Pritchard Jazz Dhillon Nigel Keedy	KINGFISHER H DIVISION 3 HOME: MONDAY Mick Mitcham Captain Carol Byers Eric Holmes Steven Woolnough Dave Duncan	KINGFISHER I DIVISION 3 HOME: TUESDAY Didier Garcon Captain Gianpaolo Balsamo Gabor Radnoti Joaquin Sabater Jean-Noel Thepaut Nils Wedi	KINGFISHER J DIVISION 3 HOME: TUESDAY Melvyn Lovegrove Captain John Upham Krys Szczygiel Luca Bianchi David Joyce	KINGFISHER K DIVISION 4 HOME: WEDNESDAY Gill Bennett Captain Adam McTiernan Ruben Hernandez Ania Pytko Gwynne Penny David Wells	KINGFISHER L DIVISION 5 HOME: TUESDAY Derek Crombie Captain Ken Robb John Creighton Colin Mercer David O'Keeffe Bill Hundley Mike Dorrington

Fixtures and latest results are available via the RDTTA web site here:

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

Reading League: Team Captain's Reports



Division 1 - Kingfisher A Mark Banks, Captain

Well sorry guys but we've got it all to do in the 2nd half of the season if we're gonna wrestle the title from the grasp of OLOP A. We got absolutely smashed by them, no excuses we took a proper hammering 9-1 and it's gonna take a monumental effort to reverse that kind of result - especially on the wonky table over at the OLOP Club. It can be done though but we're probably going to need close to maximums from Martin Gunn and Federico to do it. Every other game has comfortably gone our way. We've not been troubled at all and we're all in good form - even The Kid! 😊



Division 1 - Kingfisher B Richard Rosinski

Team has played 7 matches with 3 Wins, 1 draw, 3 losses.

Richard Rosinski – Played 19, 31.58%

Martin Adams – Played 16, 93.75% + 5 Player of Match Awards

Justin Meand – Played 12, 33.33%

Ian Girdler Played 6, 66.67%

John Barclay – Played 2, 0%

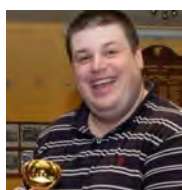


Division 1 - Kingfisher C Yeqin (Philip) Zeng

KF C team is on the 4th place in the Reading local league. Eduard Caliman returned to our team 3 weeks ago. He showed us how difficult it is to find a good club to practice table tennis when you leave Kingfisher.

Eduard is also struggling with his new blade and rubbers. But with Eduard's help, we hope to keep the 4th place till the end of the season. Yuan Zhuang and Richard Fifield continue to help our team to win as many points as possible. Trevor Organ has to fight for his first win in the second half of the season.

Everyone seems to enjoy the matches this season.



Division 1 - Kingfisher D Steve Murgatroyd

Team has Played 8, won 3, drawn 1, lost 4

Steve Murgatroyd Played 21, 42.86% + 2 Player of Match Awards

Andrew Parker Played 18, 55.56% + 1 Player of Match Award

Tony Reynolds Played 15, 40.00% + 1 Player of Match Award

Niall McGrane Played 15, 40.00%

Lisa Williams Played 3

Reading League: Team Captain's Reports



Division 2
Kingfisher E
Roger Woolven-Allen

As mentioned in my last report, Kingfisher E hopes to remain somewhere mid-table and we, the players that make up this highly dubious squad, are succeeding in doing just that. At the time of writing, we have played ten matches; won four of them, drawn two and lost four. 10 points out of a possible 20. You can't get much more "middling" than that, can you?

Having said that, we will be facing the awesome OLOP C team next week. If Harry Munro and Yonatan Slobodskoy both turn out for the opposition I think we will struggle a bit. Mind you, I have dropped myself for this match, telling everyone that I am simply putting out our top squad. Of course, and strictly between you and me, I am really just trying to protect my own player average.

On 12 October we played away against Pangbourne WMC A and managed to lose 3-7 with George White earning a fine maximum. I have included a picture of George, Simon Hopkins and John Simmonds so that you, dear reader, can shake your head and murmur, "How on earth did they lose to THAT lot?"



The following week we drew 5-5 with our own F team, where Ivor Hardman, Allan Bruton and Peter Bennett (not to mention our own motley crew) provided plenty of light-hearted humour. This match was followed by a 4-6 loss to Tidmarsh B where John Golding starred with an impressive treble. When I got home I told wifey Lin that Colin had only scored 19 points in his entire match against John.

"That's not very good at all," she said. "I thought Colin was better than that. How many did YOU score?"

"18," I replied.



Our next match resulted in an 8-2 win away to Sonning Common D, where Colin managed a great maximum. Alongside is a picture of the unfortunate opposition, comprised of Mark Jones, Alan Mollett and Tony Reeve – together with their captain Derek Brooke-Wavell.

This match was followed by a battle royal against SC&P B which ended in a 5-5 draw. We were honoured by the presence of Simon Berry himself, that legal eagle known to many of us as "The Flashing Blade". Simon won all three of his matches, but Kingfisher E (without their captain, of course) played brilliantly to secure a nail-biting 5-5 draw. John Morris made his debut for our team that night winning a crucial single.

I am hesitant in mentioning our performance in the Team Handicap competition. We played away against Milestone B and suffice it that although Colin and Grant – especially Grant – played reasonably well, we are now out of the competition. Our third player was absolute rubbish. Yup, you've identified him correctly...

Our most recent match was away to SC&P E where Kingfisher secured a 6-4 win. "Never in doubt", as the late, wonderful Geoff Davis used to say after he'd won the deciding end 28-26. The opposition consisted of Angus Jones, Jo Barraclough and Eric Walker and, it has to be said, most of the individual matches could have gone either way. Our own hero, though, was that Italian "super-sub" Luca Bianchi, who played absolutely brilliantly. Melvyn Lovegrove is well advised to keep his wits about him if he wants to keep his Division 3 team intact!!

I must tell you about an amusing incident before the start of our match against Kingfisher F. Colin was already at the Club when I arrived. When I walked in, Angela Liu was sitting in the spectator area. "Hello, Roger," she said, "Have you come to play a match?"

"Yes," I replied, "We're the away team."

"That's just what Colin said," Angela remarked.

I looked around admiringly. "Nice club you've got here," I enthused.

"That's just what Colin said," Angela remarked.



Division 2
Kingfisher F
Allan Bruton

We have had a number of weeks with player unavailability and over a month with our no 1 on the sick list which resulted on one occasion turning up with only 2 players, however we are holding our own and the intention is to retain division 2 status.



Division 2
Kingfisher G
Willis Ma

Kingfisher G had 3 points on the last report.

Unfortunately, the team still has 3 points and at the bottom (11th) of the division 2 at the moment.

The team still has high hope to stay in the division as we are just 1 point behind the 9th and 10th, 3 points behind the 8th. Hence, a couple of win will change the picture and we look forward to win more than that.

We are still aiming middle table finish.

Reading League: Team Captain's Reports



Division 3
Kingfisher H
Mick Mitcham

First half of season 4th place

Played 10 won 5 draw 1 lost 4

Eric 19/27 70.3%,
Steve 10/18 55.5%,
Carol 5/9 55.5%,
Mick 10/24 41.6%,
Dave 3/12 25%.

Eric and Steve are top of the doubles league with 5 wins out of 5

We are out of the cup and 8 points behind leaders top three place would be good.



Division 3
Kingfisher I
Didier Garcon

The first half of the season has not been outstanding for Kingfisher 'I' who finishes 10th out of 11 teams in Division 3. One of the problems is that the team is composed of players of very different standards... And its very best player (Jean-Noel) has only been available 3 times since the beginning of the season, due to work responsibilities involving travelling the world extensively on missions. Another player played only the first match and has been injured since... But, being positive is the ticket. The team still won 2 matches, and is confident that the wind can still turn towards better horizons (good for a team of Meteorologists!)



Division 3
Kingfisher J
Melvyn Lovegrove

The team are doing great only dropped one point so far. We are in first place looking good and David Joyce is still unbeaten Luca is doing well also Kryz and John have played well they played but I have had a up and down start to be honest due to my health. Hoping for a great second half and promotion.

Have a great Christmas everybody.



David Joyce (photo courtesy of Melvyn Lovegrove)

Reading League: Team Captain's Reports



Division 4
Kingfisher K
Gill Bennett

The first half has been a hard slog for the team with 3 draws, 6 losses and one win so far. David Wells and Ruben Hernandez lead the individual averages, with Ruben the only team member to score a treble so far.

Spirit within the team is good, and hopefully the second half will bring better fortune and enable us to stay in the division next season, although it could be close as there isn't much between the three teams at the bottom of the table right now.



David Wells, Gwynne Penny, Adam McTiernan
at Home to Tidmarsh D in November



Division 5
Kingfisher L
Derek Crombie

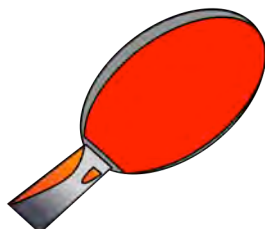
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For more information about the Reading League, see the latest Reading Newsletter, which can be downloaded from the Reading 365 Website [here](#):

[Reading Newsletter December Edition](#) edited by Derek Brooke-Wavell

Reading Closed Championships

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th February 2016
for Senior and Veteran events



20th / 21st February 2016
for Junior Events

at Kingfisher Table Tennis Club.

Application forms available to download from the
Reading League 365 web site

Closing date for entries is Friday 29 January 2016

Entry is Free

Players who have played in at least 4 league team matches
in the current season prior to the closing date are eligible.
See Reading League web site for full rules and regulations.

Bracknell League Update



Half way through the 2015-16 season and here's how things are shaping up for Kingfisher teams in the Bracknell league:

In the Premier Division, Kingfisher 'A' are currently 9 points clear of Wokingham 'A'. Kingfisher 'B' are just one point behind Wokingham 'A' with a game in hand and Kingfisher 'C' are at the bottom of the table, currently 10 points behind Broadmoor 'A'.

In Division 2 Kingfisher 'D' are sitting in 3rd place, just 4 points below SportsAble 'A' but with a game in hand. Kingfisher 'E' are just below, at the mid-table point.

November brought us some very sad news about John Creighton (RIP), who will be greatly missed.

New players signed up since the start of the season: Nigel Keedy as a reserve for Kingfisher 'E', Raj Patel for Kingfisher 'E' and Melvyn Lovegrove has signed on for Derek's Kingfisher 'D' team.

John Willcocks is looking for an additional player to join the 'B' team to help provide urgently needed cover for injured players – if you are interested please contact either myself or John. The Registration cut-off date for Bracknell is 31 January.

Get all the latest results and fixture information here:

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



BRACKNELL KINGFISHER TEAMS 2015-16 SEASON V1.8

KINGFISHER A PREMIER HOME NIGHT THURSDAY HOWARD SHIELD N	KINGFISHER B PREMIER HOME NIGHT THURSDAY HOWARD SHIELD Y	KINGFISHER C PREMIER HOME NIGHT THURSDAY HOWARD SHIELD Y	KINGFISHER D DIVISION 2 HOME NIGHT FRIDAY HOWARD SHIELD N	KINGFISHER E DIVISION 2 HOME NIGHT THURSDAY HOWARD SHIELD Y
Allan Bruton Captain	John Willcocks Captain	Mick Mitcham Captain	Derek Crombie Captain	Gwynne Penny Captain
Ivor Hardman	Geoff Civil	Carol Byers	Kenneth Robb	Gill Bennett
Jeffrey Huggins	John Morris	Peter Bennett	John Creighton	David Wells
John Barclay	Roger Woolven-Allen	Michael Houghton	Dave Duncan	David O'Keeffe
	Phil Mead	Allen Pack	Bill Hundley	Nigel Keedy
			Melvyn Lovegrove	Raj Patel

The **Audrey Hardy Hardbat**, will be held on **17th April 2016 at Kingfisher Table Tennis Club**. Visit the BWDTTA Web site for details.

Bracknell League Team Captain's Reports



Premier Division
Kingfisher A
Allan Bruton

The team this season - which was set up to make every effort to retain the championship - has been devastated by injury, with 4 players and with one of those the same player as for the Reading league "F" team no 1 we had a month down to 3 players only and part way through that period we have one player who has departed to a wedding in Australia and missing for three weeks then unavailable due to work commitments until Christmas. This has been a blow for sure and our no 1 is now injured, we are currently playing with 2 players or gathering reserves where available so retaining our title is unlikely but we shall continue to fight and get as high a position as possible.



Premier Division
Kingfisher B
John Willcocks

Despite problems with injuries we have had a pretty good first half of the season and are currently in second place in the division just two points behind our A Team.

We have won 7 matches and lost 2 which is a good effort in what is turning out to be quite a competitive division. Phil is leading the way in the averages with 93% having lost only one match.

Our injuries problems are starting to mount up with Roger currently sidelined with sciatica, John Morris due to have a hip replacement in early January and Geoff and myself struggling with shoulder and back problems. Perhaps we are all getting a bit old for this table tennis lark.



Premier Division
Kingfisher C
Mick Mitcham

First 3rd of the season is over and we are holding up the league.

Played 8 won 0 draw 2 lost 6 points 22 (What's it like in division one?).

Still in the Howard Shield (maybe a good run in that will help)

Allen 8/15 53.5%, Michael 5/12 41.6%, Peter 4/21 19%, Mick 2/21 9.5% Carol 0/3 0%

Bracknell League Team Captain's Reports



Division 2
Kingfisher D
Derek Crombie

Very shocked and saddened by the unexpected loss of team mate, John Creighton (RIP). John was still on 100% and had picked up 2 Player of the Match awards in the first half. He will be greatly missed by everyone on the team. We welcome Melvyn to the team, who put in a solid performance last week to help secure a 10-0 victory over Wokingham Methodists 'A' team.



Division 2
Kingfisher E
Gwynne Penny

It continues to be a mixed season for us with two wins and two losses in the last few weeks and we are currently half-way down the league table. Right now it looks very much like a 3-horse race at the top between Nomads C, SportsAble A and Kingfisher D, so a mid-table finish may well be the best we can aspire to at this stage. Our next match is against table leaders, Nomads C, so let's see what we can do.

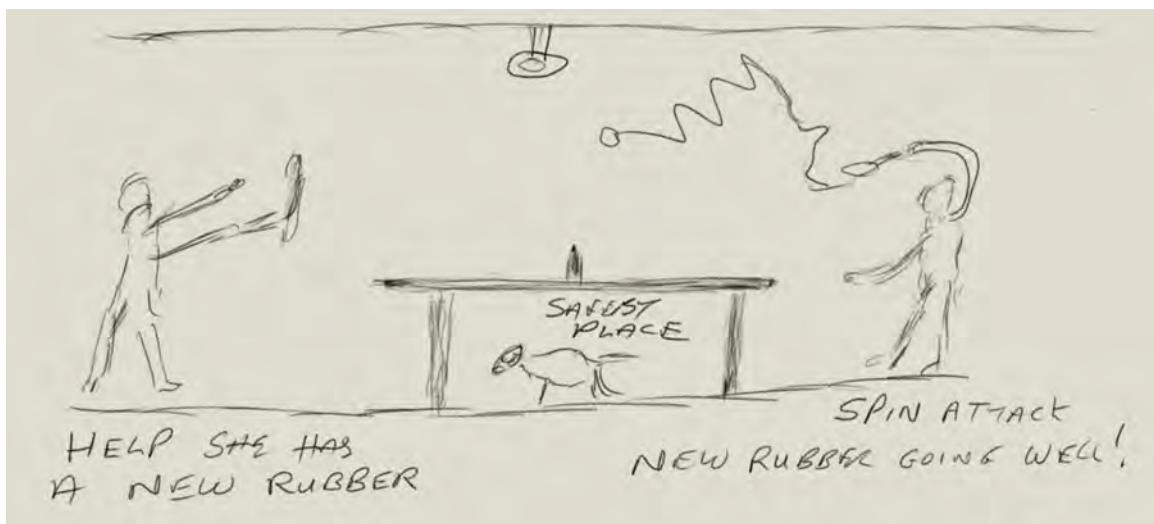
David Wells leads the way with a healthy average of 88.24% and 4 player of the match awards. Nigel has been a great reserve and provided cover on two occasions, winning all his matches in both cases. We welcome Raj Patel to the team as an additional reserve – Raj's daughter, Anaya is competing regularly at tournaments, and after his first match with us, Raj said that it was good experience for him to play in a competitive situation to help him better understand some of the pressures that she faces.

Wishing everyone a happy festive season and I look forward to the next half – whatever happens in the league table I know we will get some great table tennis!

A Serving of Sneakles



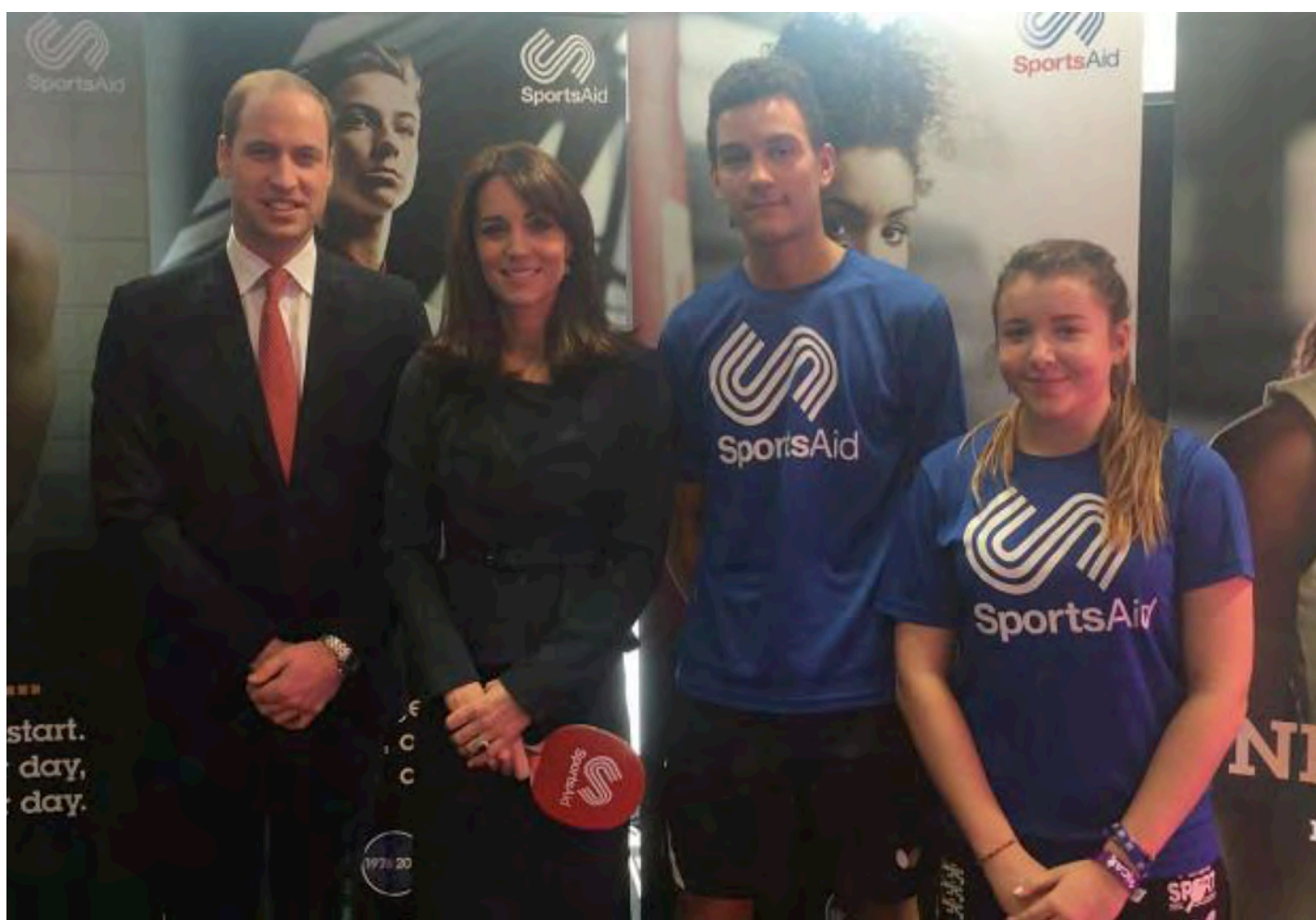
Sneakles had a bit of help with the inspiration for this cartoon. In early December I visited my parents on the Isle of Wight, and whilst there, I showed my Dad how to draw on the iPad – the above cartoon is based on what he drew – and here is the original. Not bad for someone who has never picked up an iPad before, and only spent about 20 minutes drawing!



Spotted on Social Media

Top prize for being spotted on Social Media has to go to Marcus Giles. Marcus took part in a SportsAid event earlier in December which found him teaming up alongside the Duchess of Cambridge in a doubles match against the Duke of Cambridge, who was partnered by Denise Payet.

Marcus was quoted as saying: "It was an honour playing with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. They were both pretty good and we managed to get a few decent rallies going. The Duchess asked me about my table tennis career, how I started and the support SportsAid give to me."



Read the full story here:

http://www.wandsworthguardian.co.uk/sport/14135006.Table_Tennis__Kingston_s_Marcus_Giles_knocks_up_with_the_Duchess_of_Cambridge/

And Finally....

Whilst compiling this edition of the newsletter I was reminded how lucky I am to belong to such a great club, and to participate in such a super sport. Kingfisher's reach extends well beyond the walls of our clubhouse, with members travelling nationally and internationally to represent our sport. It doesn't matter whether you are 11 years old or 80 years old, table tennis brings amazing opportunities to meet people and stay active. Whatever your goals are for the coming year, I hope that you achieve them. Good luck with your table tennis, enjoy it and I hope to see you at the club soon!

Gwynne



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Bracknell League Web Site:

<http://www.bwdtta.co.uk>

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What do you think?

Remember, this is YOUR newsletter, so please do let me know if there is something that you would like to see included.

Please send any articles that you would like me to include in the next edition via email at:

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