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Welcome to Kingfisher News

Wow, what an amazing few months it has been in our world of Table Tennis both at home and abroad. England brought home bronze from the World Championships, the National Championships aired on TV and Kingfisher Junior Boys team (pictured) won their division in Junior British League. We currently have Felix Thomis at #1 U11 boys in the national ranking list, Jamie Liu at #1 U12 boys and Anaya Patel ranked #7 in the U12 girls.

It's the end of the local league season, and nearly all the results are in so be sure to check out the Reading and Bracknell Captain's reports and the Kingfisher Closed Championships which concluded this week.

Enjoy the summer and I hope you enjoy this newsletter.

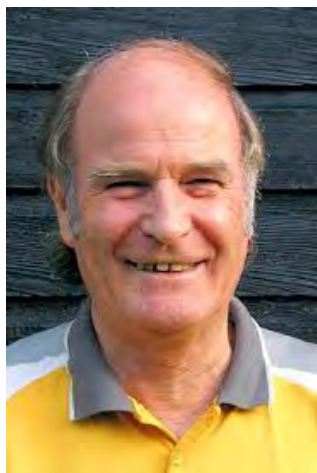
Gwynne Penny, Editor



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Introduction



There was more sad news since our last issue when we heard of the sad passing of Hillary Husbands. My main memory of Hillary was her get up and go attitude when we moved premises and when we were decorating the new building. A born organiser and hard worker - beat the rest of us by a distance! Our sympathies were conveyed to Colin Mercer and her family and we were pleased to make donations to two of Hilary's good causes, Cricket without Boundaries and St Mungo's Broadway. RIP Hilary.

I have decided that, if nominated and elected as Chairman at the forthcoming AGM, I would carry on one more year. So, if this happens, it would be most helpful to find a shadow Chairman who could take the job on in the following year. Please have a word if you would like to discuss.

Our next AGM on Wednesday 18th May 2016 will be the 29th annual meeting. The Club has made massive strides since our inauguration on 19th March 1987 and I hope it will continue to do so. It has brought friendship, competition, fitness, playing skills and enjoyment to many people as well as producing many top players. I must make a special mention this time to our Coaching section who, under the management of Peter Charters, work tirelessly to bring out all these attributes from our young (and not so young) members.

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

Colin Dyke, Chairman

Junior British League Team Win Promotion



By Peter Charters

Kingfisher Junior Boys Promoted

The Kingfisher Juniors Boys team in the Junior British League, travelled to the Derby Arena over the weekend of the 6th and 7th February with a chance of promotion to Division Two. This was the second of the two weekends for the season and Kingfisher were in second place behind Wensum on games difference only.

The Kingfisher team was Josh Gallen at one, Gus Thomis two, Sam Liu three and Reece Chamdal at four. Jamie Liu, who achieved 100% playing at number three over the first weekend, was away in Hungary taking part in a mini-cadet tournament. Josh and Gus did not play in the first half of matches in October.

The 3 v 3 format, with each player performing twice, means that the number one in the team plays the opposition one and

two. Against Greenhouse in the first match, Reece sat out but the result was a comfortable 5-1 win for Kingfisher, Josh and Gus remaining unbeaten.

Sam was rested for the second match against Blades which ended in another 5-1 victory. Josh and Reece won their two in this match the latter starting his run to remain unbeaten over the whole weekend. Another 5-1 triumph for the Kingfisher boys over St Neots completed the Saturday fixtures, Sam dropping the one.



Sam Liu, Reece Chamdal, Joshua Gallen, Gus Thomis.



Awards presentation. Photos (including cover photo) courtesy of Janet Chamdal.

First thing on Sunday morning, Kingfisher took on the team in second place, Horsham Spinners. Josh and Gus both lost out to the Horsham number one but contributed one each and with two from Reece a crucial 4-2 win guaranteed Kingfisher of top spot. Josh was rested for the final match against Wensum which resulted in a three all draw; Reece keeping his 100% and Gus adding one.

Kingfisher finished on 17 points with Horsham and Wensum both on 13; such was the gap between Kingfisher and their nearest rivals.

The target for next season is promotion again.

Kingfisher Closed Championships 2016



By Allan Bruton

Despite the very poor entries for all of the competitions this season there have been some very good matches to watch and especially in the Handicap, some close ones too.

Men's singles:

With only 8 of an original field of 10 actually arriving to take part we had 4 players from Reading div 1 and 4 from various other divisions and no surprise that the 4 "big guns" prevailed to reach the semi finals. While the 2 seeds Hari Gehlot and Martin Gunn reached the final there were hard fought matches to get to that point. Martin Gunn was the eventual winner.



Martin Gunn

Handicap singles:

Of an original entry of 18, 16 players started this competition with handicaps for all but 2 players directly from the Reading league averages from the 15/16 season. There were two main highly handicapped players Hari Gehlot and Ian Cole who both found their handicaps too much to get past round two. It has to be said at this point that all groups were settled on a count back basis. Round two gave 4 super matches all going to the final leg. The 4 semi finalists, Peter Bennett, Mick Mitcham, Jeff Huggins and Gwynne Penny provided some great table tennis with Mick and Gwynne prevailing, the final was no exception with Gwynne the eventual winner also in the final leg. A very good and hard fought competition.

Veterans singles:

An entry of 12 only with one no show on the night, but with the organiser joining in we started with 4 groups of three and in many cases good, tight and hard fought games ensued with one match in group three going to expedite in the second leg. Following the first round of groups a second round of groups was fitted in to ensure all got a minimum of 4 games. This was again a competitive round with some good performances. The quarter finals included all the expected seeds and the semi's followed suit with the 4 best players on the night. The final was another Gehlot/Gunn showdown with Martin Gunn taking the honours. A good if poorly attended competition which was enjoyed by all the participants.

Senior doubles:

This competition had an original entry of five pairs offering only a group of five all play all, however we lost one pair over the weekend before the competition and then one pair failed to show on the night, fortunately there were two players at the club on the night who agreed to make up a doubles pair so we had a group of four in a round robin. The overall winners were Martin Gunn and Mark Banks and the runners up Ian Cole and Ivor Hardman. Again all the players enjoyed what matches they had.

Kingfisher Closed Championships 2016

Restricted handicap singles:

A new competition put in to encourage our lower standard players to participate, a competition where the “stars” were banned from entering a competition where the trophy, or in this season’s case, the prize money, would go further down the playing order. It didn’t work, perhaps it was not advertised enough!! However with a starting entry of 7 and the almost obligatory non attendance of 1 we started with a 6 strong entry.

All the above having been said the competition proved to be enjoyable for those who entered with the Reading league handicap system again proving to be spot on, there were some close games with only the odd leg or occasional match falling short. The two semi finals between Joe Barraclough and Krys Szczygiel and Gwynne Penny and Gill Bennett were both won by a 2 to 1 victory, the final however saw this seasons Queen of the handicap overcome the spirited Joe in the final with some ease.

Ladies singles:

There were 5 ladies who entered this event, a good percentage of playing lady members in the club. Not enough for more than a round robin group of 5 but this did include 2 ladies from our Tuesday morning session which is encouraging and they enjoyed themselves which is even more important. There were some well fought games and not many easy ones.

The last game on the sheet actually had the 2 ladies who had won their 3 other games so a fitting end, almost like a final, with Jenny Tanner taking on our Gwynne and it was indeed Gwynne Penny who came out with a deserved win in 3 straight sets.

Drawn doubles:

This competition had 2 group of 3 pairs which included all the ladies from the ladies singles plus another from the Tuesday morning session. With players paired by random draws it was always going to be an interesting competition and was indeed so. There were 2 pairs from each of 2 groups to proceed to the semi finals Hari Gehlot and his partner Julie Weight winning group 1 and Ivor Hardman and Meriel Low the runners up and yours truly and Jenny Tanner winning group 2 with Ian Cole and his partner Mo Cole (no relation) as runners up who would go through. The first semi final saw Ian and Mo defeat Hari and Julie, and Allan and Jenny overcame Ivor and Meriel, the final saw the 2 pairs from group 2 meet again but it was Ian and Mo who came out as winners on this occasion albeit from a 2 set to love lead to two all and a fifth set deuce game to make it stick.

Overall a good nights Table Tennis, enjoyed by all.

Kingfisher Closed Championships 2016 in pictures



Jeffrey Huggins vs Hari Gehlot



Hari Gehlot, Rick Leachman and Krys Szczygiel



Ivor Hardman



John Liddle



Peter Bennett



Drawn doubles final between Ian Cole & Mo Cole and Allan Bruton & Jenny Tanner

Kingfisher Club Night: Thursdays from 7:30pm

By Gwynne Penny

Club Night is back for the summer season from 5 May, 2016 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.
- 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.

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On the Road to Doha



By CK Liu

Most twelve year olds would relish a week-long holiday in Luxembourg over Easter but Jamie Liu had a different mission during that time at the Institut National des Sports on Rue de Trèves, just 20 minutes walk from the city centre.

He was attending a Eurotalents Hopes Selection Camp and was competing for one of three European boys' nominations to join the total of 16 boys and 16 girls at the 2016 ITTF World Hopes Week and Challenge in Doha, Qatar starting on 29 May.



This year's Challenge will be staged at the state-of-the-art Aspire Academy in Doha.

17 boys and 13 girls from 14 national governing associations were put through their paces during a week of intensive training and competitions with the help of Chinese sparring partners and lead coaches from the China Table Tennis College, including the former Chinese national coach Li Xiaodong and former World silver medallist in mixed doubles Feng Zhe.



All participants were assessed against selection criteria set by the ETTU, including speed, timing, anticipation, service and return, and training. Their final hurdle took the form of a full match-play tournament against each other.

Jamie will join Simon Belik (CZE, winner of the 2015 Eurominis in France), Eric Huzsvar (HUN), Daria Vasilenka (BLR) and Hana Arapovic (CRO) to represent Europe in the world event in Doha.

Describing his experience of the selection camp, Jamie said, "It was a lot tougher than I thought it would, both physically and mentally. I am so happy that I made the cut but, more importantly, I've now earned an amazing opportunity to play against the best from around the world."

The Torch Hotel, Aspire Academy in Doha
(Photo: Courtesy of Qatar Table Tennis Association)

Coaching at Kingfisher

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

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

Licensed Coaches

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



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

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

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

Table Tennis Coaching Day: Sunday 8th May

Tom Maynard and Dan Ives are running another coaching day at Kingfisher TTC on Sunday, 8th May. The day will consist of two 4 hour sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon and the cost is £40 per person for a 4 hour session.

Places are firstly being offered to Kingfisher members and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

For more information and to book a place on one of these sessions please contact Tom Maynard, a tommaynard@hotmail.co.uk or 07930 255946.



Remembering Hilary Husbands

We received the very sad news that Kingfisher Member, Hilary Husbands, passed away on Sunday 3rd January.

Hilary joined the club in the summer of 2013 and took an active role in the club, attending Club Nights, Tuesday Morning Club on occasion, and Captaining Kingfisher L in the 2014/15 season.

When we moved from the old club house to our new premises in 2014, Hilary brought along her transit van which made the task of moving so much easier. She gave her time at the weekends, spending many hours paintbrush in hand as part of the volunteer decorating crew as we put the finishing touches to our new venue. In June 2014 Hilary and Colin provided the audio visual equipment and helped with setting up the venue for our opening ceremony.

Our sympathy goes out to Hilary's husband, Colin Mercer and their family and friends.



Kingfisher Grand Prix 2016

Kingfisher 2016 Grand Prix series commences on **Monday 16 May** and will run for 12 weeks (including bank holidays) with the finals being held on Monday 1st August.

- Eligibility: open to all members of Kingfisher Table Tennis Club.
- Register in person on the night by 7:30pm.
- 50p entry fee per week payable on the night.
- Straight knock out competition with a random draw each round.
- Consolation event for first match losers, so everyone is guaranteed at least two matches.
- Points system for both winners and losers.
- Weekly league tables and regular write-ups.
- Losing players to umpire.
- Prizes for various categories of members.
- Friendly atmosphere with nibbles for all.

Good luck everyone, hope to see you there!



We are looking for volunteers to help with write-ups and photography to help spread the workload – if you are willing to cover one or more sessions during the Grand Prix series, please contact Colin Dyke or Gwynne.

29th Kingfisher AGM: Wed 18 May from 8pm

The Annual General Meeting of the Kingfisher Table Tennis Club will take place on Wednesday 18th May 2016 commencing at 8.00 pm. All members have been sent an email with the agenda (copied below), proposed constitution and rule changes and the minutes of the last AGM. This is your chance to put forward your views on the future of the club so please make every effort to attend.

29th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday 18th MAY 2016 8.00 pm

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
2. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS.
3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.
4. MATTERS ARISING.
5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.
6. SECRETARY'S REPORT.
7. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT.
8. TREASURER'S REPORT.
 - 8.1 Financial Report
 - 8.2 Resolution of Fees
9. COACHING OFFICER'S REPORT.
10. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND/OR RULES
 - 10.1 Proposed Amendments
 - 10.2 Resolution of Fees Re: 10.1
11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS and COMMITTEE MEMBERS.
 - 11.1 President
 - 11.2 Chairman
 - 11.3 Treasurer
 - 11.4 General Secretary
 - 11.5 Coaching Officer
 - 11.6 Membership Secretary
 - 11.7 Club Welfare Officer
 - 11.8 Committee Members (6)
 - 11.9 Trustees (4)
 - 11.10 Auditor
12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
 - 12.1 Any other competent business
 - 12.2 Date of 1st Committee Meeting

Your Committee



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



Sandra Shepherd

- Membership Secretary
- Tees Sport Agent



Allen Pack

- Facilities Officer
- Web Site Manager



Richard Fifield

- Assistant Treasurer:



Gwynne Penny

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



Andy Yon

- Committee Member
- Trophy Secretary



Allan Bruton

- Committee Member
- Lease Trustee
- Friday Club Contact
- Club Events



Krysz Szczygiel

- Committee Member



Ck Liu

- Committee Member



Carol Byers

- Committee Member



Melvyn Lovegrove

- Committee Member

Additional Club Roles:

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

Kingfisher Agent, Tees Sport discount scheme: Sandra Shepherd

Grand Prix Hosts: Wendy Porter and Andrew Parker

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

Help Wanted: Cleaning

The committee would like to thank Feargal Gallen for providing cleaning services to the club up to February, 2016.

Since then, Allan Bruton has very kindly stepped in as cleaning supervisor to cover the interim period whilst new cleaning services are engaged. Allan has also done or organized much of the work himself. The committee are seeking to engage suitable cleaning services, but in the meantime if you are able to spare an hour or so to help with cleaning the playing hall area on the following dates, please contact Allan or any member of the committee:

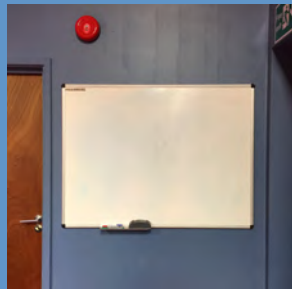
Sunday June 19th, Sunday July 19th (from 9am)

Please contact a member of the committee if you can recommend a reliable cleaning firm or independent cleaner to take on the job of keeping our club in tip-top condition.

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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.



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.

Social Area

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



Lost Property

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

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.

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Reminder: Guests

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

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

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

Payment of Guest Fees:

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

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

First Aid

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



Emergency Exits

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



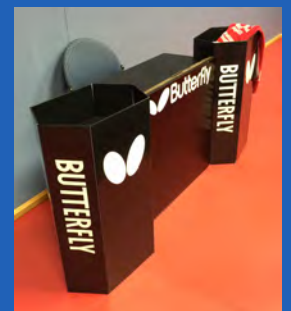
Where to find information - Kingfisher Club Website:

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

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

Towel Holders

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



Newsletter Noticeboard

Playing Area Ventilation System

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



Table Tennis (NOT Ping Pong!)

At a recent committee meeting, in response to an event which was staged at the club within which a “ping pong” competition took place, the committee discussed and agreed on the following principle:

“Only table tennis played to the Laws of Table Tennis should take place in our Club including those events we stage for other table tennis organisations. The use of the term “ping pong” or similar should not be used to describe an event. Hard bat tournaments would be permissible.”

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”.



Newsletter Noticeboard

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.



Kingfisher win Premier Club 2015/16 Affiliation Award

Table Tennis England have awarded Kingfisher TTC as the “Premier 2015/16 Affiliation” club.

In recognition of this, the club received Bribar gift vouchers to the value of £250 which are being used as prizes for Kingfisher club events, including the Club Championships.

Thank you to our membership secretary, Sandra Shepherd and to all our members for making sure that their affiliations are kept up to date on the Table Tennis England subscription website.

Health and Safety: Fire Extinguishers

Reminder to all members: Please do not remove the fire extinguishers from their wall mounts to use as door-props during the hot weather (when it finally arrives!).

Club Discount Scheme with Tees Sport

Kingfisher has a contract with Tees Sport which runs up to 31 July, 2016. Tees Sport provides kit for our British League and National League teams and provides members with generous discounts on all clothing and equipment.



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

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

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

Discounts off the catalogue prices are as follows:

Butterfly, Karlsson, Andro and Adidas products – less 25%.

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

Donic products – less 20%

All other Tees Sport products – less 15%

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

OR

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

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

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

AND

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

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



Thank You to Equipment Sponsor: Tees Sport

A big thank you to our sponsor, Tees Sport for generously providing the following equipment for the club as part of the sponsorship scheme.

- Europa net and post set x 2
- Butterfly towel and ball box x 2
- Butterfly net gauge
- Cassio II Double Case Blue x 3
- Butterfly Logo Towel x 3
- Butterfly Logo wristband x 6
- Butterfly G40+3 white ball box of 12 x 1

Every time a member orders from Tees Sport Kingfisher receive a rebate which the club can then put towards spending on any equipment that has Butterfly or Tees logo/branding. The nets, balls, and towel & ball boxes will be made available for use in the club and other smaller items will be used as prizes in club events.



Reading League Roundup



By Gwynne Penny

A big thank you to all our Team Captains and players who represented Kingfisher this season in the Reading league.

In Division 1, OLOP 'A' finished in top slot with a 4 point lead over Kingfisher 'A'. The other 3 division 1 teams are safe: Kingfisher 'B' and 'D' finish in 3rd and 4th places and Kingfisher 'C' finished in 6th place. (note: at time of writing there is still one outstanding fixture between Kingfisher 'B' and 'C' to be played).

In Division 2 Kingfisher 'E' and 'F' finish safely in positions 5 & 6 with Kingfisher 'G' unfortunately losing the relegation battle with Sonning Common & Peppard 'D' to finish in 10th place.

In Division 3, Kingfisher 'J' finished 9 points ahead of Tilehurst Methodists 'A' with a great run of 17 wins and 2 draws and 1 loss, earning them a Division 2 place next season. Kingfisher 'H' and Kingfisher 'I' both finish safe in 5th & 8th place respectively.

In Division 4 Kingfisher 'K' narrowly escaped relegation and finished in 8th place just 3 points ahead of Milestone 'B'.

In Division 5, Kingfisher 'L' finished in 5th place.

Assuming that the league structure remains the same next season, Kingfisher will be entitled to 4 teams in Division 1, 3 teams in Division 2, 3 teams in Division 3, 1 team in Division 4 and 1 team in Division 5.

Preparation will start soon for next season, so please keep an eye on your email inboxes in early June for more information.

Key Upcoming Dates:

Reading Awards Night: Tuesday 3rd May from 7:30pm at Curzon Club

Reading League AGM: Wednesday 1st June from 7:30pm at OLOP

Reading League : Teams



READING KINGFISHER TEAMS 2015-16 SEASON v1.6

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

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

Reading League : Results Tables

Tables > Senior 2015-16 > Division 1

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Points
1	Our Lady Of Peace A	18	18	0	0	150	29	36
2	Kingfisher A	18	16	0	2	148	31	32
3	Kingfisher B	17	9	2	6	94	76	20
4	Kingfisher D	18	8	4	6	88	92	20
5	Tidmarsh A	18	8	3	7	95	85	19
6	Kingfisher C	17	7	4	6	81	89	18
7	Sonning Common and Peppard A	18	4	4	10	72	108	12
8	Our Lady Of Peace B	18	3	6	9	65	115	12
9	Reading YMCA	18	3	1	14	52	128	7
10	Curzon Club A	18	1	0	17	44	136	2

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Tables > Senior 2015-16 > Division 2

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Points
1	Sonning Common and Peppard B	18	15	3	0	131	49	33
2	Our Lady Of Peace C	18	11	5	2	118	62	27
3	Tidmarsh B	19	10	3	6	110	80	23
4	Sonning Common and Peppard C	18	9	3	6	89	91	21
5	Kingfisher E	19	9	2	8	103	87	20
6	Kingfisher F	19	6	6	7	96	94	18
7	Pangbourne WMC A	18	6	6	7	84	106	18
8	Tidmarsh C	16	6	4	7	85	85	16
9	Sonning Common and Peppard D	19	5	2	12	68	122	12
10	Kingfisher G	19	2	4	13	68	122	8
11	Sonning Common And Peppard E	17	2	2	13	58	112	6

Reading League : Results Tables

Tables > Senior 2015-16 > Division 3

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Points
1	Kingfisher J	20	17	2	1	143	57	36
2	Tilehurst Methodists A	20	13	1	6	119	81	27
3	Springfield A	20	11	3	6	115	85	25
4	Our Lady Of Peace D	20	11	3	6	110	90	25
5	Kingfisher H	20	9	2	9	100	100	20
6	Pangbourne WMC B	20	8	4	8	96	104	20
7	Milestone A	20	8	2	10	96	104	18
8	Kingfisher I	20	6	4	10	89	111	16
9	Tilehurst Methodists B	20	6	4	10	86	114	16
10	Curzon Club B	20	6	1	13	83	117	13
11	Birch Copse A	20	1	2	17	63	137	4

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Tables > Senior 2015-16 > Division 4

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Points
1	Tidmarsh E	18	16	2	0	140	40	34
2	Sonning Sports A	18	13	4	1	136	44	30
3	Tidmarsh D	18	11	2	5	106	74	24
4	Curzon Club C	18	7	6	5	91	89	20
5	Springfield B	18	10	0	8	84	96	20
6	Our Lady Of Peace E	18	7	4	7	85	95	18
7	Tilehurst Methodists C	18	7	3	8	85	95	17
8	Kingfisher K	18	2	4	12	62	118	8
9	Milestone B	18	0	5	13	59	121	5
10	Sonning Common and Peppard F	18	1	2	15	52	128	4

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Tables > Senior 2015-16 > Division 5

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Points
1	Reading FC Community Trust	22	18	1	3	155	65	37
2	Tilehurst Methodists D	22	17	2	3	152	68	36
3	Our Lady of Peace F	22	16	2	4	136	84	34
4	Sonning Common and Peppard G	22	14	2	6	129	91	30
5	Kingfisher L	22	12	2	8	116	104	26
6	Our Lady Of Peace G	22	10	2	10	113	107	22
7	Tidmarsh F	22	8	3	11	100	120	19
8	Sonning Sports B	22	9	0	13	90	130	18
9	Birch Copse B	22	6	3	13	100	120	15
10	Milestone C	22	6	2	14	91	129	14
11	Springfield C	22	4	1	17	81	139	9
12	BBC Club	22	2	0	20	57	163	4

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Division 1 - Kingfisher A Mark Banks, Captain

Well it's runners up again (sigh) for Kingfisher's flagship side as we narrowly failed to take out OLOP A in the final match of the season. Obviously our task wasn't made any easier with the long term injury to The Italian Stallion but on the night 3 or 4 of the matches that went to 5 went their way so fair play to them for playing well when it mattered most. The best team won and that wasn't us this time around. Not sure what the future holds for Kingfisher A. I think we'll have to sit down over the summer and talk it through. Was an enjoyable enough season though. My thanks to Hariiiii, The Gunnster, The Kid and Stallion for all their efforts. Me? I'm off to play tennis for the summer. Hope the Grand Prix's go well !



Division 1 - Kingfisher B Richard Rosinski

Team Played 17, won 9, drawn 2, lost 6

Richard Rosinski played 48. 35.42%

Martin Adams played 42. 97.62% + 14 Player of Match Awards

Justin Mead played 35. 48.57%

Ian Girdler played 6. 66.67%

John Barclay played 2. 0%

Report by Martin Adams:

Third place in Division 1 was a satisfactory result for the B team, seeing as the team was effectively reduced to three members due to injuries and availability issues.

Martin Adams finished top of the averages, losing only once all season. Justin Mead, in his first season back after a break of almost 20 years, found his footing in the top flight with a very respectable average, only just shy of 50%. Richard Rosinski won just over a third of his matches - usually his first match on ;-)

Also a special mention for Richard's expert captaincy which included us turning up to a ghost match at Sonning Common that didn't exist and another rearranged one where he forgot to tell the rest of his team to turn up. We forgive him, although the committee probably doesn't.

We are now looking forward to the team's annual end-of-season pub crawl. Friends of the team are welcome at the Three Guineas at Reading Station 1930 Friday 29th April.

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Division 1 - Kingfisher C Ye Qin (Philip) Zeng

Team played 17, won 7, drawn 4, lost 6

Ye Qin (Philip) Zeng played 43. 83.72% + 9 Player of Match Awards

Richard Fifield played 31. 38.71%

Eduard Caliman played 29. 44.83% + 2 Player of Match Awards

Yuan Zhuang played 26. 30.77%

Trevor Organ played 18. 0%

Report from Richard Fifield:

The team has 18 points and lies in 6th place with a difficult final match against KFB, still to be played.

This was always going to be a tough season in Reading division one, with more top players and fewer weak teams than in recent memory. I am sure that all team members enjoyed a challenging season, but KFC was far too reliant on the talents of our captain Ye Qin who won 84% of his matches. If Ye Qin was unable to get a maximum, the team was in trouble. It is worth noting that he carried an elbow injury through most of the season. Even so, Ye Qin scored a notable win against Daniel McTiernan.

Edi Caliman returned to the team just before Christmas and provided some much needed support to Ye Qin. His average of 45% from 29 included matches against champions OLOP A (twice) and KFA.

Yuan Zhuang showed real promise of improvement in the first half of the season, but didn't capitalise because he was unable to play most of the second half.

Trevor Organ must have played more five setters than anyone else in the division, without success, but he was always ready to give 100% for the team.

I (Richard) had a good start to the season but found the going tough in the second half.

Division 1 - Kingfisher D



Steve Murgatroyd

beat the C team twice and won & drew against the B team!

Team Played 18, won 8, drawn 4, lost 6

Andrew Parker Played 44, 50.00% + 1 Player of Match Award

Steve Murgatroyd Played 41, 53.66% + 4 Player of Match Awards

Tony Reynolds Played 38, 55.26% + 4 Player of Match Awards

Niall McGrane Played 24, 45.83%

Lisa Williams Played 12, 0%

Reading League: Team Reports



Division 2 Kingfisher E Roger Woolven-Allen

I have to admit that this article is a sort of cross between a Captain's Report and the dreaded Roger's Ramblings. I therefore apologise to the purist reader who is only really interested in results such as, "Played 20, Lost 20; went home in a sulk" sort of thing. I also apologise to the minority who actually like the Ramblings, because there aren't many of them. That applies to both the minority and the Ramblings, I hasten to add! At the Club's Christmas bash, Adam McTiernan very kindly said that he loved reading them. Mind you, he was full of beer at the time.

This will put Gwynne in a bit of a quandary because she will be unsure where to put this write-up. (*Don't worry Roger, I have a few good ideas!! – © Ed.*) Having said that, I am confident that several readers will be able to give her some very helpful advice on the matter.

I shall make a start with my Captain's Report. Since Christmas, neither John Morris nor I have played in any singles matches at all. Since Christmas, our team has performed remarkably well.

Ten matches have been played since my last report and we (I use the words "we" and "us" very guardedly) have won six and lost four. But the six wins were relative "stuffings", while the four losses were all by very close margins. The boys dun good! This means, of course, that only the very unfair R&DTTA points system prevented us from finishing higher up the table! (*1 point for a draw, 2 for a win – Ed.*)

Being serious, we are all more than happy with our final fourth or fifth place (I can't find a final table chart to confirm which) and we are already looking forward to meeting our Division 2 opponents next season.

On 16 December, we lost 4-6 to OLOP C, with Harry Munro achieving a superb three-straight maximum for the opposition. In my opinion, this young feller is destined for the very top.

On 04 January, we again lost 4-6, this time to Tidmarsh C. Andy Stephens was the chap who did most of the damage that day.

But then things changed. John and I reluctantly bowed out and Rob Gladstone joined the Kingfisher E squad. Rob, who finished the season with a magnificent 81%, is undoubtedly a player of Reading Division 1 standard. On 13 January, against SC&P C, both Rob and Grant Wheatley achieved fine trebles and the team secured an 8-2 win. A picture of our "second half" team appears alongside.

This win was followed by another 8-2 victory, this time over Willis Ma's unlucky Kingfisher G squad. But it was the evergreen Colin Dyke who made the big difference in this particular match by finishing the evening undefeated. However, when it was all over, he did admit to being just a "little tired" after his great maximum.

On 27 January, the team gained its revenge against the Pangbourne mob, winning 8-2, but THIS time it was Grant who achieved the treble! A strange old game is our "ping".

A good team effort saw us defeat Allan Bruton's outfit 7-3 on 03 February, with Rob beating Allan three-straight. Not many players, of either Division 1 or Division 2 status, can claim to have done that!



The following week, Rob scored another maximum, this time in our 6-4 win over the useful Tidmarsh B outfit. Somebody (I suspect Barry Carter) awarded Rob the deserved “man-of-the-match” title.

On 24 February, with super-sub Luca Bianchi on board, and despite Colin achieving a fine double, our team lost to SC&P D 4-6. A similar close defeat occurred the week after, this time to Nigel Maltby’s SC&P B outfit.

But the final match of the season saw Kingfisher E bounce back with a 7-3 win over Thomas Perkins’s SC&P E team. Yours Truly partnered Grant in the doubles, and I am pleased to report that we emerged victorious. Afterwards, Grant kindly decided that as his skipper had played in only one post-Christmas match, which he had won, he should therefore be given a 100% record. I am not sure of the mathematical logic behind this, but who was I to argue? Rob, by the way, achieved another fine maximum.

And so the season came to a close. I am honoured in having been the captain of a truly great team; everyone on board played well and, of greater import to me if no-one else, my colleagues were superb company. For the three months that I was out of action, Colin did a wonderful job as acting Captain; during the whole season Luca was the best sub imaginable and John, Grant and Rob, between them, completed as fine a squad as any captain could wish for. And this isn’t a case of patronising BS; I really mean it. And, if this weren’t enough and to add a bit of glamour to the proceedings, our cheer-leaders (Marion and Lili) supported us on a very regular basis.



And now (further grovelling apologies at this point) I shall move on to the Ramblings side of things. Because I live in Caversham Park, in order to reach Kingfisher, I have to drive through Sonning. Several months ago, a new road sign appeared in this village, at the Sonning Eye junction, and I have attached a picture of it to this article. The Sonning residents are obviously quite happy with it because it has been there for quite some time, but what does it refer to? I have scoured my copy of the Highway Code, but I can find no reference to “Norks” whatsoever. Does any reader have any idea of what it all might mean? It is truly a mystery to me.

Temporarily changing sports completely, I was very interested in one of the girls’ quarter-final matches played at the last US Open Tennis Championships. The match was between France’s Tessa Andrianjafitrimo and Greece’s Valentini Grammatikopoulou. I cannot recall who won, but aren’t you glad that you are not a professional tennis umpire? “Advantage Miss – advantage Miss – advantage, gulp, advantage the young lady on the left...”

And, finally, I leave you with the gist of an email sent to me by Colin Dyke. Colin entered the TTE table tennis championships held recently at Crawley and he bumped into my Nottingham railway friend Trevor Kerry (pictured). Trevor is by far and away the best player on our “international” railway team and, in my opinion, is of a similar standard to Hari Gehlot or Dave Barr. Although now middle-aged, Trevor is about the same size as Jamie Liu. The conversation went something like this:

Trevor: Hi Colin, nice to see you. How’s Roger doing lately?

Colin: Not so good, I’m afraid. Due to back, knee and hip problems, he hasn’t played in a match for a couple of months now.

Trevor: Sorry to hear that. Give him my best wishes, please.

Colin: I certainly will, Trev. Thanks.

Trevor: Oh, and Colin...

Colin: Yeah?

Trevor: Tell him he’s a wimp.



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Division 2
Kingfisher F
Allan Bruton

Considering the sickness issues which beset the team at the start of the season and some which have occurred throughout the season we have retained our position in Div. 2 for another season, div. 2 is a competitive division and has once again proved to be just as enjoyable as competitive.

Team played 19, won 6, drawn 6, lost 7.

Ivor Hardman played 42. 76.19% + 5 Player of Match Awards

Allan Bruton played 36. 69.44% + 3 Player of Match Awards

Allen Pack played 36, 52.78% + 2 Player of Match Awards

Peter Bennett played 30. 23.33%

Michael Houghton played 24. 29.17%



Division 2
Kingfisher G
Willis Ma

The team G had a mountain to climb from the second half of the season. We recruited a very strong new member Nigel Keedy to rescue the team. However, his good effort was in vain as other players failed to make impact. We end up at the bottom. The team enjoyed the season though. We had lots of 5 ends and close matches. We think we are not too far from the Div 2 level. I would recommend a Div 2 team to welcome Nigel for next season. He is a very good weapon for Div 2 level.

Team played 20, won 2, drawn 4, lost 14.

Willis Ma played 36. 36.11% + 2 Player of Match Awards

Richard Leachman played 36. 30.56% + 1 Player of Match Award

David Gostelow played 36. 25%

Nigel Keedy played 24. 75% + 4 Player of Match Awards

Roger Pritchard played 24. 33.33%

Jazz Dhillon played 24. 16.67%.

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Division 3
Kingfisher H
Mick Mitcham

Season finished played 20 won 9 drawn 2 lost 9 with 20 points
Middle of the table in division 3

Singles

Eric 38/54 70.3 % (+ 7 Player of Match Awards),

Steve 19/36 52.7%,

Carol 11/21 52.7%,

Mick 13/36 36.1%

Dave 7/33 21.2%

Doubles

Eric & Steve 8/10 80%,

Eric & Mick 2/4 50%,

Eric & Carol 2/4 50%

Steve & Mick, Steve & Dave 0/1 0%

Some very good close games.

A very enjoyable season and thank you to all my team



Division 3
Kingfisher I
Didier Garcon

Team played 20, won 6, drawn 4, lost 10.

Nils Wedi played 54. 66.67% + 5 Player of Match Awards

Joaquin Munoz Sabater played 39. 38.46%

Gabor Radnoti played 36 16.67%

Jean-Noel Thepaut played 21. 95.24% + 6 Player of Match Awards

Dider Garcon played 21. 0%

Gianpaolo Balsamo played 6. 0%

David Wells (played up) 3, 33.33%.

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Division 3 Kingfisher J Melvyn Lovegrove

It's been a great season for my J team winning Div 3 with 3 matches to spare a good all round team effort.

David Joyce topped the Div 3 averages, It's been a pleasure to captain the team -- well played everyone.

Team played 20, won 17, drawn 2, lost 1.

David Joyce played 53. 98.11% + 13 Player of Match Awards

Luca Bianchi played 48. 68.75% + 2 Player of Match Awards

Melvyn Lovegrove played 36. 55.57% + 1 Player of Match Award

John Upham played 14 64.29% + 1 Player of Match Award

Krys Szczygiel played 15. 40%

Gwynne Penny (played up) 3. 0.0%



John Upham during match at home to Pangbourne (photo by Melvyn Lovegrove)



Division 4 Kingfisher K Gill Bennett

Kingfisher K found itself promoted to division 4 this year and have fought an uphill battle hoping to remain there. It has done so, but with a very narrow margin!

The challenge of facing teams of a higher standard has been stimulating for all team members and, although we lost most of our matches, the games were often hard fought and sometimes very close. We did win two matches and drew four others. We also enjoyed taking part in the divisional handicap and doubles cup competitions, winning one match in each of them.

We have seen some noticeable improvement in standard of play and everyone is facing the next season with great enthusiasm.

Team played 18, won 2, drawn 4, lost 12.

Gwynne Penny played 41. 36.59% + 2 Player of Match Awards

Ania Pytka played 35. 22.86%

Ruben Hernandez played 33, 42.42% + 1 Player of Match Award

David Wells played 16. 43.75%

Adam McTiernan played 18 27.78%

Gillian Bennett played 12, 25%

Kenn Robb (played up) 3. 66.67%

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Division 5
Kingfisher L
Derek Crombie

Team played 22, won 12, drawn 2, lost 8.

Kenn Robb played 60. 88.33% + 10 Player of Match Awards

Derek Crombie played 40. 15%

Colin Mercer played 35. 2.86%

David O'Keeffe, played 30. 60%

John Creighton played 18. 100%

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

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

Bracknell League Update



So here we are at the end of another season. I hope you've enjoyed your matches as much as I have!

Here's how things have shaped up for Kingfisher teams.

In the Premier Division, Kingfisher 'B' topped the table with Kingfisher 'A' finishing just behind them. Kingfisher 'C' had a tough season and finished in 7th place, in the relegation zone.

There were no Kingfisher teams in division one this season but that will change next season as Kingfisher 'D' will be entitled to a division one slot after strolling to victory over nearest rivals Nomads 'C' by 7 points.

Kingfisher 'E' finished mid table in division two, having been unable to catch nearest rivals SportsAble 'A' who fielded a strong team this season.

Bracknell AGM **and presentation of awards** takes place at OLOP from 8pm on **Thursday 19 May**.

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

Bracknell League Tables at 2 April 2016

Tables > Season 2015-16 > Premier

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	PA	Points
1	Kingfisher B	18	14	2	2	123	57	0	123
2	Kingfisher A	18	12	1	5	111	69	0	111
3	Wokingham A	18	11	2	5	102	78	0	102
4	Nomads A	18	7	5	6	95	85	0	95
5	OLOP A	18	6	4	8	85	95	0	85
6	Broadmoor A	18	4	2	12	69	111	0	69
7	Kingfisher C	18	0	2	16	45	135	0	45

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Tables > Season 2015-16 > Division 1

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	PA	Points
1	Broadmoor B	18	17	1	0	148	32	0	148
2	Broadmoor C	17	7	2	8	87	83	0	87
3	Wokingham C	18	9	1	8	86	94	0	86
4	Wokingham B	17	5	4	8	82	88	0	82
5	Nomads B	18	7	3	8	82	98	0	82
6	OLOP B	16	7	3	6	78	82	0	78
7	Wokingham D	18	1	2	15	47	133	0	47

Tables > Season 2015-16 > Division 2

#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	PA	Points
1	Kingfisher D	21	16	2	3	157	53	0	157
2	Nomads C	21	17	1	3	150	60	0	150
3	SportsAble A	20	16	0	4	132	68	0	132
4	Kingfisher E	21	13	0	8	123	87	0	123
5	Wokingham MC A	20	6	2	12	89	111	0	89
6	Broadmoor D	19	6	0	13	83	107	0	83
7	Wokingham MC B	21	5	0	16	71	139	0	71
8	SportsAble B	21	0	1	20	15	195	0	15

Bracknell League Team Captain's Reports



Premier Division
Kingfisher A
Allan Bruton

Our defence of the premier division title hit the buffers within the first couple of weeks of the season, we had one player who had a sickness issue for many weeks then one had an extended trip which cropped up at fairly short notice followed by a seasonal work issue which curtailed availability and then our third casualty never saw the rest of the season after an injury. This catalogue of disasters meant that for some of the time we had 1 (one) fit player, but we have gamely carried on but with no hope of holding on to the title, however our "B" team have managed to keep the title in the club so well done to them.



Premier Division
Kingfisher B
John Willcocks

A solid second half of the season saw us clinch the championship with an 8-2 win over our nearest rivals, Kingfisher A, in the last match. There was a slight stumble in the last few weeks where a couple of matches were drawn which made the title hunt closer than it had looked but we remained unbeaten after Christmas.

Richard, our January transfer window signing, ended up with an average of over 90% only losing twice, he was closely followed by Phil who played in most of the matches and only lost 5 times.

I had a solid season, although I had to miss the last few weeks for various reasons, and Geoff played well despite struggling with injury for parts of the season. He played his best table tennis after a winter holiday in the Caribbean, perhaps we should all try that.

John and Roger contributed some good performances before injuries finished their seasons before Christmas. Hopefully they will both be back fit and playing well in September.

At the time of writing we are still in with a chance of getting to the Howard Shield final although we will need a combination of results to go our way to do so.

Bracknell League Team Captain's Reports



Premier Division
Kingfisher C
Mick Mitcham

Played 17 drawn 2 lost 15 no wins 45 points (I wonder what it is like in division one)
We still have 1 game to play in the league and a 1 cup game in the Howard Shield (with a chance of semi-finals with a win).

Singles: Allen 12/24 50%, Michael 7/21 33.3%, Peter 10/41 24.3%, Carol 2/11 18.14% Mick 5/44 11.3%.

Doubles (8 different partnerships) - Peter 5/8, Allen 2/7 Mick 2/11 Michael 1/4 Carol 0/4

Let hope for a win in the cup

Many thanks to all Kingfisher player in the C team



Division 2
Kingfisher D
Derek Crombie

A good finish to the season for Kingfisher D, securing promotion and winning the division. Thank you to Melvyn Lovegrove for joining the team for the second half. Well done Kenn Robb for 8 Player of the Match awards. Dave Duncan played well (75% average) and secured a hard fought draw in a dramatic 5th-set 13-11 win over Andy Elliot from Nomads C who were our rivals for top slot in one of the last matches of the season – apparently Melvyn and Gwynne (who was playing as a substitute) were on the edge of their chairs.



Division 2
Kingfisher E
Gwynne Penny

A respectable mid-table finish for us this season, with a couple of good end of season wins at Wokingham Methodists 'B' and with SportsAble 'B' to wrap things up.

We've also had some good doubles results this season – I think this is partly due to our new 'top secret signaling system' which if nothing else, it keeps the opposition entertained/slightly distracted which seems to work in our favour.

Our star player this season has to be David Wells, who finished on 82% having put in consistently solid performances throughout the season and picked up 8 player of the match awards – placing him joint top of the POM table with Kenn Robb -- well done David!

Thank you to David Wells, David O'Keeffe, Gill Bennett and our reserves: Raj Patel and Nigel Keedy for being a super team. I'm already looking forward to next season!

John Howard Shield Finals Night

In an exciting finals night at Kingfisher on Thursday 14th April, the Howard Shield was contested by two Kingfisher Teams: John Willcocks, Richard Fifield and Geoff Civil for Kingfisher 'B' vs Mick Mitcham, Carol Byers and Dave Duncan for Kingfisher 'C'. It was neck and neck all night with some very close matches.

Dave Duncan had 2 drawn matches on points, both of which went to the other team under the handicap system (whereby the player giving away the points is awarded the win in the case of a draw.) in the end Kingfisher B were victorious, winning by one point in the last match between Geoff Civil and Dave Duncan.

On the second table another close match took place between Wokingham 'C' (Tim Challender, Grant Baartman and Alan Yeung) and Broadmoor 'C' (John Brunton, David Connelly, Roger Westall) with Wokingham C clinching the plate.



Audrey Hardy Hard Bat Competition: 17 April



From left to right: Gwynne Penny, Ian Cole, Alan Bruton, Dave Holt, Mick Mitcham, Steve King, Carol Byers, Ivor Hardman, Mark Kirton, Richard Smith (not pictured).

On Sunday 17 April a small but enthusiastic group of Bracknell league players came to Kingfisher to take part in the Audrey Hardy Hard Bat Competition. This was to be the first time that reigning champion Steve King from Nomads would meet 2013/14 Champion, Carol Byers. With only 10 entrants it was decided to run 2 groups of 5, and then the top 4 from each would go forward into quarter finals, semi finals and finals.

The bats, provided by BWDTTA, are made of wood with pimples out rubber (no sponge) on both sides and make a distinctive “clonk” when striking the ball.



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Group Stage:

In group 1, Steve won all his matches. Ivor beat Ian Cole and Allan beat David.

Group 1 final standings: Steve King, Ivor Hardman, Ian Cole, Allan Bruton, David Holt.

In group 2, Richard and Carol had an extremely close match with many long rallies and Richard just managed to get the win in the 5th set. Carol won the rest of her matches. Mick and Gwynne had both won one each (Mick beating Gwynne and Gwynne beating Mark) which resulted in a tense wait to see what the final outcome would be on countback. In the end, Gwynne narrowly scraped through on one game.

Group 2 final standings: Carol Byers, Richard Smith, Mark Kirton, Gwynne Penny, Mick Mitcham.



In the quarter final stage of the competition, Steve King beat Gwynne Penny, Carol Byers beat Allan Bruton, Ian Cole beat Richard Smith and Ivor Hardman beat Mark Kirton.

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Semi final: Steve King beats Ian Cole with Mick Mitcham umpiring.



Semi-final: Carol Byers beats Ivor Hardman 11-7 in the 5th set after some incredibly long rallies



In a well fought final, Carol beat Steve in four games: 11-7 (8-11) 11-8 11-7.

A Serving of Sneakles

EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN PRE-MATCH RITUAL...



2* Vets Open at Cippenham

Kingfisher were well represented at Cippenham Super 6 2* Veterans Tournament on 23rd April with Gwynne Penny, Robert Gladstone, Hari Gehlot and Martin Gunn all taking part.

The final of the main event saw Hari Gehlot and Martin Gunn in their third finals battle against each other of the week (having already played 2 Kingfisher Club Championships finals earlier in the week).

Martin took the win in the final.

For photos and event write up:

[http://www.cippenhamttc.co.uk/vets open 2016.html](http://www.cippenhamttc.co.uk/vets%20open%202016.html)



Kingfisher Stars Continue to Shine

Congratulations to [Maria Tsaptsinos](#) on winning the women's Under 21 National Title and [Liam McTiernan](#) who was awarded the Bronze medal in the Under 21's men's competition. Maria also paired with Tom Jarvis in the mixed doubles and they beat Helshan Weerasinghe and Tin-Tin Ho in the final.



[Jamie Liu](#) has had many highlights in the last few months including runner up in the U13 National Schools Championships in April. In January he was awarded 'Male School Personality of the Year' award at Reading Sports Personality Awards. Also in January, Jamie was runner up in the U15 category at the East Midlands Junior 4 star Cadet Tournament – pictured with his sponsor, Bill Thornton.



County Champions

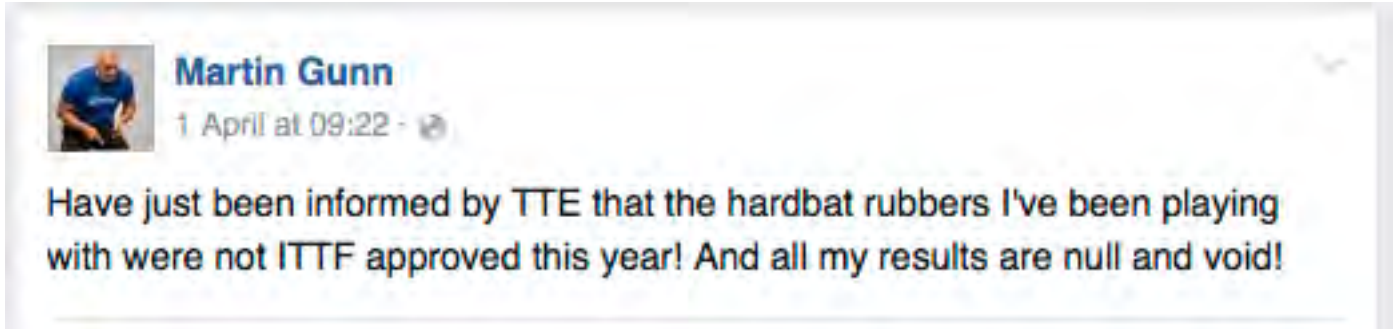
Congratulations to new County Junior Champion Team, pictured here at Ellenborough TT club (Sam Liu, Katie Shepherd, Joshua Gallen, Anaya Patel and Gus Thomis).



April Fool?

By Gwynne Penny

One of the better April Fool pranks that I saw on the internet this year was from our very own hardbat maestro, Martin Gunn:



Certainly had me fooled for a few moments, but then it also made me think – when's the last time that I checked the list to make sure that the rubbers I'm using are still approved?

So I headed over to the ITTF website (ITTF.com) and downloaded the latest 'LARC' (List of Authorised Racket Coverings) list which was published on 1st April, 2016.

The list is refreshed twice a year, on 1st April and 1st October. It shows all the approved rubbers by manufacturer.



Federico Viterbo inspects Martin Gunn's bat during last year's Kingfisher Grand Prix...

It also shows a list of racket coverings that are withdrawn (in the current period these are valid until 30 June, 2016).

Whilst it is extremely unlikely that anyone from Table Tennis England is going to contact you to check what rubbers you are using, you could be challenged by your opponent, umpire or a tournament referee at any time, so it's good to know how to find out if your rubbers are still valid.

Having an authorized racket covering on the LARC list is only one aspect of racket legality though.

If you've watched table tennis at the Olympics or Commonwealth games, for example, you may have noticed that the players' rackets arrive at the table boxed or wrapped. This is because they have been tested in Racket Control prior to the match to ensure compliance with the laws of table tennis and the competition regulations.

Tests include Thickness and Flatness (electronic devices are used to take measurements for detailed results). The racket covering must extend to the limit permitted and the condition of the rubber is checked to ensure a consistent playing surface. There is also a test to ensure that no illegal glue or 'Volatile Organic Compound' has been used (VOC test).



Examples of what to look out for when checking a rubber against the LARC list – the two main pieces of information that you are looking for are the manufacturer and brand to help you identify the rubber on the LARC list – remember: the ITTF logo doesn't guarantee that the rubber is still legal, it must be on the current LARC list.

For detailed information about how the laws of table tennis and the regulations for international competitions apply to rackets and racket coverings, check out the technical leaflet (T4) which can be downloaded here:

http://ittf.com/front_page/ittf1.asp?category=rubber

For more information about Racket Control and testing check out technical leaflet (T9) which can be downloaded here:

http://ittf.com/front_page/ittf4.asp?category=Racket_Control

Incidentally, my racket coverings all appeared on the LARC list, so I won't be switching from my short pimples rubber any time soon ☺

However, I did discover that one of my coaching blades (that I use for Multi-ball) has a rubber that will be taken off the list on 30th June.

A copy of the latest LARC list has been added to the 'Important Information' folder in the social area at the club.

And Finally....

It's been a very busy time for your newsletter editor. In November I started work on UKCC Level 2 table tennis coaching qualification and I'm delighted to confirm that in February I passed my final assessments. I've also taken my first steps into County table tennis, playing for the Berkshire Vets team. And I managed to get my paws on the Bronze Medal that Paul Drinkhall brought back from the World Championships! (momentarily, at least!). I'm looking forward to a summer of table tennis practice, coaching and preparing for next season!

I hope you're enjoying our fantastic club and I hope to see you there soon!

Gwynne

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<http://tabletennisengland.co.uk>

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



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