



Edition 90, December 2016

Kingfisher Hosts the British League

Welcome to Kingfisher News

In this edition we start with a very important issue:
The Future of our Club – please make sure that you take a moment to read about this on page 2.

We have reached the half-way point of the season, and Kingfisher teams in the local league, and representing the club in the British League have been busy.

Congratulations to 12-year old Jamie Liu, who is currently ranked Number 1 in England in the Under 15 category!

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

Gwynne Penny, Editor



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Introduction



The Club continues to buzz under the current management. Lots of activity taking place and plenty in the pipeline. The first half of the season is nearly over and I'm sure many of our members are looking forward to a small break to recharge the batteries and to re-enter the fray with vigour after Xmas.

At the last committee meeting a couple of weeks ago, our main item covered our concerns over the lack of people coming forward and showing an interest in helping with the workload of running the Club, particularly as there are many important positions to be filled at the next AGM. Our busy newsletter editor has included here an excellent article spelling out in no uncertain terms what this could mean if we fail to find solutions. I'm sure nobody wants to see the Club struggle, so we must resolve these issues. There is lots of friendly help and advice to hand and everyone can only do their best. We work harmoniously as one big team all helping each other.

If you feel that you would like to discuss any matter 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.

Finally, may I wish you and your families and friends, a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Colin Dyke,
Chairman

The Future of our Club

By Gwynne Penny

If you care about the future of our club, read on...

As we come to the end of the year, this is traditionally a time for taking a few moments to look back at the year departing and look forward to the next year.

In the course of putting together this edition of Kingfisher News, my research took me into the newsletter archives and beyond.... all the way back to the time before our club was formed. The story of our club is a remarkable achievement, and the fact that we are due to celebrate our **30th year** as Kingfisher TTC in 2017 will be a major milestone.

This has been made possible by a small group of volunteers, who from the start have ensured the smooth running of the club through good times and bad.

The club has seen many hard fought matches, hours of intense practice and has brought together people from all walks of life, of all ages, that would perhaps otherwise have never crossed paths.

On Wednesday 24 May 2017, the club will hold it's 30th AGM, at which there will be several key positions in the club becoming vacant, including the following, without which **our cherished club could simply cease to function effectively**.

These include:

- Chairman
- Treasurer
- General Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Coaching Officer
- Table Tennis England Membership Contact
- Guest Fee Administrator

Therefore, I kindly ask that every single member of the club consider how you can help.

If more people would come forward as volunteers, then the various jobs that keep our club running smoothly could be split over a larger number of members, so that no one person is burdened with hours and hours of administration.

Over the next few months, the current committee will be exploring all the options available to resolve this situation, but we need YOUR help.

If you do care about our club, and want it to continue into the future, I urge you to seriously consider how you can help, and take the first step by talking to any member of the committee - before it is too late.

British League Roundup

By Peter Charters

Kingfisher has three teams in the Senior British League; one in the Women's British League (WBL) and one in the Junior British League (JBL). All players involved have to be members of Kingfisher.

Kingfisher have been staging the matches in the division in which our 2nd team are playing this season. The matches on 11th December were at the half way point of the season.

Kingfisher I in the Championship Division, have played their first two weekends at Cippenham and are in a mid-table position, comprising Marcus Giles, Dave Barr, Daniel Basterfield and Maria Tsaptsinos. Either Hari Gehlot or Elson Costa have filled in at number four in the team on a couple of occasions.

The first team will now play at BATTS in Harlow for the rest of the season. Kingfisher III will continue to play at Cippenham.

After the first of two weekends of JBL in Derby, the Kingfisher youngsters are in a good position for promotion to Division One. Jamie Liu had a 100% record, followed by Reece Chamdal on 75%, Josh Gallen and Sam Liu on 50%. The second weekend is in January.

The WBL team of Anaya Patel, Gwynne Penny and Sue Purton have gained valuable experience in this their first season at this level. Promotion is unlikely but it is good to have a Kingfisher team represented in the WBL.



Anaya Patel and Hari Gehlot representing Kingfisher II (Joshua Gallen umpiring) against Technology 23 (Tony Reynolds and Steve Murgatroyd) – Photo courtesy of Sonia Gallen.

SBL Championship

By David Barr
September, 2016

September 10th and 11th saw the commencement of the Kingfisher I Campaign in the newly formed Championship Division of the Senior British League. The team consisted of The Ageing Chopper (David Barr), The New Boy (Daniel Masterfield), The Uptown Girl (Maria Tsaptsinos) and Hariiii!

Saturday was very much a “baptism of fire” playing a very strong former Premiership side, London Academy. Although various members of the team won games and some matches went to 5 we were unable to win a match resulting in an 8-0 defeat. The afternoon against Urban was not a lot better – again against an extremely strong side. Some matches were much closer in the 5th with Daniel having three match points in one of them but unfortunately we still ended up with an 8-0 defeat. By Saturday evening, therefore, we had successfully secured bottom place in the Division!

Sunday saw a revitalised side with Hari being called up for the second team and replaced by young Marcus Giles who only seems to have grown about an inch over the Summer! The first game on Sunday morning saw us playing Glasgow II. Having all eaten pasta the night before and had an early night we were raring to go, the outcome being we had a comfortable 7-1 win which meant the Captain felt a little more at ease as he had his usual cup of tea and piece of cake between matches. The afternoon saw us play against local rivals Cippenham. This was always going to be a tough encounter. Things didn't start well with young Josh Bennett beating David Barr 11-9 in the 5th in the first match. However the rest of the team were unshaken and all won their matches to give Kingfisher a 3-1 lead at half time. Cippenham then clawed the match back to 3-3 before a second win from Maria clinched the draw and a win in the final match gave us a very close 5-3 victory and a much needed further 2 points.

With the men all winning one match each and Maria taking her two she saved the day for us. Probably a good thing Maria has now gone back up to Nottingham as no doubt she would have been unbearable at training the following Thursday!










So we end up having played four : won 2 and lost 2. Everyone put in maximum effort and were all a credit to the club.

British League Tables – Kingfisher I

Tables > Seniors 2016-17 > Championship

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SR	GR	Points
1	Urban 1	8	7	1	0	5.40	2.49	15
2	Nottingham Sycamore 1	8	6	2	0	4.33	2.69	14
3	London Academy I	9	6	2	1	3.50	1.93	14
4	Drumchapel Glasgow II	9	2	2	5	0.47	0.62	6
5	Kingfisher I	9	3	0	6	0.41	0.61	6
6	Wymondham	8	2	1	5	0.45	0.57	5
7	Cippenham I	9	0	0	9	0.24	0.41	0
Last Updated: 11 Dec 2016								

Results

Opposition	Fixture	Date	Score	Points	Player Of The Match	Card
Urban 1	Home	11/12/2016	0 - 8	0	Attila Koszo	
Drumchapel Glasgow II	Home	11/12/2016	3 - 5	0	Tao Shi	
Nottingham Sycamore 1	Away	13/11/2016	8 - 0	0		
London Academy I	Away	13/11/2016	8 - 0	0		
Wymondham	Home	12/11/2016	6 - 2	+2		
Drumchapel Glasgow II	Away	11/09/2016	1 - 7	+2		
Cippenham I	Home	11/09/2016	5 - 3	+2		
London Academy I	Home	10/09/2016	0 - 8	0		
Urban 1	Away	10/09/2016	8 - 0	0	Attila Koszo	

British League Tables – Kingfisher I

Championship > Kingfisher I

Last Fixture

Drumchapel Glasgow II
Home
3 - 5 (Lost)

Next Fixture

Cippenham I
Away
18 Mar 2017

Form Guide

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League Performance



Match Players

Name	Played	Win %	POM Awards	Form
David Barr	18	27.78 %	0	1 0 0 0 1 1
Maria Tsaptsinos	14	42.86 %	0	0 0 2 2 2 0
Marcus Giles	14	35.71 %	0	1 0 0 0 2 1
Daniel Basterfield	12	33.33 %	0	1 0 1 2 0 0
Elson Costa	8	0.00 %	0	0 0 0 0
Hari Gehlot	6	16.67 %	0	1 0 0

Kingfisher II



Sam Liu, Hari Gehlot, Anaya Patel and Joshua Gallen
(photo courtesy of Angela Liu)











British League Tables – Kingfisher II

Tables > Seniors 2016-17 > National B-3

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SR	GR	Points
1	Ravenscroft I	10	9	1	0	3.30	1.94	19
2	Fusion II	10	9	1	0	2.57	1.86	19
3	Kingfisher II	10	4	1	5	0.92	0.91	9
4	BATTS III	10	3	3	4	0.85	0.94	9
5	York Gardens II	10	3	2	5	0.94	1.06	8
6	23 Technology	10	4	0	6	0.64	0.70	8
7	Finsbury	10	2	2	6	0.61	0.72	6
8	Ellenborough	10	0	2	8	0.47	0.64	2

Last Updated: 13 Dec 2016

Results

Opposition	Fixture	Date	Score	Points	Player Of The Match	Card
BATTS III	Away	11/12/2016	6 - 4	0	Tony Halling	
23 Technology	Home	11/12/2016	4 - 6	0	Joshua Gallen	
Finsbury	Home	13/11/2016	7 - 3	+2	Joshua Gallen	
Ellenborough	Home	13/11/2016	7 - 3	+2	Hari Gehlot	
York Gardens II	Away	12/11/2016	7 - 3	0	Andrew Smith	
Fusion II	Away	12/11/2016	7 - 3	0	Joseph Hee	
23 Technology	Away	11/09/2016	3 - 7	+2	Jamie Liu	
Ravenscroft I	Home	11/09/2016	2 - 8	0	Oliver Langlois	
Ellenborough	Away	10/09/2016	4 - 6	+2	Jamie Liu	
BATTS III	Home	10/09/2016	5 - 5	+1	Tony Halling	

British League Tables – Kingfisher II

National B-3 > Kingfisher II

Last Fixture

23 Technology
Home
4 - 6 (Lost)

Next Fixture

Ravenscroft I
Away
18 Mar 2017

Form Guide

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League Performance



Match Players

Name	Played	Win %	POM Awards	Form
Joshua Gallen	20	40.00 %	2	2 0 1 2 0 1
Sam Liu	18	38.89 %	0	0 2 1 1 1 1
Reece Chamdal	14	64.29 %	0	1 1 1 1 1 2
Hari Gehlot	12	75.00 %	1	1 1 2 2 1 2
Jamie Liu	8	75.00 %	2	1 2 1 2
Yonatan Slobodskoy	4	0.00 %	0	0 0
Anaya Patel	4	0.00 %	0	0 0











British League Tables – Kingfisher III

Tables > Seniors 2016-17 > National C-5

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SR	GR	Points
1	Cardiff City III	10	8	1	1	2.33	1.63	17
2	Haywards Heath I	10	7	1	2	1.63	1.50	15
3	Kingfisher III	10	7	1	2	1.27	1.23	15
4	Cippenham II	10	6	1	3	1.56	1.51	13
5	Ashford II	10	4	2	4	0.85	0.91	10
6	Fusion III	10	3	1	6	0.75	0.74	7
7	Okehampton Oilers	10	1	1	8	0.52	0.56	3
8	Haywards Heath II	10	0	0	10	0.39	0.56	0

Last Updated: 11 Dec 2016

Results

Opposition	Fixture	Date	Score	Points	Player Of The Match	Card
Ashford II	Away	11/12/2016	4 - 6	+2		
Okehampton Oilers	Home	11/12/2016	7 - 3	+2		
Cippenham II	Home	13/11/2016	6 - 4	+2		
Cardiff City III	Home	13/11/2016	3 - 7	0		
Haywards Heath II	Home	12/11/2016	6 - 4	+2		
Haywards Heath I	Away	12/11/2016	4 - 6	+2		
Okehampton Oilers	Away	11/09/2016	3 - 7	+2		
Fusion III	Away	11/09/2016	4 - 6	+2	Zayd Mauthoor	
Cardiff City III	Away	10/09/2016	6 - 4	0		
Ashford II	Home	10/09/2016	5 - 5	+1		

British League Tables – Kingfisher III

National C-5 > Kingfisher III

Last Fixture

Okehampton Oilers
Home
7 - 3 (Win)

Next Fixture

Fusion III
Home
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Form Guide

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League Performance



Match Players

Name	Played	Win %	POM Awards	Form
Yeqin Zeng	16	68.75 %	0	1 2 2 1 1 1
Eric Van Looy	16	56.25 %	0	1 0 1 2 1 2
Yonatan Slobodskoy	14	57.14 %	0	1 1 0 2 2 1
Rob Gladstone	14	21.43 %	0	1 1 0 0 1 0
Eduard Caliman	12	58.33 %	0	1 1 1 1 1 2
Harry Munro	4	75.00 %	0	2 1
Elson Costa	4	50.00 %	0	1 1

Junior British League

By Cookie Liu

The Kingfisher Junior Boys team played their first of two weekends of the Junior British League at Derby Arena on 20th and 21st October. On the first day, all four players (Josh Gallen, Jamie Liu, Reece Chamdal and Sam Liu) contributed to an excellent start with a dominant display of attacking table-tennis to leave the team with a 6-0 and 5-1 win over Ulster and Lillington respectively to put Kingfisher top of their league after two rounds in the third tier of JBL.

The team's ambitions were dented by Halton where Kingfisher went down with a 4-2 defeat but Reece Chamdal took two and held on for his brace against Kier Morton and Harry Watson. At the start of day 2, Coach Dan Basterfield gave Kingfisher the team talk that it needed ahead of a tough encounter against the Irish Boys. It worked. Josh and Jamie both took two together with one from Reece to seal a comfortable 5-1 victory.



Joshua Gallen, Sam Liu, Jamie Liu, Reece Chamdal and coach, Daniel Basterfield

It was a nail-biting finish to the weekend when a fifth-set win from Jamie against Nick Keast put Kingfisher 3-2 up against Market Rasen with one match to play. Unfortunately Reece could not convert that advantage and was narrowly edged out by Dylan Curry in the fifth and Kingfisher had to share the spoils 3-3 with Market Rasen. That left Kingfisher in third place of six, but within two points from the league leaders Halton.

The objective for the team at the final weekend is clear: to win promotion by winning the league. It will be tough but the team is ready for the challenge.

Final results: Jamie Liu (100% from 8 matches), Reece Chamdal (75% from 8), Josh Gallen (50% from 10) and Sam Liu (50% from 4).

Junior British League

Junior British League Kingfisher Boys

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Tables > Junior Boys 2016-17 > Boys Division 2B

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	GF	GA	PF	PA	Points
1	Halton	5	4	1	0	22	8	75	38	1141	962	9
2	Market Rasen	5	3	2	0	21	9	71	45	1114	968	8
3	Kingfisher TTC	5	3	1	1	21	9	74	45	1178	1026	7
4	Irish Boys	5	2	0	3	14	16	58	55	1092	1051	4
5	Lillington TTC	5	1	0	4	7	23	34	79	923	1121	2
6	Ulster	5	0	0	5	5	25	30	80	800	1120	0

Last Updated: 23 Oct 2016

Junior British League

Boys Division 2B > Kingfisher TTC

Last Fixture

Market Rasen
Away
3 - 3 (Drawn)

Form Guide

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League Performance



Match Players

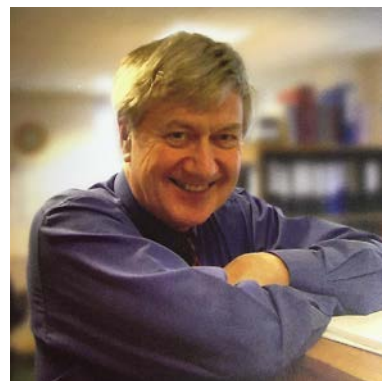
Name	Played	Win %	Form
Joshua Gallen	10	50.00%	0 2 0 1 2
Jamie Liu	8	100.00%	2 2 2 2
Reece Chamdal	8	75.00%	1 1 2 2
Sam Liu	4	50.00%	0 2

Results

Opposition	Fixture	Date	Score	Points	Card
Irish Boys	Home	23/10/2016	5 - 1	+2	
Market Rasen	Away	23/10/2016	3 - 3	+1	
Ulster	Home	22/10/2016	6 - 0	+2	
Lillington TTC	Away	22/10/2016	1 - 5	+2	
Halton	Home	22/10/2016	2 - 4	0	

Remembering Mike Harris

Last month, we received the sad news that former Kingfisher member, Mike Harris, sadly passed away at home, peacefully with his family on Friday 21st October. A celebration of his life was held at Canford Cemetery & Crematorium in Bristol on Monday 7th November, 2016. Mike served as Treasurer and General Secretary of Woodley Club before it merged with Omega to form Kingfisher 30 odd years ago and also played many seasons for Berkshire Vets teams. In recent years Mike and family moved away to the Bristol area and he played in the local league there for some while.



Peter Bradley

“Mike was in my YMCA Vets British League team for many years playing alongside Bob Davis, Dave Streak and myself. We played in the inaugural weekend of the VBL. His company, Tokyu World Transport, sponsored our team with a team kit. I also played in the Swindon league with Mike and he sometimes picked my up in an armour-plated, bullet proof windowed company car!”

Allan Bruton

“Mike was for many years a regular veteran player for the Berkshire veteran teams, he and Coral moved down to the Bristol area a few years ago but he continued to support the county teams and play as and when he could. There came time however when poor health made it difficult for him to continue and so his Berkshire county career came to an end. I did call in to visit in 2013 and he was visibly better at that time than he had been and I believe he was then starting to play again in his home area. Mike played in 147 count matches for Berkshire with just short of 50 percent success rate. The team upstairs has another star in it’s side.”

Roger Woolven-Allen

“Mike Harris, who, for a very long time, was a member of the R&DTTA in general and the Kingfisher TTC in particular, has, sadly, passed away. Not only was Mike a stalwart member of Kingfisher but, in the days of membership numbers, he held the enviable number 007! Mike moved to the Bristol area quite a few years ago.”

Bristol Table Tennis League, 27th October:

The following notice is taken from the Bristol Table Tennis League news feed, written by Dave Grounsell: “It is with great sadness that I have to inform you of the death of my very good friend Mike Harris. Mike played for Portishead TTC for a number of years after moving from Reading. He had played table tennis in Reading for many years. Mike was a great player, super team mate and had a wonderful sense of humour. I shall miss his smile and company.”

Remembering Mike Harris

1993 – Grouping Tournament prior to the 93/94 season (By Roger Woolven-Allen) from the newsletter archive:

“Mike Harris emerged the winner of the four-player Group 6, beating his Berkshire “Zimmer-frame” colleague, John Morris in a deciding third game. “ “In group 2, Bela Hegedus lost an exciting three-game set to the ever-improving Hari Gehlot while sidespin maestro Trevor Organ, a last-minute substitute for Mike Harris (who dared to arrive four minutes late and was consequently and rightly booted out of the tournament) took third spot.”

From Roger’s Ramblings, Newsletter Archive:

“Mike Harris, Geoff Davis and I had a little knock the other day. Mike and Geoff were actually playing when the ball struck Mike’s bat and fell with a ‘plop’ to the floor. “It hit my floppy bit,” explained Mike, “ part of the pimpled rubber is lifting.” “In other words,” quoth Geoff, “you’ve got pimples on your floppy bit.” “That’s right,” agreed Mike.

Reading League Record:

Derek Harrison, Chairman of the Reading & District Table Tennis Association has very kindly provided the following data about Mike’s 1979-1994 season record, spanning 11 years in the Reading league:

Season 79/80 Woodley B in 4 E.Holmes R.Vickers, M.Hayes ,M.Harris
Season 80/81 Woodley B in 2 R.Pritchard Miss A Burke V.Harding M.Harris Miss T Vallis
Season 81/82 Woodley C in 3 V.Harding M.Harris C.Kemp T Vallis
Season 82/83 Woodley B in 2 M.Harris M.Hayes E. Holmes R.Pritchard
Season 86/87 Woodley B in 1 R.Pritchard M.Harris M.Adams
Season 87/88 Kingfisher C in 1 M.Harris S.Montgomery M.Adams A Foster
Season 88/89 Kingfisher B in 1 M.Harris B.Holiday J.Morris B.Hegedus
Season 89/90 Kingfisher B in 1 J.Morris B. Holiday S.Montgomery J.Glew M Harris
Season 90/91 Kingfisher D in 1 C.Dyke J.Morris B.Holiday M.Harris A.Cummings T.Organ
Season 91/92 Kingfisher B in 1 H.Gehlot R.Gehlot M. Adams B.Hegedus M.Harris J.Morris
Season 93/94 Kingfisher D in 1 L.Conlon C.Dyke T.Organ M.Harris

Season 79/80 Mike had an average of 74% in 4a
Season 81/82 average 67% in 2

Champion, by Paul Butters

The following poem formed part of the celebration of the life of Mike Harris:

Champion

With swirling serves and
 Arcing,
 Lashing loops,
The Table Tennis King
 Of spin,
 Attacks his foe.
In gladiatorial combat
 He reigns supreme,
Sweeping and swirling,
 Smashing,
And feather-touching,
 That gyrating ball.
For many hours he's trained and sweated,
 Perfecting skills from very youthful days.
He started in the youthie playing "Ping-Pong",
 To rise, a phoenix, from the local flames.
 His coaches now sit very proudly,
 Having made him sweat and toil.
With all that stamina-work behind him,
 No way will he go off the boil.
At last he stands victorious,
 Having made that final kill.
There is no game like Table Tennis,
And winning's such a glorious thrill!



Berkshire Closed Tournament



19th and 20th November, 2016

Royal Berkshire County Table Tennis Association Closed Championships

By Allan Bruton,
Tournament Organiser

Veteran singles

There were initially 17 entries with 2 dropping out on the day due to health issues so the remaining 15 took to the tables with a fairly wide range of abilities in groups which ensured that all players got more than a single game for their entry fee.

The anticipated top 8 players fought their way to the quarter finals with Messrs. Adams, Cole, Baker and Gehlot then proceeding to the semi's. Both semi's were hard fought but the top 2 seeds Martin Adams and Hari Gehlot won through to contest the final. This was a very entertaining final and a 1-0 1-1 2-1 2-2 through to the fifth and final game match where Hari Gehlot managed to seal the last leg by the minimum 2 points necessary, a good advert for any age group of table tennis.



Under 21 singles

There was a disappointing 6 entries for this competition, so 2 groups of 3 where the the top 2 from each group went through to the semi-finals. Yonatan Slobodskoy and Joe Barraclough in one and in the other Sam Ricks and Johnson Xu. The final was contested between Yonatan and Sam with Sam coming out a comfortable winner in 3 sets.



Mens singles

With the same number on entries (17) as the veterans not a well-supported category but once again , at least, a smattering of lower division standard players who I am pleased to say did at least enjoy their matches. Again we saw the anticipated top 8 players contesting the quarter finals where the first shock took place, the number 3 seed Hari Gehlot taken out by Sam Ricks in 4 sets. The semi finals were contested between Daniel Moses and Sam Ricks and Ian Cole with Martin Adams the top 2 seeds. The final produced some very good table tennis even though it was a straight sets victory to Daniel Moses but another superb example of quality Table tennis in our local area.



Berkshire Closed Tournament

Graded Singles

A smaller entry than the previous year and with 2 dropping out on the day it didn't help matters, nevertheless the remaining 10 entrants did battle to reach the semi-finals, there were some well fought matches in these early group stages with some 5 setters and others over 4 sets so some well contested matches. The semi's saw Celia Hooker take on Zoltan Kelemen and Tamir Slobodskoy face Wendy Porter. The Hooker / Kelemen semi was a nip and tuck affair through to the fifth game when suddenly Zoltan surged ahead to take himself to the final where he faced Wendy Porter who had a straight sets victory over Tamir. The final was a good match but Wendy proved to be just too strong for Zoltan.



Ladies Singles

With an initial 8 entries only, we started with 2 groups of 4 but with one dropping out at the start. The top 2 in each group went through to contest the semi's with Liz Bookman facing Celia Hooker and Sue Purton facing Wendy Porter. Liz and Sue came through to the final which was a straight sets victory to Liz Bookman but not without some opposition from Sue.



Mens Doubles

There were 3 groups of 3 pairs in this competition, small in numbers but not in ability. As there was only 3 groups the final was contested as a group with the 3 group winners going through. Most of the first round group matches went to 4 legs so there were no real easy matches for any pair but the winners were Martin Adams and Ian Cole, Steve Miller and Antony Baker and Hari Gehlot and Mark Banks. In the final group the Gehlot / Banks pairing proved to be too strong for both other pairs and were the overall winners with Adams / Cole in second place.



Mixed Doubles

This final event saw 8 pairs from an original entry of nine take to the battlefield in 3 groups but as with the men's doubles the 3 group winners would contest a final group of 3. This event is usually a great leveller and in this case was indeed so. There were a few, but only a few, one sided matches but in the main it was a well contested event. The final three pairs were Wendy Porter/Daniel Moses, Gwynne Penny/Martin Adams and Liz Bookman/ Hari Gehlot. Overall this was a well fought final group with well-matched pairs giving those who stayed on to see the final events some good table tennis to watch but in the end the winners and retaining their 2015/2016 title were Wendy Porter and Daniel Moses.

Berkshire Closed Tournament

Ladies Doubles

This was a small but very competitive group who played in one group of 4, so all played all and as a category, overall, was probably the most hard fought and evenly matched competition of the day. The winners were Liz Bookman and Louise Forster beating Celia Hooker and Jenny Tanner into second place. There was some great table tennis from these ladies.

A very small entry to what should be a premier local tournament, but my thanks as organiser to those who did enter and my thanks again for your thanks to me on the day, it makes the work worthwhile.



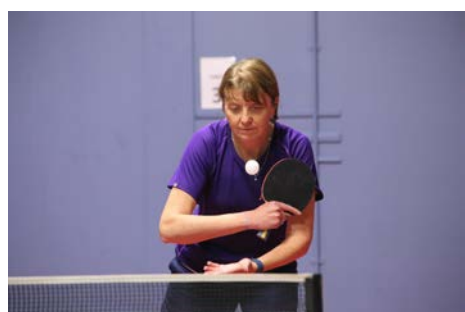
Event	Winners	Runners Up
Veterans Singles	Hari Gehlot	Martin Adams
Under 21's	Sam Ricks	Yonatan Slobodskoy
Men's Singles	Daniel Moses	Martin Adams
Graded Singles	Wendy Porter	Zoltan Kelemen
Ladies Singles	Liz Bookman	Sue Purton
Men's Doubles	Hari Gehlot/Mark Banks	Martin Adams/Ian Cole
Ladies Doubles	Liz Bookman/Louise Forster	Celia Hooker/Jenny Tanner

Berkshire Closed Championships in Pictures

A selection of photos by Didier Garcon. For more visit Didier's gallery [here](#).



Berkshire Closed Championships in Pictures



At the Vets Midlands Masters



By James Johnson

Having returned to table tennis a few years ago, I set myself a target of entering the European or World Veterans over 80 singles competition in 2019.

In understanding that general fitness will play an important part of my being able to achieve my goal, I decided to work out in a gym three times a week using light weights and a treadmill as well as playing on the Friday morning practice session at the Kingfisher club premises.

Certainly practicing with players like Allan Bruton and Peter Bradley has helped with my game and I decided to enter the Vets Midland Masters Tournament held at Wolverhampton on Saturday 15th October 2016.

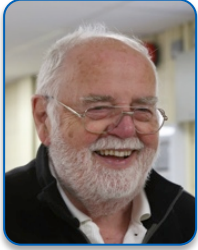
I was entered in the over 70's section and we played in groups of 4. My opponents were Sid Montgomery (seeded 8), Geoff Bax (2012 over 80's World Champion) and John Ashbrook. Although Sid was too good for me, I did manage to beat John and had very close games with Geoff.

Once my session had finished, I met up with our Peter Bradley who was also playing in the over 70's. Another one of our members at the tournament was Mark Banks who I decided to watch playing in his group, which he won.

Unfortunately, I was unable to stay for the rest of the tournament, but on the journey back whilst thinking about my performance, I did feel that my table tennis was improving and certainly the win over John Ashbrook has given me encouragement to continue to keep practicing even harder.

Well done James! – keep up the good work, and maybe I will see you at the Vets Southern Masters in February? Gwynne

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:



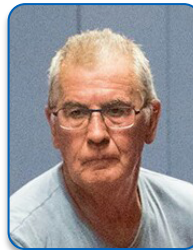
Mick Mitcham

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



Sandra Shepherd

- Membership Secretary
- Tees Sport Agent



Rick Leachman

- Facilities Officer
- Website Manager



Richard Fifield

- Assistant Treasurer:



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

Season's Greetings from the Tuesday Club!!



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.

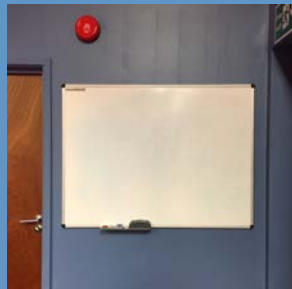
The committee runs on a friendly basis with each member assisting others where possible. By next season we will also have a full set of job specifications to help members (particularly new ones) to understand their roles and provide guidance. Help is always to hand.

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.



Save yourself a wasted journey to the club!

The committee would like to remind members to check the club calendar prior to visiting the club to practice, to avoid disappointment. The calendar is available to download as a PDF from our website, and is regularly posted on the noticeboard in the social 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

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.

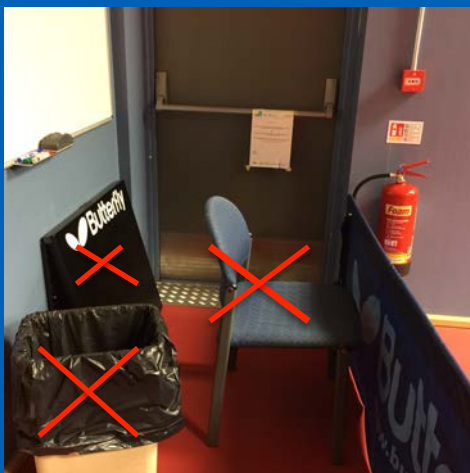
First Aid

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.



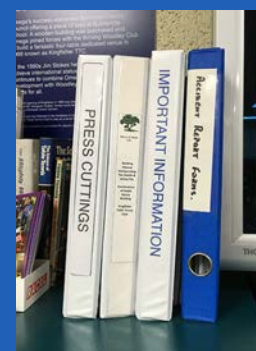
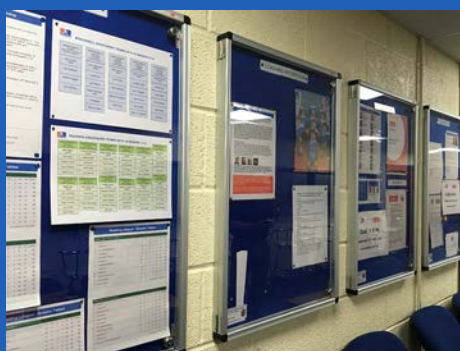
Contact Sandra Shepherd for details.

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".



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 table measures 2.74m (9ft) long, 1.525 M (5ft) wide and 76cm (2.5ft) high.

The surface can be made of any continuous material, as long as the table yields a uniform bounce of about 23 cm (9.1in) when a standard ball is dropped onto it from a height of 30 cm (11.8 in)



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



10 December, 2016. As we reach the half-way point of the season, it's time to reflect on how the first half has gone and prepare for the second half.

Division 1 – Our Kingfisher teams in this division all benefited from a new lineup this year, and so far it seems to be paying off with our A, B and C teams currently dominating the top 4 places in division 1, and our 'A' team is in a good position to challenge OLOP 'A' for the top slot in the second half. Kingfisher 'D' have performed well in a tough division and although in the bottom half, should be able to stay clear of the relegation zone all being well. In Division 2 there have been mixed fortunes, with Kingfisher 'F' and 'G' dominating the top of the table. Considering that the 'G' team came up from Division 3 last season, this is a superb performance by Melvyn's team so far. Kingfisher 'E' have unfortunately been struggling with injury/availability and are currently at risk in 10th place, but hopefully will fare better in the second half. In Division 3, there is very little difference in points between the top 7 teams, which includes Kingfisher 'I', 'H' and 'J' and any one of them could challenge Tidmarsh 'C' and Pangbourne WMC 'B' in the second half to edge into promotion contention. In Division 4, Kingfisher 'K' are currently in 9th place and will need to work hard to avoid the risk of relegation. In Division 5, Kingfisher 'L' have had a great first half and are currently sitting in 2nd place, just 3 points behind OLOP 'F'.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our Reading teams good health, enjoy the festive season and good luck for the second half.

Reminder: **Reading Individual Handicap Competition** takes place on Saturday 21st January, 2017 at Kingfisher. Registration is online via a Doodle Poll here: <http://doodle.com/poll/77pddnq9fx7z86c9>
Organiser: Wendy Porter.

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	Our Lady Of Peace A	9	7	1	1	66	24	15
2	Kingfisher A	7	6	1	0	55	15	13
3	Kingfisher B	8	6	0	2	55	25	12
4	Kingfisher C	8	5	0	3	54	26	10
5	Our Lady Of Peace B	7	4	0	3	41	29	8
6	Sonning Common and Peppard A	6	4	0	2	29	31	8
7	Kingfisher D	8	3	0	5	28	52	6
8	Tidmarsh A	7	2	0	5	31	39	4
9	Reading YMCA	8	0	0	8	14	66	0
10	Sonning Common and Peppard B	8	0	0	8	7	73	0

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Tables > Senior 2016-17 > Division 2

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Points
1	Kingfisher F	10	9	1	0	67	33	19
2	Kingfisher G	10	8	1	1	70	30	17
3	Sonning Common And Peppard E	10	6	1	3	55	45	13
4	Curzon Club A	9	5	2	2	48	42	12
5	Tidmarsh B	10	4	1	5	53	47	9
6	Our Lady Of Peace C	10	3	3	4	48	52	9
7	Sonning Common and Peppard D	9	4	1	4	38	52	9
8	Pangbourne WMC A	10	2	1	7	42	58	5
9	Sonning Common and Peppard C	9	2	1	6	39	51	5
10	Kingfisher E	9	2	1	6	35	55	5
11	Tilehurst Methodists A	10	1	1	8	35	65	3

Last Updated: 07 Dec 2016

Reading League Tables Division 3 & 4

Tables > Senior 2016-17 > Division 3

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Points
1	Tidmarsh C	10	6	2	2	62	38	14
2	Pangbourne WMC B	10	5	3	2	53	47	13
3	Kingfisher I	10	5	2	3	58	42	12
4	Kingfisher H	10	5	1	4	55	45	11
5	Milestone A	10	4	3	3	53	47	11
6	Springfield A	9	5	1	3	48	42	11
7	Kingfisher J	10	5	0	5	44	56	10
8	Tilehurst Methodists B	9	4	1	4	46	44	9
9	Sonning Sports A	10	4	1	5	42	58	9
10	Our Lady Of Peace D	10	3	1	6	52	48	7
11	Tilehurst Methodists C	10	0	1	9	27	73	1

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Tables > Senior 2016-17 > Division 4

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Points
1	Milestone B	9	7	2	0	59	31	16
2	Reading FC A - Community Trust	9	7	1	1	54	36	15
3	Springfield B	9	5	4	0	54	36	14
4	Curzon Club B	8	4	2	2	45	35	10
5	Tidmarsh D	9	4	1	4	49	41	9
6	Tilehurst Methodists D	10	4	1	5	49	51	9
7	Sonning Common and Peppard F	9	4	1	4	44	46	9
8	Tilehurst Methodists E	9	3	2	4	43	47	8
9	Kingfisher K	10	2	1	7	39	61	5
10	Curzon Club C	9	1	1	7	31	59	3
11	Our Lady Of Peace E	9	1	0	8	33	57	2

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Reading League Tables Division 5

Tables > Senior 2016-17 > Division 5

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Points
1	Our Lady of Peace F	11	8	1	2	70	40	17
2	Kingfisher L	11	6	2	3	63	47	14
3	Springfield D	10	6	1	3	49	51	13
4	Reading FC B - Biscuit Men	10	6	0	4	59	41	12
5	Springfield C	9	4	4	1	46	44	12
6	Tidmarsh E	11	5	1	5	56	54	11
7	Sonning Common And Peppard H	9	4	2	3	54	36	10
8	Sonning Sports B	10	4	2	4	47	53	10
9	BBC Club	10	2	4	4	46	54	8
10	Sonning Common and Peppard G	10	2	3	5	44	56	7
11	Reading FC C - Royals	9	2	1	6	39	51	5
12	Milestone C	10	0	1	9	27	73	1

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Reading League: Team Captain's Reports



Division 1 - Kingfisher A
Martin Adams, Captain

We should remain top of the league by a single point at the Christmas break, but have not had it all our own way.

A spirited performance from the C team earned them a 5-5 draw, with an inspired Tony Reynolds finally ending Martin Gunn's 100% record by winning 13-11 in the fifth after being 2-0 down, all in the final match of the evening. Marco Essomba, former international player, seems to be finding fine form since starting to play again, and took me out 3-0.

We must congratulate both Harry Munro and Yonatan Slobodskoy (OLOP B) for displaying a great attitude during a match that was effectively lost before they started. With just 2 players and the match already decided, they showed true spirit in trying hard and succeeding to win the doubles. Yonatan also became the closest to taking Gunny's 100% at the time, having led 2-1.

We will need to ensure we do not slip up in the second half if we are to become champions.

Merry Xmas from Martin, Martin, Mark, Justin and Richard.



Division 1 - Kingfisher B
Yeqin (Philip) Zeng

KF B reaches the third place in the Reading local league after the first half of the 2016-2017 season. All our four players contribute to the team victory. Hari keeps his top performance like always, Richard brings several important wins when needed, and Dmitry and Yeqin get improved with the help of Hari. Our team will keep getting better in the second half the season. Hopefully, we will bring more competition when we play with the top two teams in the league.

Reading League: Team Captain's Reports



Division 1 - Kingfisher C
Steve Murgatroyd

we're playing our last match of the first half tonight against Kingfisher A, but here is a summary of our season so far:

On the whole, Kingfisher C have had a reasonable first half, currently sitting in a respectable 4th place in the league (behind OLOP A, KF A & KF B) - a couple of results that particularly stick in the memory was a narrow 4-6 defeat by OLOP A where Marco & Tony were 2-0 up in our doubles before some Moses magic, and also a narrow 4-6 defeat by Sonning A, who were lead by an inspired maximum from an unplayable Gary Morgan.

Individual performances have overall been good, (before tonight's game) our player averages are:

Andrew Parker - 75% (playing tonight)
Marco Essomba - 70.59% (playing tonight)
Tony Reynolds - 70% (playing tonight)
Steve Murgatroyd - 50%
Stuart Williams & Rod Kay - 0%

For the second half I would like to see Marco and Tony weigh-in with a few more MOTM performances and perhaps upset "the big three" in our remaining matches. Parks has played well so far and is growing in confidence; hopefully he can get his unreturnable topspins firing consistently in the second half. On a personal note, I've had a poor first half and have been pretty inconsistent so far, so I hope to address that in the second half. Stuart and Rod need to play more games for us, so for them the second half will be about incorporating them where available so their club membership represents value and they can guide us to more points.

One noteworthy mention the team as a whole would like to make was the exceptional assistance provided by Gwynne Penny on the night of the OLOP A match, where Marco had registered for Kingfisher, but an oversight on my/his part meant he had not been registered for the league team - Gwynne dropped everything to get him registered at 7:20pm on the night, so massive thanks for doing that for us, it was very much appreciated.

Let's smash the second half of the season boys.

Steve Murgatroyd
aka Kingfisher C captain
aka KFP (Kung-Fu Panda)



Division 1 - Kingfisher D

Robert Gladstone

This first half of the season has been a mixed bag with some good wins over teams, who it would appear will be fighting relegation.

Our players have fought valiantly against the stronger sides, losing only by narrow margins, showing some great skills and ability. Of note, our star player Simon Vine has proved to be a great addition to the side, contributing a high percentage of wins in his matches especially against Peter Matthews. Simon showed some great skill against Peter with some fast, deadly counter attacks, whilst relentlessly going on the offensive where the opportunity arose.

Unfortunately during the last match against Tidmarsh, Calin Spicier had to pull out before the final game of the evening due to injury. Hopefully, Calin will be back in the New Year, fit and able in order to help us ensure survival in the top division.



Division 2 - Kingfisher E

Roger Woolven-Allen

Three holes in the ground. Well, well, well... Well, well, well; since my last report, which was very optimistic, things have not gone too well for Kingfisher E. We have managed to move from somewhere in the middle of the table to somewhere near the bottom. You'll probably think (with a certain amount of justification) that I am just making excuses but, to be fair, there is a very good reason for this sad state of affairs.

And that good reason? We have five players registered on our team – and four of them, through injury, are either unable to play at all or can only do so with a certain amount of difficulty. I shan't go into boring (and personal) details; suffice it that young Grant Wheatley is the only fit player in the squad – and his results verify this. He has finished the first half of the season with a very creditable personal average of 53%.

John Morris is our second highest scorer (with an average of 50%) but, for reasons that I simply cannot fathom out, John and Grant never manage to shine on the same night! Sometimes one of them wins three matches but, whenever this happens, the other wins just one, or even none at all.

I shan't mention the performances made by the rest of us; suffice it that we are not exactly being head-hunted by any Division 1 team!

But I can promise my team – and anyone else interested – that we are going to climb the Division 2 table with great speed. The other teams will have to beware. And, once again, there is a very good reason for this...

Kingfisher E has just "signed on" a new player. His name is Nikhil Kulkarni and his family originally hails from India. He is happy to be called "Nik". Now Hari Gehlot (you may have heard of him) tells me that Nik will make a very good Division 2 player – and if that is Hari's opinion, who am I to argue? Divisional Fixtures Secretary Barry Carter tells me that Nik will be ineligible to play in the return match against Tidmarsh B (Barry's own team) but we don't take any notice of him, do we?

And so Kingfisher E will go from somewhere near the bottom of the table to somewhere near the top, well before the end of the season. Go on, you lot that make up the opposition, prove me wrong.

Finally, I shortly have to leap out of the door bound for Allan Bruton's wonderful Yuletide bash, so I shall close by wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous and (most importantly of all) healthy New Year.

Reading League: Team Captain's Reports



Division 2
Kingfisher F
Allan Bruton

Currently having a good season and sitting at the top of the division, however there is a long way to go and the wheels can still fall off. Our rejigged team this season is gelling well and all are playing their part in the current success.



Division 2
Kingfisher G
Melvyn Lovegrove

I am well pleased with my Kingfisher G team - well placed in second place. It has been a great team effort by all that have played. We are hoping for promotion to Division 1.



Division 3
Kingfisher H
Willis Ma

As mentioned in the first report the team did not have a good start. However, players seem to settle in this level now and improved on performance.

Normally it would be quite clear by now which few teams might going up and which few teams might going down. But If you look at the Div 3 table, you will notice it is very tight and I have never seen anything like this before. That is all top 7 teams still have a good chance to go up and we are currently at 4th place. However, we could be in the relegation zone if we lost the next couple of matches. Hence, every match is still about survival although we are currently only 3 points behind the leaders.

Our next game will play against the leaders who whitewashed us at the beginning of the season. We will see whether we can beat them at home. We will have a chance of promotion if we can do it, otherwise, we hope to stay away from relegation.

Player performance:

Willis	15/17 (88%)
Igor	7/11 (64%)
Peter	10/18 (56%)
Jarek	10/18 (56%)
Alex	4/17 (24%)
Michael	0/6 (0%)

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Division 3
Kingfisher I
Mick Mitcham

Really closes top 7 teams with in 4 points (2 wins)
We are in 3rd place only 1 win from top.

Played 10 won 5 drawn 2 lost 3.

Eric played 27 won 20 (74%),

Carol played 15 won 11 (73.3%),

Steve played 21 won 14 (66.6%)

and Dave played 24 won 8 (33.3%).

Doubles Eric and Steve played 6 won 4 (66.6%).

Player of the match award Carol, Eric and Steve have all won 2 each.



Division 3
Kingfisher J
Didier Garcon (report by Nils Wedi)

Kingfisher J had a bit of a rough November with 4 losses in a row and a devastating 0:10 at OLOP, lack of pre-match preparation may be to blame here partly. However, thanks to the good start of the season we managed to just stay outside the relegation zone, and certainly hope to pick up on our last win in December against Tilehurst Methodists C (6:4). This was not secured until the end with Joaquin showing his nerves. Most notable however was Didier's epic match against Paul Treadgold. Already 0:2 down, Dids came back to 2:2 and was leading 10:9 to record his first league win, but the nerves kicked in and we had to postpone the promised champagne with 10:12 in the end. Nevertheless, well done Didier, we are looking forward to the next match.



Division 4
Kingfisher K
Gwynne Penny

Overall a disappointing first half of the season for the team, which sees us now in the same spot as the end of last season (3rd from the bottom). I am hopeful that we can pick up the pace in the new year and secure a few much needed wins. I think we can take heart from the fact that we are not too far off the mark, and we have had some close matches that could have gone either way, although a bit more team practice might just make the difference. Enjoy the festive season everyone!

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Division 5
Kingfisher L
Gill Bennett

At the beginning of December Kingfisher L were lying well, in second place in our division 5, having accumulated 14 points, but behind the leading OLOP F team on a lofty 17 points!

Of the 11 matches played we won 6, drew 2 and lost 3. The last match was a disappointing loss to us of 3-7, but we still enjoyed a good evening at the BBC, with close and interesting games, several going to 5 sets. That was probably our last away game at that particular venue, as the BBC are set to move into London.

Derek Crombie and I have played more regularly in the Bracknell League so far, and so the four team members who have kept up the scoring for us are Clive Gold, with the top scoring average of 95%, Ken Robb on 91.67%, David O'Keeffe on 83.33% and Meriel Low, with a 52.38% average.

With both the Reading competitions being knockout this year, we are no longer involved! We miss one of them, at least, starting with a round robin, filling up some of the "empty" competition weeks.

Bracknell League Update



10 December, 2016

As the first half of the season draws to a close Kingfisher teams in Bracknell appear to be doing pretty well for the most part. In the Premier division, Ivor's Kingfisher 'B' are sitting firmly at the top of the table with 8 out of 8 wins and 64 points. Kingfisher 'A' are in 3rd place right now, just one point behind Wokingham 'A'.

Division One sees Kingfisher 'C' in the top slot, just ahead of OLOP B by 3 points. Kingfisher 'D' have had a tough first half and are currently sitting in 6th place.

In Division Two the top of the table is being battled over by Nomads 'C' and Wokingham Methodist Church 'A', who are currently some 30 points ahead of Kingfisher 'E' in 3rd position.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our Bracknell teams good health, enjoy the festive season and good luck for the second half.

Upcoming Events:

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:

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BRACKNELL KINGFISHER TEAMS 2016-17 SEASON V1.5

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	John Simpson
Roger Woolven-Allen	Jeffrey Huggins	Peter Bennett	Dave Duncan	Guy De La Villesbrunne
Phil Mead	Nigel Keedy	Michael Houghton	David Wells	Derek Crombie
Richard Fifield		Gwynne Penny	John Liddle	
Trevor Organ		Luca Bianchi (reserve)		

Bracknell League Tables at 10 December 2016

Tables > Season 2016-17 > Premier

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	PA	Points
1	Kingfisher B	7	7	0	0	58	12	0	58
2	Kingfisher A	7	5	0	2	45	25	0	45
3	Wokingham A	7	4	0	3	42	28	0	42
4	Olop A	8	2	2	4	35	45	0	35
5	Nomads A	9	2	2	5	35	55	0	35
6	Braybrooke B	9	3	1	5	33	57	0	33
7	Braybrooke A	9	2	1	6	32	58	0	32

Last Updated: 07 Dec 2016

Tables > Season 2016-17 > Division 1

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	PA	Points
1	Kingfisher C	8	4	2	2	47	33	0	47
2	Wokingham B	8	4	2	2	46	34	0	46
3	Olop B	8	4	1	3	46	34	0	46
4	Braybrooke C	9	5	2	2	44	46	0	44
5	Wokingham C	9	4	0	5	41	49	0	41
6	Kingfisher D	7	1	3	3	34	36	0	34
7	Nomads B	9	2	0	7	32	58	0	32

Last Updated: 01 Dec 2016

Tables > Season 2016-17 > Division 2

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	PA	Points
1	Nomads C	10	8	1	1	78	22	0	78
2	Wokingham Methodist A	10	8	1	1	73	27	0	73
3	Kingfisher E	10	5	2	3	53	47	0	53
4	Sportsable A	9	3	2	4	48	42	0	48
5	Wokingham D	9	4	1	4	41	49	0	41
6	Wokingham Methodist B	9	3	2	4	37	53	0	37
7	Braybrooke D	10	2	1	7	31	69	0	31
8	Sportsable B	9	0	0	9	19	71	0	19

Last Updated: 07 Dec 2016

Bracknell Leading Averages at 2 December 2016

Individual Averages > Season 2016-17 > All Divisions				
Player	Team	Played	Won	% Win
Nigel Keedy	Kingfisher B	9	9	100.00 %
Melvyn Lovegrove (S)	Kingfisher C	3	3	100.00 %
Richard Fifield	Kingfisher A	12	11	91.67 %
Guy De La Villèsbrunne	Kingfisher E	23	21	91.30 %
Philip Mead	Kingfisher A	9	8	88.89 %
Ivor Hardman	Kingfisher B	17	14	82.35 %
Jeffrey Huggins	Kingfisher B	20	16	80.00 %
Melvyn Lovegrove	Kingfisher D	15	12	80.00 %
Gwynne Penny (S)	Kingfisher E	9	7	77.78 %
John Morris	Kingfisher A	4	3	75.00 %
Carol Byers	Kingfisher C	18	13	72.22 %
Peter Bennett	Kingfisher C	15	10	66.67 %
Luca Bianchi	Kingfisher C	3	2	66.67 %
John Willcocks	Kingfisher A	20	13	65.00 %
Allan Bruton	Kingfisher B	14	9	64.29 %
John Liddle	Kingfisher D	8	5	62.50 %
Displaying: 16 of 117 players			Last Updated: 07 Dec 2016	

Bracknell League Team Captain's Reports



Premier Division
Kingfisher A
John Willcocks

With the halfway point in the season approaching we find ourselves in second place in the league, well behind our B Team and with a few points to spare over third place Wokingham A. We have been disrupted a bit with injuries and unavailability and ended up finishing one match with only one player. As long as we are reasonably injury free for the rest of the season we should be able to clinch runners up spot but we are unlikely to be able to close the gap on the leaders.

Phil and Richard are leading the way and have only lost one match each. After a slow start to the season Trevor's form has picked up and he has had some good wins. John has not been able to play as much as he would have liked due to injury and unavailability but has played well in the matches he has played in. I had a very slow start to the season but have played much better in recent weeks.

We have struggled in the Howard Shield and had to concede one of the matches so we will find ourselves in the Plate after Christmas.



Premier Division
Kingfisher B
Ivor Hardman

Approaching half way through the season and Kingfisher B are still top of the league, we have had good 8-2 wins over Olop A and Braybrooke B, and beating Wokingham A and Nomads 6-4.

The big games will be against Kingfisher A in the new year, which could determine who will finish in top spot.

Thanks to Allan, Jeff and Nigel for their support, keep the good work up.

Merry Christmas to all

See you in the new year

Bracknell League Team Captain's Reports



Division One
Kingfisher C
Mick Mitcham

Bracknell League division 1

Top 3 teams are starting to pull away and we are top by 3 points.

Played 9 won 5 drawn 2 lost 2.

Carol played 20 won 15 (75%)

Peter Played 17 won 11 (64.7%)

Gwynne played 20 won 9 (45%)

and Michael played 9 won 5 (55.5%)

Doubles team have played 9 won 6, Carol and Gwynne played 4 won 3 (75%).

Player of the Match award Carol has 4 and Peter 1.



Division One
Kingfisher D
Melvyn Lovegrove

Played 7 won 1 drew 3 lost 3 two games in hand. Myself is second in the averages on 80% John Liddle 62.50% Ken Robb 35.71% David Wells 33.33

Dave Duncan 29.41%.



Division Two
Kingfisher E
Gill Bennett

Kingfisher E had accumulated 53 points by the 7th December and were lying 3rd in division 2, after the leading Nomads C and 2nd placed Wokingham Methodists A. Since then we have lost a match, but still have one left to play. We have won 5 of our matches, drawn 2 and lost 4, so hope to win the last one before Christmas!

With only 4 players now in the team, and Guy De La Villesbrunne away in February, we shall struggle a bit in the next half of the season. Guy has played regularly and won most of his games, gaining himself a 91.3% winning average and up-keeping our team standard! Derek Crombie has contributed a 33.3 average, John Simpson 30% and Gill on 28.5%.

Gwynne Penny moved up, of course, but still plays for us in the on-going Howard Shield competition, in which we have so far won one match and lost one, both close 5-4 scores, and there's one more match to come before the Christmas break. *(which we managed to win 6-3! – Gwynne)*

A Serving of Sneakles

Sneakles loved Decorating The Tree



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Cost: 1 day £35, 2 days £100, 3 days £140

Craig Bryant – UKCC Level 4 Coach

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Guest Coaches: Carl Prean and Simon Heaps

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ANDRO	BWDTTA	FISHING	LEAGUE	SERVE	TEESSPORT
ANTISPIN	CHOP	FOREHAND	LEG	SERVICE	TIBHAR
ATTACK	DEFEND	HARDBAT	LOOP	SET	TOMAHAWK
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BLADE	ELEVEN	JOOLA	RDTTA	TABLE	VETTS
BUTTERFLY	EXPEDITE	KINGFISHER	RUBBER	TABLETENNIS	WOODLEY

And Finally....



It's wonderful to see Jamie Liu achieve number 1 ranking in the under 15 category (and the under 13 category) – it's very well deserved after all his hard work and training, and a super achievement both for Jamie and for everyone who has supported him along the way.

I really hope that we can resolve the issues that the club will be facing (see page 2) so that we can all continue to enjoy our brilliant sport at our fantastic venue well into the future.

I wish you all a very happy festive season, a good second half and good health in the year to come. See you at the club soon!

Gwynne



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