

Photograph courtesy of Marjon Bell

A Commonwealth Medal for Maria

Welcome to Kingfisher News

What a brilliant performance by the English Women's Team at the Commonwealth Games! Congratulations on their Bronze Medal, a great achievement!

The 2017-18 season has come to an end, with mixed results for our Kingfisher British League teams and local Reading and Bracknell League teams – we hear from the team captains, plus a full round up of the league tables in this edition.

Please take a few moments to read the first article – there are some very important decisions for the club to be made over the next few months. I would also encourage you to attend the AGM this year, to show support to your committee, and your club.

Gwynne Penny, Editor



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To All Kingfisher Members - Please Read This...

On behalf of the committee of Kingfisher Table Tennis Club

Dear Members,

In keeping to our responsibilities to you, we find it necessary to advise you of critical gaps that have occurred in the make up of your committee over the last year. With Chairman/Treasurer Colin Dyke's unfortunate departure to Devon, these crucial positions need to be filled. The club have also had to manage without a General Secretary since the departure of Peter Bradley at the last AGM. A number of other committee roles, perhaps not so crucial but nevertheless important to the running of Kingfisher, have not been filled.

The committee have addressed the issue and will bring some recommendations to the AGM but a number of volunteers will still be needed; not least for Chairman and General Secretary.

We have been very fortunate in the past to enjoy the luxury of experience and dedicated volunteers in particular in filling the role of Chairman/Treasurer. He was supported by a willing team of other volunteers.

A consequence of not being able to fill important roles within the committee may mean being forced to seek hired professionals or to pay out honorariums for extra work, which would impact on the size of membership subscriptions.

We also recognize that progress needs to be made in the very way that we organise the club; new technology, online finances, youth development, child protection and general regulations etc that require a new generation of people to meet Kingfisher standards.

We therefore urge you, if you have any of the skills needed to help your club on the way forward, speak to a committee member and offer your support at the AGM on the 23rd May.

“You are going to want this girl on your team!”

Congratulations to Maria Tsaptsinos, and the rest of the English Women’s team for their recent bronze medal winning performance at the Commonwealth Games in Australia.

It was the first time that the women’s team had secured a medal at the games, which saw them beat hosts Australia in the bronze medal match 3-1.

Maria not only made an impact on the table, but also with her enthusiastic and passionate encouragement from the bench throughout the tournament.

Maria said:

“It’s been brilliant, I’m really happy. We exceeded expectations getting the team bronze, especially against Australia who are ranked one place above us in the team rankings.

I don’t think I’ve ever been so nervous on the bench but the team pulled together really well and everything we’d been practising came on show. It was simple but effective, not going for anything too spectacular and playing a winning game.

The whole experience in the village has been good, it’s been very well organised.

It’s the biggest achievement of my career, a really good feeling. It makes me hungry for more.”

For all the final match results visit the Commonwealth Games site here:

<https://results.gc2018.com/en/table-tennis/daily-schedule.htm>



Maria Tsaptsinos, Women’s Team bronze medal winner, pictured with parents Marjon and Dimitris.



COMMONWEALTH GAMES



Maria's an internet sensation!

Someone at the BBC spotted Maria Tsapsinos' enthusiastic play and support at the Commonwealths - and published a compilation on their website!

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

'You are going to want this girl on your team'

"This comment about Kingfisher's Maria Tsapsinos playing for England in the Bronze Medal team match at the Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Australia, a few weeks ago, highlights the importance of support for your team mates at whatever level you play. Each player in the team needs to feel support from the bench.

Maria did more than contribute to the result by partnering Kelly Sibley to an important doubles win. With a partisan home crowd baying for an Australian victory to clinch the Bronze Medal, England needed every scrap of motivation from each of the few English supporters present. Without doubt, Maria's, uninhibited, vocal support for Tin Tin Ho and Kelly, and her own passion when at the table made a difference. This was clearly witnessed on our television screens.

We at Kingfisher should be proud to have such a member"

Peter Charters

Reading Sports Personality Awards 2017

By Raj Patel

Photographs Courtesy of Reading Borough Council

A few of the Junior players (Jamie Liu, Felix Thomis and Anaya Patel) attended the Reading Sports Awards at the Hilton Hotel on April 18th. It was a star studded event and it was a successful evening for all the young players.

All 3 players received an award:



Male Junior Sports Personality of the Year
Jamie Liu



Female Junior Sports Personality of the Year
Anaya Patel



Male School Sports Personality of the Year
Felix Thomis

All the Juniors have been putting in long hours at the table and it was nice for some of the juniors to be recognised for their hard efforts.



Anaya, Jamie and Felix – photograph courtesy of Raj Patel

Senior British League

By Peter Charters

Kingfisher's three Senior British League Teams had varying degrees of success over the season which finished last weekend; 14th and 15th April.

Our first team KF1, playing in the Championship Division (the second tier of the SBL) finished in fourth place of ten clubs. This was an excellent squad effort; Dan Basterfield (won 22, lost 12) finished the season as our number one, was closely followed by Marcus Giles (36:18) who had spent over half the season as our number one, Dave Barr (12:5), Maria Tsaptsinos (8:5), Reece Chamdal (32:24) and Jamie Liu (34:20).

The feature of this performance was the youngsters who when trusted with the responsibility, delivered.

My thanks go to Dan and Dave who both took on the responsibility of captaincy at different times.

Tables > Seniors 2017-18 > Championship

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SR	GR	Points
1	Portsmouth	18	14	2	2	2.51	1.75	30
2	Nottingham Sycamore I	18	13	2	3	1.82	1.37	28
3	London Academy I	18	11	3	4	1.88	1.51	25
4	Kingfisher I	18	9	5	4	1.40	1.15	23
5	Whitworth Academy	18	8	4	6	1.06	1.06	20
6	Drumchapel Glasgow II	18	4	6	8	0.73	0.78	14
7	Ormesby II	18	6	2	10	0.71	0.79	14
8	Wymondham	18	4	3	11	0.60	0.76	11
9	Halton I	18	4	3	11	0.58	0.75	11
10	XLNT Draycott I	18	0	4	14	0.44	0.65	4

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Senior British League

KF2 and KF3 both competed at the same level but in different divisions. The SBL is made up of one Premier, one Championship, two 'A' divisions, four 'B' divisions and six 'C' divisions. KF2 and 3 competed in two of the 'B' divisions.

Playing at Wellingborough, KF2 finished in seventh place of eight teams and are likely to be relegated into the 'C' category for next season. Krasi Ivanov only played over the final weekend but managed to win five of his eight matches playing at number one position. Contributions from Josh Gallen, Yeqin Zeng , Dmitry Khakhamov and Eduard Caliman could not keep the team at this level.

The same could be said of KF3 who played all their matches at Generation 2 in Fareham.

Tables > Seniors 2017-18 > National B-3

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SR	GR	Points
1	Woodford Wells TTC	14	13	0	1	3.20	1.80	26
2	Finsbury	14	12	0	2	3.50	2.25	24
3	XLNT Draycott III	14	10	0	4	1.52	1.38	20
4	Wensum I	14	8	0	6	1.47	1.29	16
5	Westfield I	14	5	0	9	0.88	0.98	10
6	Hillingdon	14	4	0	10	0.48	0.66	8
7	Kingfisher II	14	3	0	11	0.52	0.62	6
8	BATTS III	14	1	0	13	0.15	0.28	2

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They also finished with only one team, Ravenscroft from Guernsey, below them but one team had withdrawn shortly after the start of the campaign leaving only the one side to be relegated. Yonatan Slobodoskoy and Harry Munro were the mainstays of the team winning more than the rest of the team put together. Felix Thomis, when available, looked competitive at this level of senior table tennis whilst hopefully youngsters Anaya Patel and Elodie Ho found the experience informative. Lewis Waddup came in for the final weekend winning three times. Rob Gladstone and Joe Barraclough won one each over the season although Rob's enthusiasm is a contributor.

All SBL Kingfisher players are members of the Club.

Tables > Seniors 2017-18 > National B-4

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SR	GR	Points
1	York Gardens II	13	9	0	4	1.60	1.44	18
2	Generation 2	13	9	0	4	1.60	1.33	18
3	OLOP	13	9	0	4	1.39	1.15	18
4	Foresters I	13	8	0	5	1.44	1.32	16
5	Mayfield	7	6	0	1	2.00	1.57	12
6	Waterside I	13	6	0	7	1.39	1.30	12
7	Kingfisher III	13	2	0	11	0.29	0.46	4
8	Ravenscroft II	13	0	0	13	0.26	0.38	0

Last Updated: 15 Apr 2018

Women's British League

By Gwynne Penny



Celia Hooker, Sue Purton, Gwynne Penny and Charlotte Binley.
Photo courtesy of Melvyn Lovegrove

We had a tough time at WBL this season, and needed a really good second weekend in Sheffield to stand a chance of staying in Division 5, but unfortunately it was not to be. We were pleased to welcome Charlotte Binley to the team, and she helped us to secure our two draws of the weekend, against Halton and Fastbats. At the halfway point of the weekend, our division was split into two, which meant that we ended up playing Halton twice over the same weekend. Next season there will be a new division 6, so we will be eligible for a place without having to re-apply and go onto the waiting list. Although it was obviously disappointing to finish at the bottom, I felt that we played well but the competition was very tough. Thank you to Charlotte, Sue and Celia for all their efforts and I look forward to the next season.

Tables > Womens 2017-2018 > Division 5 B

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	GF	GA	Points
1	Drumchapel Glasgow TTC 2	10	4	1	5	26	34	97	124	9
2	Halton TTC 4	10	3	2	5	24	36	91	130	8
3	Fastbats TTC	10	1	3	6	24	36	91	119	5
4	Kingfisher	10	1	2	7	18	42	81	140	4

Last Updated: 28 Jan 2018

Junior British League

By Raj Patel

The Boys team played in the Junior British League in Division 2A and finished 3rd. The boys were disappointed as they wanted to come first or at the very least 2nd position but it wasn't to be. The boys team was re-ordered as follows: Felix Thomis, Harry Munro and Jo Walmsley. Both Harry and Felix finished with over 66% wins followed by Jo who finished with 33% wins.

Tables > Junior Boys 2017-18 > Boys Division 2A

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	GF	GA	PF	PA	Points
1	Sycamore Rasen	10	5	4	1	38	22	133	90	2205	1961	14
2	Brittania Ipswich TTC	10	3	6	1	33	27	132	115	2340	2260	12
3	Kingfisher TTC	10	4	3	3	34	26	123	105	2134	2106	11
4	Cardiff City CTTC B	10	4	3	3	32	28	120	114	2189	2173	11
5	London Academy I	10	2	3	5	21	39	86	137	1939	2171	7
6	Halifax B	10	1	3	6	22	38	104	137	2196	2332	5

Last Updated: 11 Feb 2018

Junior Coaching



By Raj Patel
Coaching Officer

Welcome to all the new juniors who have signed up to our coaching programme, and for working hard in your sessions. A special thank you to all the coaches, and to the senior players who assist with sparring and attend the group sessions. I would also like to take this opportunity to say good luck to the under 13's who have qualified to compete at the U10-U13 National Championships in June.

Cadet and Junior National Championships

By Raj Patel
May 2018

3 of our juniors played in the National Championships On April 29th/29th in Wolverhampton.

In the Cadet singles event, Felix Thomis had a fantastic weekend. Felix topped the group thanks to a tremendous comeback against Jie Fu Tham, finally edging it 3-2 (10-12, 12-14, 11-9, 11-9, 11-7).

In the last 16, Thomis had a real ding-dong with sixth seed Peter Smallcombe, eventually taking him out 4-3 (11-7, 7-11, 8-11, 11-9, 7-11, 11-8, 11-9) before eventually losing to Naphang in the quarter-finals.

In the Doubles, Thomis who was paired with Conner Green had some fantastic wins. The unseeded pair eventually lost in the semi-finals to the No 2 seeds Louis Price and Naphong Boonyaprapa 3-0 but the match scores were very tight (14-16, 10-12 6-11).

Jamie Liu had a great weekend and picked up 3 medals playing in both U15 and U18 events. In the singles event, Jamie battled thru the semi-finals beating Josh Weatherby in the 7th set. Jamie played top seed Amirul Hussain in the final but eventually lost 4-2 and picked up a well deserved Silver.

In the Cadet doubles, the top seeds Jamie Liu & Amirul Hussain took the title against the second seeds 3-1.

In the Junior mixed doubles, Jamie Liu was paired with Ruby Chan and stormed through to the final with a series of brilliant performances. After the relative comfort of a 3-1 win over Gaurav Aravind & Bhavika Mistry, Liu & Chan came from 2-0 down to knock out the top seeds Ethan Walsh & Charlotte Bardsley in the quarter-finals and repeated the feat in the semis against George Hazell & Sarah Menghistab. They took the final to five as well, but just missed out losing the decider 11-8.

Not a bad weekend for Jamie picking up 2 silvers and a Gold.



Jamie Liu with his Silver Medals (Cadet Singles, Junior Mixed Double) and Cadet Doubles Gold

Cadet and Junior National Championships



Photograph courtesy of Michael Loveder Photography

Anaya Patel (pictured above, far right-hand side) who was seeded No 5 in the Cadet Girls Singles lost to the top seed and eventual winner Jasmin Wong in the quarter-finals 4-0 (7-11, 9-11, 7-11, 8-11).

In the doubles, Anaya who was paired with Darcie Proud were untroubled until the final. Patel/Proud lost to the No 1 seeds Jasmin Wong & Ruby Wong but picked up a Silver Medal for their efforts.

In the Junior Girls Singles, Patel who was seeded 12, topped her group to go through to the last 16 to play the No 2 Seed Mollie Patterson. It was a thrilling match and could have gone either way. Patel lost 4-2 but Mollie won the match by 1 point.

Kingfisher Grand Prix – Volunteers Needed



You may have noticed that there is no mention yet of the Kingfisher Grand Prix on the Table Diary.

We are hoping to run it this summer, but at the moment don't have enough volunteers to run it.

If you are willing to help out, or would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact a member of the committee before the AGM on 23rd May.

In previous summer seasons, the Kingfisher Grand Prix has been a popular Monday evening competition, with each player having at least two matches on the night with a random draw into the main event, and a consolation event for those knocked out of the main event in their first round.

Players accumulate points over the summer, and there are prizes awarded to the top players at the end of the Grand Prix Series, which normally runs for 12 weeks.

Kingfisher Club Night: Thursdays from 7:30pm

Club Night is back for the summer season, running from Thursday 19 April to the first week in September.

Club Night at Kingfisher gives club members of all levels the chance to meet and play table tennis in a sociable and friendly environment.

- Ideal for new and prospective members to experience the club – guests are welcome, but do need to be signed in by a member.
- Good for league players to keep their hand in during the off season.
- Players are encouraged to mix outside their regular practice group/team.



How it works:

- When you arrive, add your name to the bottom of the list on the whiteboard (near table 5) to indicate that you're waiting to play.
- When your name reaches top of the list and a slot becomes free, remove it and go on to play.
- Have a general knock and then play a 'best of 3'.
- Winner stays on for up to two matches then rotates off.
- When you come off remember to add your name to the bottom of the list again, and let the next person waiting know which table to go onto.

Guests:

- Guests are welcome but must be signed in by a Kingfisher member.
- A guest fee of £5 per guest, per visit, applies after the first visit.
- Guest fees paid during the month in which a member joins are refundable.

Refreshments:

Tea and coffee available in the kitchen area. Please wash, dry and put away any mugs/cups/glasses that you use.

Your Committee – 2017-18



Peter Charters

- President
- Acting General Secretary
- British League Secretary
- National Junior League Secretary
- National Cadet League Secretary
- Lease Trustee



Colin Dyke

- Chairman
- Treasurer
- Lease Trustee



Raj Patel

- Coaching Officer



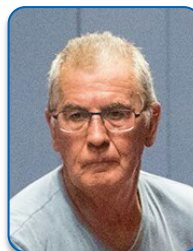
Mick Mitcham

- Welfare Officer
- Bookings Officer
- Lease Trustee
- Events Co-ordinator
- League Play Co-Ordinator



Robert Gladstone

- Tees Sport Agent



Rick Leachman

- Membership Secretary
- Website Manager



Richard Fifield

- Assistant Treasurer:



Allan Bruton

- Committee Member
- Lease Trustee
- Cleaning Supervisor
- League Play Co-Ordinator
- Friday Club Contact



Andy Yon

- Committee Member
- Assistant Facilities Manager



Gwynne Penny

- Newsletter Editor
- PR & Facebook page
- Website Manager



John Liddle

- League Play Co-Ordinator



Ck Liu

- Committee Member



Tom Maynard:

- Facilities Manager
- Social Media



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: Carl Stanmore

Social Events Co-ordinator: Allan Bruton

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

Current Vacancies:

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

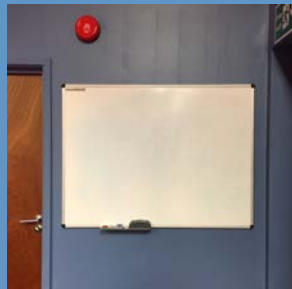
Can you help?

Kingfisher, like many clubs, relies on a small group of dedicated volunteers to do the necessary jobs to keep the club running, that enable all of us to enjoy our table tennis. If there is anything that you can contribute, however small, please contact a 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.

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.

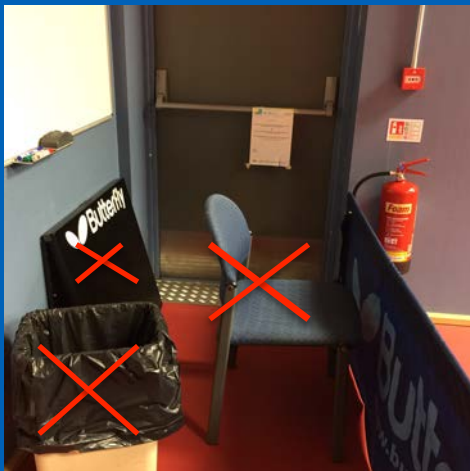
First Aid

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.



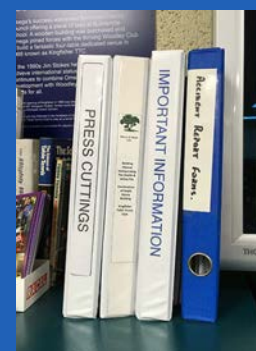
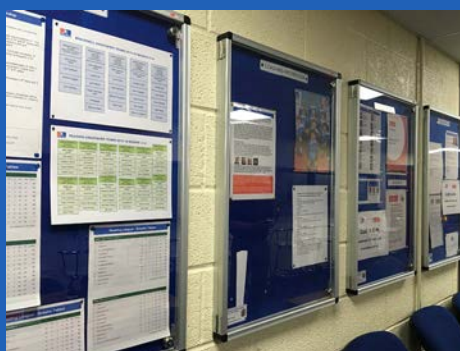
Contact Robert Gladstone for details.

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. 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.



Kingfisher AGM – 23 May 2018 at the Club

All members are encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting of the club which takes place this year on Wednesday, 23rd May, 2018 from 7:30pm in the playing hall.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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 – Last updated: 1st September 2016

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 Robert Gladstone, 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, Robert Gladstone, should be made either by email at robgladstone1974@btinternet.com. Any queries please contact Robert by email as above or by telephone: 07824 391219.

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



next season.

Congratulations to Kingfisher A and B on taking the first and second places in Division 1 this season. Overall it has been a very tough season for the club and it is somewhat disappointing to see 5 teams in relegation position, but I hope you've enjoyed your matches, had some good table tennis and will support the league again

I am taking a break from organizing the teams for the upcoming 2018-19 season but Allan Bruton, Mick Mitcham and John Liddle have very kindly agreed to take on the job, so I hope you will support them and get your entries in promptly when requested in preparation for the 2018-19 season.

Enjoy the summer, and I hope to see you at the club soon.

Gwynne

RDTTA Annual General Meeting - Wed 6th June 2018 at OLOP, from 7:30pm.

RDTTA web site: <https://www.tabletennis365.com/Reading>



READING KINGFISHER TEAMS 2017-18 SEASON v1.9

KINGFISHER A DIVISION 1 HOME: TUESDAY Martin Adams Captain Richard Rosinski Justin Mead Mark Banks Daniel Moses	KINGFISHER B DIVISION 1 HOME: WEDNESDAY Yeqin Zeng Captain Hari Gehlot Dmitry Khakhamov Krasi Ivanov Ed Caliman	KINGFISHER C DIVISION 1 HOME: MONDAY Steve Murgatroyd Captain Andrew Parker Tony Reynolds Marco Essomba Andrew Smith	KINGFISHER D DIVISION 1 HOME: MONDAY Nigel Keedy Captain Phil Mead Ivor Hardman Alan Cummings Trevor Organ	KINGFISHER E DIVISION 1 (p) HOME: WEDNESDAY Melvyn Lovegrove Captain David Joyce Steve Ng Sagar Sawant Ke Deng	KINGFISHER F DIVISION 2 HOME: TUESDAY Allan Bruton Captain Rick Leachman Roger Woolven-Allen Grant Wheatley John Morris
KINGFISHER G DIVISION 3 (r from 2) HOME: WEDNESDAY John Liddle Captain Clive Gold Guy De La Villesbrunne Luca Bianchi Eric Holmes	KINGFISHER H DIVISION 3 HOME: MONDAY Willis Ma Captain Peter Bennett Alex Zheng Igor Sremac Ruben Hernandez Rumen Rangelov	KINGFISHER I DIVISION 3 HOME: MONDAY Mick Mitcham Captain Carol Byers Steven Woolnough Dave Duncan Gwynne Penny	KINGFISHER J DIVISION 3 HOME: TUESDAY Nils Wedi Captain Gabor Radnoti Joaquin Sabater Didier Garcon David Wells	KINGFISHER K DIVISION 4 HOME: WEDNESDAY John Simpson Captain Ania Pytko Ken Robb Lyazid Wirkhani Tarik Ramjuan	KINGFISHER L DIVISION 5 HOME: TUESDAY Gill Bennett Captain Meriel Low Derek Crombie Dmitry Merzlyakov Tom Allen

Reading League Tables

Tables > Senior 2017-18 > Division 1

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Points
1	Kingfisher A	14	14	0	0	116	23	28
2	Kingfisher B	14	12	0	2	114	26	24
3	Our Lady Of Peace A	14	10	0	4	84	54	20
4	Sonning Common and Peppard A	14	7	0	7	74	66	14
5	Kingfisher C	14	5	1	8	49	91	11
6	Tidmarsh A	14	3	2	9	47	93	8
7	Kingfisher D	14	1	2	11	39	100	4
8	Kingfisher E	14	1	1	12	35	105	3

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Tables > Senior 2017-18 > Division 2

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Points
1	Curzon Club A	18	16	2	0	135	45	34
2	Sonning Common and Peppard B	18	12	2	4	117	63	26
3	Sonning Common and Peppard D	18	9	5	4	108	71	23
4	Tidmarsh B	18	9	2	7	97	83	20
5	Tilehurst Methodists A	18	8	3	7	95	85	19
6	Sonning Common and Peppard C	18	6	6	6	95	85	18
7	Tidmarsh C	18	7	3	8	76	104	17
8	Our Lady Of Peace B	18	5	1	12	60	120	11
9	Pangbourne WMC	18	2	2	14	60	119	6
10	Kingfisher F	18	3	0	15	56	124	6

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Reading League Tables

Tables > Senior 2017-18 > Division 3

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Points
1	Milestone B	20	18	1	1	129	71	37
2	Springfield A	20	13	3	4	128	72	29
3	Kingfisher G	20	11	3	6	108	92	25
4	Sonning Sports A	20	9	5	6	105	95	23
5	Sonning Common And Peppard E	20	9	4	7	105	95	22
6	Our Lady Of Peace C	20	9	3	8	105	95	21
7	Tilehurst Methodists B	20	6	2	12	93	107	14
8	Kingfisher H	20	6	2	12	86	114	14
9	Kingfisher J	20	5	3	12	84	116	13
10	Milestone A	20	3	6	11	79	121	12
11	Kingfisher I	20	3	4	13	78	122	10

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Tables > Senior 2017-18 > Division 4

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Points
1	Saiyan Brothers	20	20	0	0	149	51	40
2	Our Lady Of Peace D	20	16	1	3	134	66	33
3	Reading FC A - Community Trust	20	12	3	5	114	86	27
4	Springfield B	20	11	1	8	108	92	23
5	Curzon Club C	20	9	2	9	101	99	20
6	Our Lady Of Peace E	20	8	3	9	102	98	19
7	Curzon Club B	20	7	3	10	103	97	17
8	Tidmarsh D	20	6	3	11	88	112	15
9	Tilehurst Methodists C	20	6	3	11	83	117	15
10	Kingfisher K	20	3	4	13	67	133	10
11	Sonning Common and Peppard F	20	0	1	19	51	149	1

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Reading League Tables

Tables > Senior 2017-18 > Division 5

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Points
1	Sonning Sports B	18	14	3	1	125	55	31
2	Our Lady of Peace F	18	14	2	2	129	51	30
3	Sonning Common and Peppard G	18	12	1	5	109	71	25
4	Springfield D	18	9	2	7	96	84	20
5	Milestone C	18	8	3	7	93	87	19
6	Reading FC B - Biscuit Men	18	7	3	8	93	87	17
7	Tidmarsh E	18	7	3	8	86	94	17
8	Springfield C	18	7	2	9	89	91	16
9	Tilehurst Methodists D	18	2	0	16	39	141	4
10	Kingfisher L	18	0	1	17	41	139	1

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Reading League Captain's Reports

Kingfisher A – Martin Adams



The Kingfisher 'A' squad of Daniel Moses (29/29), Martin Adams (18/19), Mark Banks (13/17), Richard Rosinski (6/10) and Justin Mead (6/13) successfully defended their Reading League Crown without dropping a point.

Friends of the team are welcome to join us for our annual celebration night out starting in the Three Guineas by the station at 1930 on Friday 18th May.

Kingfisher B – Yeqin Zeng - no report

Kingfisher C – Steve Murgatroyd - no report

Kingfisher D – Nigel Keedy



As expected it has been a tough season in division 1 for us. But having said that we did not finish bottom and we only lost 10-0 once !

We picked up a win and a draw against the E team, and also managed a draw against Tidmarsh - a match that we could easily have won.

We were outclassed by players at the top end of the league, but managed to give many players in the middle and bottom parts of the league fairly competitive matches. Phil Mead and myself have had a reasonable number of wins and the odd notable one ! Alan has also won a few matches and lost some others in 5, and Ivor has tried valiantly but not quite had things go his way !

Kingfisher E – Melvyn Lovegrove - no report

Kingfisher F – Allan Bruton



Not a very good season I'm afraid. Due to injuries to 3 of our 5 players and family problems compromising the time available for another 1 we were left with 1 fit player plus reserves for much of the season.

My thanks to all those reserves for standing in and helping out and my apologies to the team for having to drop out and not be able to give other than scant support.

We are therefore relegated to div 3.

While I have a diagnosis for my problem and am on medication I shall not be playing competitively next season, I hope to practice and will remain doing other things for the club.

Reading League Captain's Reports

Kingfisher G - John Liddle



Kingfisher G enjoyed a full and successful season in Division 3 finishing in third place, only losing out to unfortunate circumstances when we could only muster two men, on a couple of occasions.

I am sure we would have seen promotion to Div 2 otherwise.

Kingfisher H – Willis Ma



This year Kingfisher H consists of 6 players, apart from Alex, Igor, Peter and Willis from previous year, Ruben promoted from division 4 and Rumen joined the team from mid October. The team lost the first 3 games at the beginning all scored 4-6 with very close 5 ends matches, which was very unlucky not having a point out of them. Next, got 4 wins and a draw from the next 5 games. Then, lost last 3 games ended sixth at half season. Although the chance of promotion had long gone before Christmas, the team should be able to stay away from relegation.

However, things not always as planned. Due to circumstance change, the star player Igor only able to play three more games after the new year and the team struggled from that point. Without the best to rely on, Peter, Alex and Rumen fought hard and got a point from Milestone A, then with luck the team got another point from two players Kingfisher I. The team only has 10 points and had to concede next game due to work and parenting commitments only one out of six players available. Next got the upper hand from Methodists B with Igor, Willis and Rumen all got two. Then lost to fellow struggling team Kingfisher J. Hence 12 points with three remaining games against top half teams and only two points from relegation. The team was hanging on the wire and the hope was on Igor's last game of the season against Sonning C&P E, which had their strongest team on the night. With a bit of luck, Igor and Willis both got treble to obtain the 2 precious points that proved to be decisive and finished 2 points above relegation at the end of the season.

What a year and experience, better luck next year.

Player average:

Igor	22/29 (76%)
Willis	21/33 (64%)
Alex	7/24 (29%)
Rumen	6/26 (27%)
Ruben	4/15 (27%)
Peter	7/29 (24%)

Reading League Captain's Reports

Kingfisher I – Mick Mitcham



We tried hard to stay up thanks to you all.

Played 20 won 3 draw 4 lost 13 bottom of league.

The 3 matches we won were with Carol, Gwynne and Steve all in the second half of the season (not a good start).

Carol 18/29 and Gwynne 22/47 both managed 2 player of the night. Steve 18/39 managed to win 2 games in 6 of his 13 matches.

Mick 7/31 and Dave 2/26 were the other 2 players.

We used 7 pairs in the doubles with Carol and Gwynne 3/8 and Gwynne and Steve 2/7 were the only winners.

Kingfisher J – Nils Wedi



We finished in 9th position, 1 point ahead of Milestone A who we beat convincingly towards the end of the season, securing

(albeit narrowly) our division 3 survival. It was a somewhat nail biting finish with bottom teams suddenly picking up unexpected points.

We are trailing only 1 point to seventh placed Tilhurst Methodists B who had a miraculous recovery with 7 points in the last 4 matches ...

In total we had 5 wins, 3 draws and 12 losses.

Overall the season was interesting because many games had close outcomes that could have been the other way, especially when we managed to get

David, Joaquin and Nils together, and the player averages reveal an overall balanced field, with Nils Wedi on 58.33%, Joaquin Munoz Sabater on 57.14%, and David Wells on 45.83%. Didier Garcon recorded his first win in division 3 and a number of very close encounters. Gabor Radnoti

who did not play as often this season and despite many close calls could unfortunately not convert any matches into points.

Apart from Didier, David Wells should receive a special mention for a couple of amazing wins, spoiling the averages of the league's top players

Paul Savage and Philip Burke. Well done!

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Kingfisher K – John Simpson

Having only won three matches and drawn four all season the inevitable has happened. We are in a relegation position at the end of the season and destined for division five next September. From the beginning of the season it was clear that we would have to rely heavily on Lee to win points and unfortunately due to work commitments we lost him for about forty percent of the season. Ken and Tarik had some good performances but Ania and myself didn't manage to grab the vital wins we needed.

However, we always enjoyed every game and came away feeling that we had played some very friendly opposition who were slightly better than us on the night.

Congratulations to the Saiyan brothers on their first season, you were great to watch!

Our final fixture was a team night out at a local Indian restaurant where we took the opportunity to have great banter and chat without having to be quiet for the games going on around us. So I guess our games percentages are not fantastic but team spirit is a hundred percent.

Kingfisher L – Gill Bennett



Kingfisher L ended the season rather lower down the results table than we should have liked, in fact, there was no team below us! There can be no demotion, however, in the lowest division, so team members can stay put and aim higher next season. Our matches were mainly enjoyable and we did manage a win and a draw, and gained a lot of good practice and table time. Most matches included hard-fought and competitive games and sets. We just didn't win overall! Meriel Low and new member Dmitry Merzlyakov were our highest scorers, Meriel winning 10 individual games (including a hat trick) and Dmitry winning 7, and both with doubles successes. Newcomer Tom Allen was unable to play too often, but certainly improved with experience during the season. Derek Crombie, often playing sharply and effectively, and Gill Bennett completed our team and we all appreciated the match evenings and the company of Division 5's friendly teams.

Bracknell League

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BRACKNELL KINGFISHER TEAMS 2017-18 SEASON V1.0

KINGFISHER A PREMIER HOME NIGHT THURSDAY	KINGFISHER B PREMIER HOME NIGHT THURSDAY	KINGFISHER C PREMIER HOME NIGHT THURSDAY	KINGFISHER D DIVISION 1 HOME NIGHT FRIDAY	KINGFISHER E DIVISION 2 HOME NIGHT THURSDAY
Ivor Hardman Captain	John Willcocks Captain	Mick Mitcham Captain	John Liddle Captain	Gill Bennett Captain
Allan Bruton	John Morris	Carol Byers	Kenneth Robb	John Simpson
Jeffrey Huggins	Roger Woolven-Allen	Gwynne Penny	Dave Duncan	Meriel Low
Eric Holmes	Phil Mead	Melvyn Lovegrove	Peter Bennett	Derek Crombie
	Trevor Organ		Luca Bianchi (reserve)	Roger Prew



BRACKNELL HOWARD SHIELD TEAMS 2017-18 SEASON V1.0

KINGFISHER B Premier	KINGFISHER C Premier	KINGFISHER D	KINGFISHER E
John Willcocks Captain	Mick Mitcham Captain	John Liddle Captain	Gill Bennett Captain
Roger Woolven-Allen	Carol Byers	Kenneth Robb	John Simpson
Phil Mead	Gwynne Penny	Derek Crombie	Roger Prew
Ivor Hardman	Jeffrey Huggins	Dave Duncan	Peter Bennett
		Luca Bianchi	Melvyn Lovegrove
			Meriel Low

This year we have entered 4 teams for Howard Shield and everyone that indicated they would like to play in it on their application form has been assigned to one of the 4 teams. Where players have a question mark by their name, it is because it was not clear from their form whether they want to play Howard Shield or not, so for now we have assumed yes until we know otherwise.

Bracknell League 2018 Final Standings

Tables > Season 2017-18 > Premier

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	PA	Points
1	Braybrooke A	18	14	2	2	121	59	0	121
2	Olop A	18	13	3	2	118	62	0	118
3	Wokingham A	18	11	2	5	107	73	0	107
4	Kingfisher B	18	9	3	6	98	82	0	98
5	Kingfisher A	18	7	1	10	98	82	0	98
6	Olop B	18	2	2	14	58	122	0	58
7	Kingfisher C	18	0	1	17	30	150	0	30

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Tables > Season 2017-18 > Division 1

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	PA	Points
1	Wokingham B	21	12	6	3	125	85	0	125
2	Kingfisher D	21	13	3	5	125	85	0	125
3	Wokingham C	21	10	2	9	114	96	0	114
4	Nomads B	21	7	8	6	108	102	0	108
5	Nomads A	21	7	8	6	107	103	0	107
6	Wokingham Methodist A	21	8	2	11	91	119	0	91
7	Braybrooke C	21	5	7	9	88	122	0	88
8	Braybrooke B	21	2	4	15	82	128	0	82

Last Updated: 24 Mar 2018

Tables > Season 2017-18 > Divison 2

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	PA	Points
1	Sportsable A	18	18	0	0	136	44	0	136
2	Braybrooke D	18	11	2	5	116	64	0	116
3	Wokingham D	18	9	1	8	95	85	0	95
4	Nomads C	18	8	3	7	92	88	0	92
5	Kingfisher E	18	8	2	8	80	99	0	80
6	Wokingham Methodist B	18	3	0	15	65	115	0	65
7	Sportsable B	18	1	2	15	45	134	0	45

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Bracknell League Captain's Reports

Kingfisher A – Ivor Hardman



It has been a tough year for the A team, I would like to thank Jeff, Eric and Allan for making it an enjoyable season, we managed to finish 5 in the league on the same points as Kingfisher B, that does not happen very often. Hope you all have a great summer and see you next season

Kingfisher B – John Willcocks



We had a good second half of the season winning five of our last seven league matches plus our cup team, which included Ivor Hardman, won the Howard Shield Plate. Our only league defeat came against the eventual champions Braybrooke A plus we had a draw against OLOP A who finished runners up. This good run of results meant we finished fourth in the league which was a excellent achievement as we had been flirting with one of the relegation places in December. We finished with the same number of points as our B team but piped then for fourth place as we had won more matches.

Phil Mead had comfortably the highest average with 82% with Richard Fifield and me on 70%. Having been out of competitive table tennis for a year it was good to see Richard coming back and playing well. Trevor Organ and John Morris both had some good wins but could not play as many matches as they would have liked. Roger Woolven-Allen's injury problems meant he was only able to play in four matches.

In the Howard Shield Plate circumstances meant that Phil, Richard and Ivor played in the last three matches and they played particularly well in both the semi final and final. Winning the competition when having to generally give away a lot of points was a very good achievement.

Kingfisher C – Mick Mitcham



Kingfisher C Bracknell league Premier Division.

Thanks to all the players for their hard work this season.

Played 18 draw 1 lost 17 only 30 points bottom of league.

Hard season but enjoyable.

Melvyn 5/15 only played up to October. Carol 6/24 could not play until November. Clive 5/24 joined us late November and Mick 2/36 went on

holiday for 6 weeks.

The only one to play all season was Gwynne 11/51.

We played 3 players up from division 1 Peter, Ken and John all 0/3. we used 6 doubles pair but only manage to win 1 (Gwynne and Melvyn).

Bracknell League Captain's Reports

Kingfisher D – John Liddle



Kingfisher D took promotion with 125 points equally with Wokingham B.

Whilst we had one more win than them they took the title on count back having a better draw ratio. Hard to bear #!!/\$^ ?

Nevertheless a great team effort and a well deserved promotion.

Our regards to to Dave Duncan who had a fall at home and ended the season in hospital needing a new kneecap.

With a mixture of both the above teams players we also reached the Howard Plate final falling to a strong Kingfisher premier side.

My thanks to all my players for a fantastic effort throughout the season.

Kingfisher E – Gill Bennett



Our Kingfisher E team of five players included Derek Crombie, John Simpson, Meriel Low, Roger Prew and Gill Bennett. During an enjoyable season we won 8 matches, lost 8 and drew 2, accruing 80 points. We ended up in 5th place among the seven teams of our division, comfortably above the bottom two, but well under the 136 points of the

division winner SportsAble A. Our top scorers were Meriel, winning at least 22 individual games (including 2 hat tricks)) and newcomer to the League, Roger, who played with accuracy and much determination to win us another 20 games or so, including 3 triples, in a great start in his League play. John was less available until the second half of the season, then added valuable points to our total score, well supported by Derek and Gill.

Around the Net

Maria has been away at university in Nottingham, but she took time out of her schedule to visit the club prior to heading off to Australia for the Commonwealth Games.



Kingfisher members, Gwynne Penny (2nd from left) and David Wells (third from right) attended a training camp in April, specifically geared towards players with pimpled rubbers. The camp was run by Hannah Hicks and Carl Preat, with Rowden Fuller giving some great tips and challenging multiball sessions. (photo by Hannah)



And Finally....



I hope you have enjoyed this edition of Kingfisher News, and are making the most of the lovely weather that we are currently enjoying at the start of May. I will be making a change to the way in which the newsletter is distributed: for the next edition, I will be loading it straight onto the Kingfisher web site, instead of sending it via email, so please check the site regularly so that you don't miss the next edition. If you particularly want to receive a copy of it in your email inbox, then please get in touch with me.

I very much hope that some of you will be able to offer your assistance to the committee, whether it is in a key role, as a general committee member, or to 'shadow' a committee member and assist them in their duties. I also hope to see you at the club AGM on Wednesday 23rd May, as there will be some important things on the agenda, as you will have seen if you read the article near the front of this edition.

Have a great summer season, keep enjoying your TT, and hope to see you at the club soon.

Gwynne

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