



2nd Place:
Hari Gehlot



1st Place:
Ian Girdler



3rd Place:
Martin Gunn



Kingfisher Grand Prix Winners

Welcome to Kingfisher News

Congratulations to Kingfisher Grand Prix winners Ian Girdler, Hari Gehlot and Martin Gunn, and to everyone that took part and made it a really great event. In this edition we bring you all the reports from the second half including the finals night.

Autumn has arrived, and with it the start of the 2015/16 table tennis season and Kingfisher teams have been busy in the Senior British League Premier, 2nd and 3rd Divisions, and in Junior British League, as well as closer to home in the Reading and Bracknell local leagues.

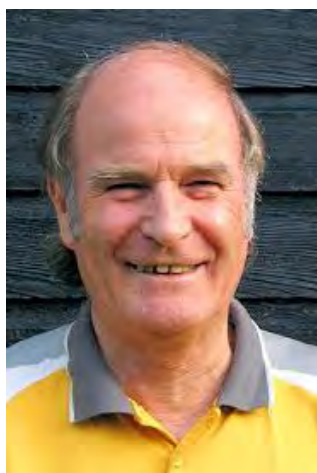
Gwynne Penny, Editor



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Introduction



Our Club is like a sizeable business except that it is run by volunteers giving up lots of their spare time. The fact therefore that it seems to run like clockwork is full merit to our volunteers, as trying to fit in voluntary tasks around all of their own personal aspects of life is not easy. As an aging Chairman therefore, I find it hard to resist reference to the character Mr Grace played by Harold Bennett in the old sitcom “Are You Being Served” whose catchphrase was “You’re all doing very well” but it couldn’t be truer. Of course, Mr Grace was wheeled in and then wheeled out, so I hope I don’t reach that stage too quickly.

Our Grand Prix series reached its final conclusion in an exciting finish, so thanks to our organising team for making that happen. No doubt the reports are elsewhere.

In our last edition I mentioned our work in trying to obtain Community Amateur Sports Club status. The main purpose of this was to help us seek relief on Business Rates that had been imposed upon us. We also made application to Wokingham Borough Council in the same respect. Unfortunately this was provisionally rejected by HM Revenue and Customs but we were delighted to be advised by WBC that we would get full relief from them anyway. I believe they appreciated our service to the community which won the day. However we shall probably re-apply for the CASC status at some time in the future as this can be beneficial in many other ways. But firstly we have to rewrite our Rules and Constitution, which was the main reason for the rejection by HMRC. Hopefully this can be put to the next AGM for the members’ agreement.

Another matter that has stretched our knowledge a bit is the subject of insurance. We have waded through eventually but if there is a member out there who is in the insurance industry and would be willing to act as a special adviser, I would be very pleased to hear from you.

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 on 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

Grand Prix Part 2 Week 7 – 29 June 2015

Things were hotting up this week, both in the competition and in the hall with the outside temperature hitting 26 degrees. Some familiar faces were missing (Hari, Hari and Daniel McTiernan) but some new ones showed up in the form of hard hitting Henryk Ciechanowicz, and spinner Grant Wheatley.

An epic 5-set smash-battle between Roger Woolven-Allen and Trevor Organ, with both players using every inch of the available court, finished with a standing ovation from the audience both in the playing area and the social area.

In the main event in a keenly contested quarter final, Ian Girdler took the first two games over Krassi, who then got into his groove to win the next two games. The match saw some excellent table tennis between the pair with rapid counter-topspin rallies using every inch of the table. Ian regained the upper hand and finished 11-9 in the fifth.

It's all change at the top of the table, with Ian Girdler edging Hari Gehlot into second place and Yeqin Zeng climbing back up to third. Daniel Moses currently sits in 13th place, after playing only 2 events, but is definitely one to watch out for.

Results:

Main Event

Last 16:

Yeqin Zeng bt Grant Wheatley 9, 8, -13, 8
Joshua Gallen bt Joe Barraclough 1, 2, 5
Henryk Ciechanowicz bt David Gostelow 5, 3, 5
Daniel Moses bt Gwynne Penny 3,3,2
Roger Woolven-Allen bt Trevor Organ -3, -7, 2, 12, 8
Krassi Ivanov bt Luca Bianchi 5, 6, 3
Ian Girdler bt Martin Gunn 4, 9, 6
Steve Miller bt David Joyce 4, -7, 7, 7

Quarter Finals:

Yeqin Zeng bt Joshua Gallen 4, 8, 5
Daniel Moses bt Henryk Ciechanowicz 3, 3, 8
Krassi Ivanov bt Roger Woolven-Allen 4, 4, 2
Ian Girdler bt Steve Miller 10, 3, 9

Semi Finals:

Daniel Moses bt Yeqin Zeng -10, 7, 12, 7
Ian Girdler bt Krassi Ivanov 7, 8, -2, -6, 9

Final:

Daniel Moses bt Ian Girdler 8, 7, 10

Consolation Event:

Semi Finals:

Martin Gunn bt Andrew Parker 10, 9, -3, 6
Grant Wheatley bt Luca Bianchi 5, 9, 11

Final:

Martin Gunn bt Grant Wheatley 3, -8, 7, 1



Daniel Moses Main Event Winner



Martin Gunn
Consolation Event Winner

Grand Prix Week 7 Gallery



Grand Prix Week 8 – 6 July 2015

Daniel Moses met Martin Gunn, who was still recovering from a weekend of competing at the Heritage Oil tournament - and this time the tables were turned and Daniel won in 3 straight games.

Roger Woolven-Allen and Rick Leachman held the longest rallies of the night in an epic close 5-set battle for a place in the final 8 of the main event

In the consolation rounds it was a good night for the junior players as Joe Barraclough beat Melvyn Lovegrove in 3 straight games (12-10, 11-9, 11-9) and Katie Shepherd drew the crowd's applause as she scored a win against John Liddle, staging a comeback from 2 games down (11-9, 11-7) to take the next three (11-4, 11-7, 11-7)

Once again the main event saw a Moses-vs-Girdler final but this time it went to 5 sets

Ian Girdler retains his place at the top and extends his lead over Hari Gehlot. Daniel Moses has climbed another 5 places into 8th position, now just behind Daniel McTiernan.

Results:

Main Event

Last 16:

Andrew Parker bt Ye Qin Zeng -8, -8, 10, 9, 9

Ian Girdler bt Krys Szczygiel 8, 8, 1

Richard Rosinski bt Melvyn Lovegrove 7, 5, 6

Steve Miller bt Trevor Organ -9, 6, 11, 3

Richard Fifield bt John Liddle 5, -5, 1, 1

Daniel Moses bt Martin Gunn 11, 4, 8

Luca Bianchi bt David Joyce 7, 10, -4, 8

Roger Woolven-Allen bt Rick Leachman 9, -9, 9, -6, 7

Quarter Finals:

Roger Woolven-Allen bt Luca Bianchi 9, -10, 9, 6

Daniel Moses bt Richard Fifield 4, 8, 8

Ian Girdler bt Andrew Parker 5, -9, 8, 11

Richard Rosinski bt Steve Miller 9, -9, 7, 8

Semi Finals:

Daniel Moses bt Roger Woolven-Allen 1, 8, 4

Ian Girdler bt Richard Rosinski 8, -9, 2, 7

Final:

Daniel Moses bt Ian Girdler -10, 6, 7, -6, 9

Consolation Event:

Semi Finals:

Martin Gunn bt Djordje Milovanovic 6, 4, 4

Ye Qin Zeng bt Joe Barraclough 8, 8, 14

Final:

Martin Gunn bt Ye Qin Zeng 8, -7, 5, 9



Daniel Moses - Main Event Winner



Martin Gunn
Consolation Event Winner

Grand Prix Week 8 Gallery



Grand Prix Week 9 – 13 July 2015

With a very strong entry of 30 players this week, and most of the contenders for the top slot in attendance, everything was lined up for an exciting 9th Grand Prix, and it didn't disappoint with a few shocks and surprises along the way, and some shining performances throughout.

David Gostelow thoroughly enjoyed his match with Daniel Moses in the last 16, taking the 3rd end 11-4 and almost taking it to 5 with a close 4th game which ended 10-12 in Daniel's favour.

The first big shock was that Ian Girdler didn't make it into the last 8, being seen off by defender Eduard Caliman in 3 straight - 11-8, 11-5, 12-10. Ed then went on to dispatch Andrew Parker 3-1 but couldn't quite keep the momentum going when he met Daniel Moses in the quarter final.

Joshua Gallen saw off newly returned Austrian, Bernhard Schnerdle in 3 straight to take him into a quarter final with Tony Reynolds. Tony took the first 2 ends 11-3, 11-7 but Joshua worked hard to turn things around in the next two games 11-6, 11-6 and kept going to win the final set 11-7. Having made it to the semi-final, Joshua then faced Federico Viterbo, who had his eyes firmly set on the final and took all three games 11-5, 11-3, 11-7.

Federico had contested the quarter final with team-mate Hari Gehlot. It was a close match, with Hari taking the first two ends 11-6, 12-10, but Federico got stuck in and took the next game 11-3. Another close one in the 4th, 12-10 to Federico, set things up for a tense last end. It was close all the way with Federico eventually taking it in the 5th game, 11-8.

In a thrilling final, Federico went 2 games down 8-11 and 3-11 to Daniel Moses then rallied to take the next three 11-6, 11-7, 11-8.

In the consolation rounds, Martin Gunn once again made it through to the final, this time facing new junior member Harry Munro, who had already seen off division 1 player Yuan Zhuang, and division 2 players Allen Pack and Roger Woolven-Allen along the way. Harry had some very close games in the final with Martin, having been given some valuable tips prior to the match by Daniel Moses, but in the end Martin's experience prevailed and he won 11-9, 11-9 in the first two games, lost the third 12-10 and recovered to take the 4th 11-4.

Ian Girdler is still at the top on 625 points, but Hari has reduced his lead from 112 points to 90. Martin Gunn has now overtaken Yeqin Zeng to sit in the 3rd place position, and is just 38 points behind Hari. Daniel Moses has climbed another 3 places into 5th position, 68 points behind Yeqin



Federico Viterbo - Main Event Winner



Martin Gunn
Consolation Event Winner

Grand Prix Week 9 – 13 July 2015

Results:

Main Event.

Last 16:

Joshua Gallen bt Bernhard Schnederle 8, 6, 3
Tony Reynolds bt Trevor Organ 8, 5, 4
Hari Gehlot bt Marcel Witte -6, -10, 8, 3, 7
Federico Viterbo bt Djordje Milovanovic 5, 7, 8
Daniel Moses bt David Gostelow 7, 5, -4, 10
Yeqin Zeng bt Richard Fifield 9, -10, 9, 6
Andrew Parker bt Grant Wheatley 4, 6, -8, 8
Eduard Caliman bt Ian Girdler 8, 5, 10

Quarter Finals:

Joshua Gallen bt Tony Reynolds -7, -3, 6, 6, 7
Federico Viterbo bt Hari Gehlot -6, -10, 3, 10, 8
Daniel Moses bt Yeqin Zeng 7, 7, 9
Eduard Caliman bt Andrew Parker 3, -9, 7, 3

Semi Finals:

Federico Viterbo bt Joshua Gallen 5, 3, 7
Daniel Moses bt Eduard Caliman 4, 5, 11

Final:

Federico Viterbo bt Daniel Moses -3, -3, 6, 7, 8

Consolation Event:

Semi Finals:

Harry Munro bt Roger Woolven-Allen -6, 9, 9, 8
Martin Gunn bt Richard Rosinski 5, -11, 1, 6

Final:

Martin Gunn bt Harry Munro 9, 9, -10, 4

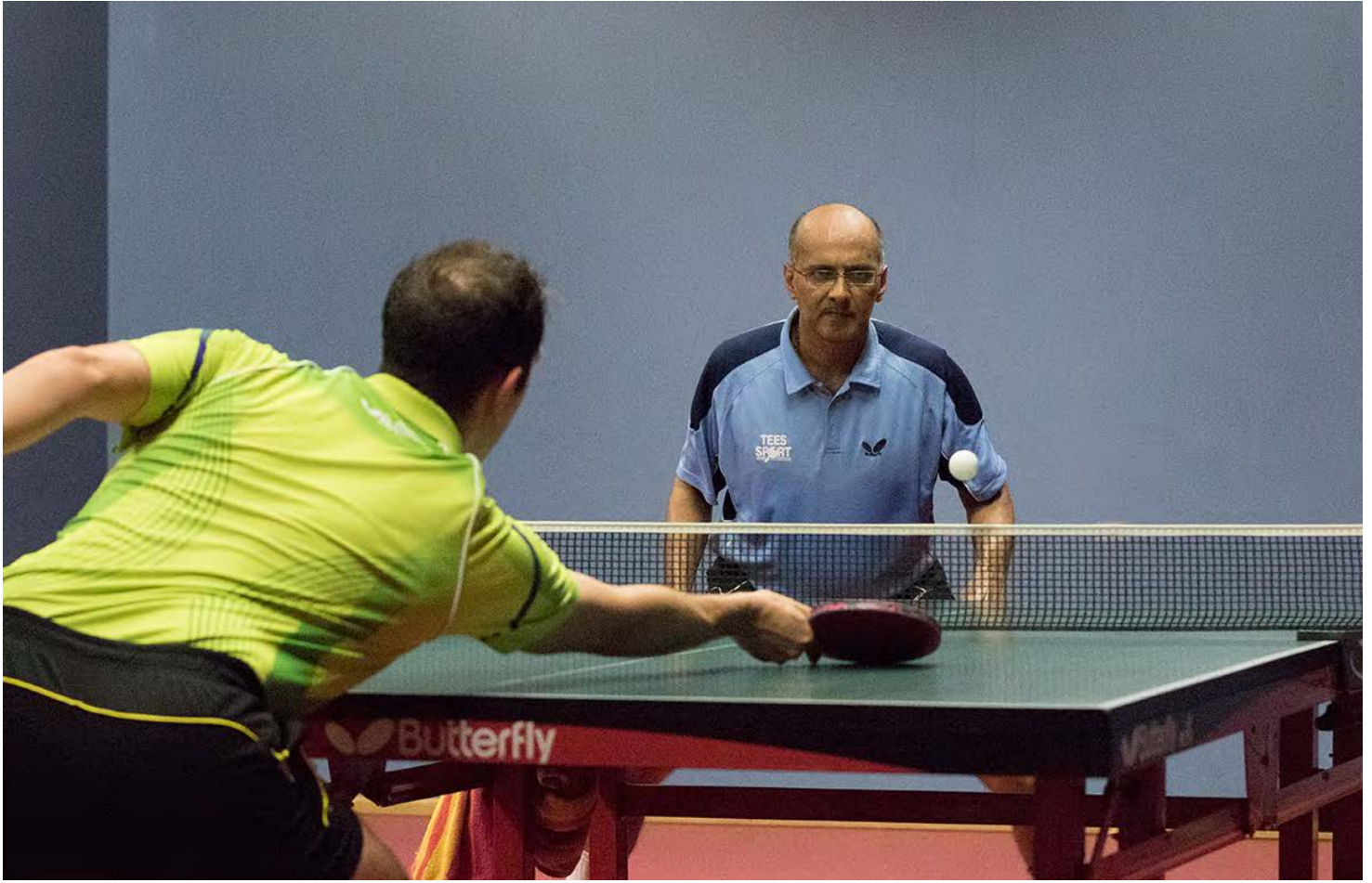


Joshua Gallen



Hari Gehlot and Federico Viterbo

Grand Prix Week 9 Gallery



Grand Prix Week 10 – 20 July 2015

After losing out to Yeqin Zeng in the first round, Steve Miller drew umpire duty for the match between Trevor Organ and Luca Bianchi that produced some very long rallies, and the inevitable murmurs of 'expedite' from some of the waiting players. Luca was two games up (11-6, 11-7) and Trevor battled for the third game. It reached deuce, and Luca managed to win 12-10, at which point Steve leapt up in jubilation, appearing to be even happier than Luca, who had just won the match!

This week Martin Gunn had a good run in the main event, beating Ed Caliman and then Richard Rosinski, to line up a quarter final place against Yeqin Zeng. This produced a very close match, which Martin won 11-7 in the 5th. He then faced a determined Federico Viterbo in the semi-final, losing the first end 12-10 and taking ends 2 and 3 11-9, 11-7. Federico pulled back the 4th 11-7 and then took the 5th 11-8 to secure his place in the final

Ian Girdler had a bye through round 1, and met Joshua Gallen in the last 16. A close match ensued, with Ian taking the first game 12-10 and Joshua taking the second game 13-11. Ian

came back to take the third end 11-5 and Joshua answered him with 11-7 in the 4th. The final set finished up 14-12 in Joshua's favour and he then went on to face Hari Gehlot who had already seen off Dave Duncan and Colin Dyke in two straight 3-set matches.

Ian worked his way steadily through the consolation rounds to the final with two straight 3-set match wins over Rick Leachman and Ed Caliman and a 5-set match with David Joyce. In only his second grand prix week, Harry Munro once again made it to the consolation final, taking out Yonatan Slobodskoy and Joe Barraclough in two close 5-set matches, and Steve Miller in a 3-set match. In the final he couldn't quite keep up the momentum, and lost out to Ian in 3-sets: 11-8, 11-9, 11-4, but overall another good performance, and definitely a player to watch in the upcoming season

Grand Prix No 10 concluded just before midnight with a hard fought battle between Hari Gehlot and team-mate Federico Viterbo for the top slot, which Hari managed to clinch 11-9 in the fifth set.

Humidity in the hall was high, owing to the damp english summer weather outside, and this did seem to have some effect on the new plastic ball. Earlier in the evening, Hari used this to his advantage in his semi-final match with Daniel Moses.

Durability of the new ball is still debatable, with 7 balls being broken during the evening.

Ian remains at the top of the table, but Hari has eaten into his lead by about half, reducing the gap from 89.5 points to just 44.5 points. Martin Gunn remains in 3rd place, increasing his lead over Yeqin Zeng to 56 points. Daniel Moses still lurks in 5th place, and has narrowed the gap between him and Yeqin to

just 31 points

With just two rounds left, and the final being a 'double-points' tournament, it's shaping up to be an interesting finish.

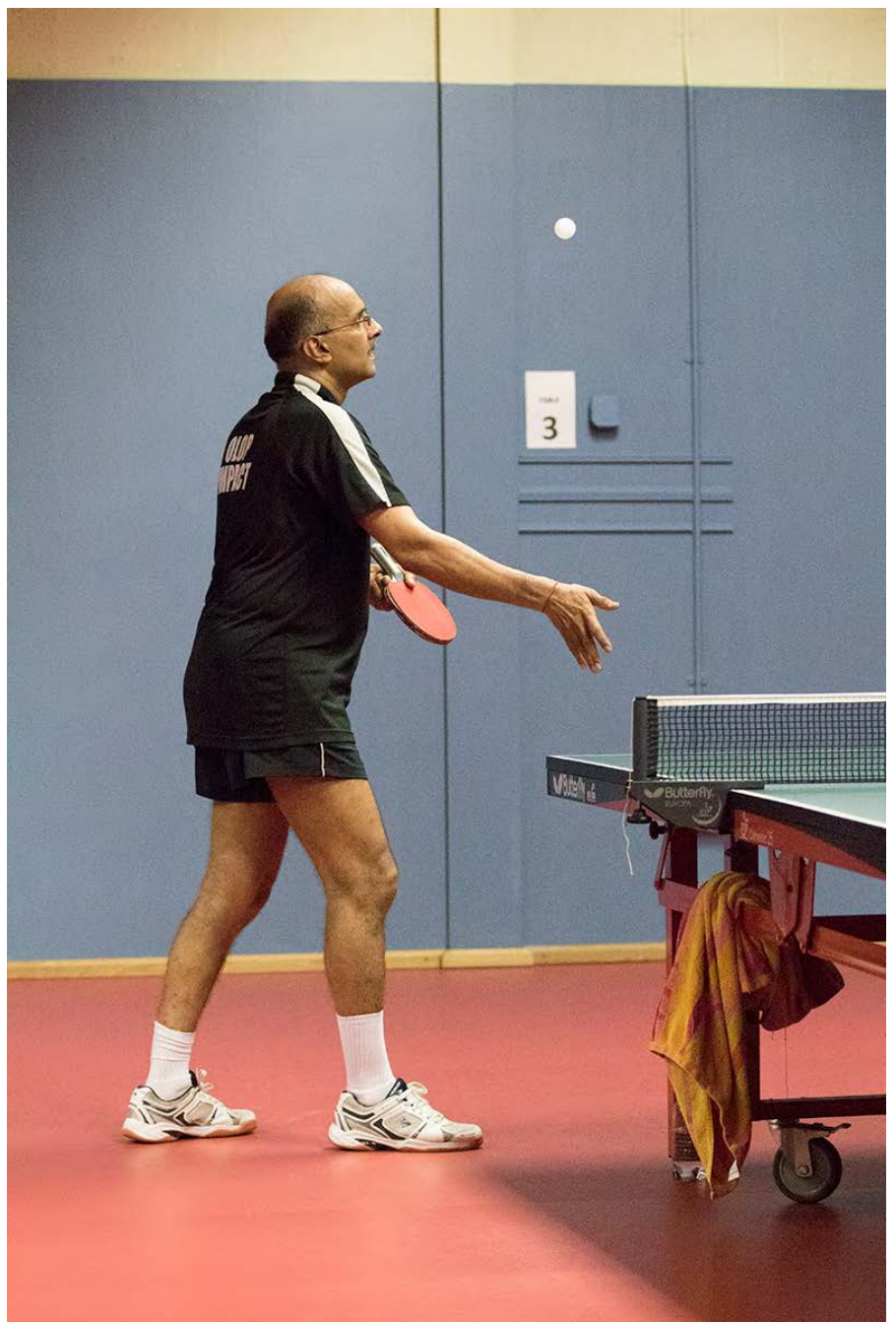


Hari Gehlot - Main Event Winner



Ian Girdler - Consolation Event Winner

Grand Prix Week 10 Gallery



Grand Prix Week 11 – 27 July 2015

Week 11, last but one in the series, brought a few surprises, including the first appearance this series of Martin Adams, and new member Justin Mead, who returns to table tennis after quite a long break.

Eduard Caliman had a super match with Djordje Milovanovic with some great shots from both players and exciting rallies. One shot in particular stood out (Ed successfully retrieving a low ball deep from the left hand side of the table and skimming it over the net which looked almost unreturnable from the umpires chair). The end result was a win for Ed (7-11, 12-10, 11-6, 11-6).

Shortly after that we had Martin Adams and Hari Gehlot playing on Table 1 and Ian Girdler and Daniel McTiernan on Table 2, with some excellent rallies on both tables.

In the consolation event this week, Rick Leachman made it to the semi-final, dispatching Katie Shepherd and then Colin Dyke in 4-game match (11-7, 11-9, 11-13, 11-9) with some extended rallies between the pair.

In the final of the main event, Ian Girdler and Hari Gehlot battled it out over 5 games, Ian taking the first end 11-9, then Hari taking the next two ends 11-3. Ian then fought back and took the 4th game 11-6, and the deciding game, 11-8.



Ian Girdler – Main Event Winner

Results: Main Event

Last 16

Eduard Caliman bt Steve Miller 4, -9, 7, 5
Djordje Milovanovic bt David Joyce 5, 14, -7, 12
Hari Gehlot bt Justin Mead 6, 5, 7
Martin Adams bt Marcel Witte 2, 2, 5
Daniel McTiernan bt Luca Bianchi 9, 2, 1
Ian Girdler bt Grant Wheatley 5, 2, -11, 5
Richard Rosinski bt Bernhard Schnederle -5, 12, -9, 9, 9
Martin Gunn bt Daniel Moses -8, 12, -8, 6, 8

Quarter Finals

Eduard Caliman bt Djordje Milovanovic -7, 10, 6, 6
Hari Gehlot bt Martin Adams 8, -7, -6, 7, 6
Ian Girdler bt Daniel McTiernan 5, -10, -10, 8, 9
Martin Gunn bt Richard Rosinski 8, 3, 9

Semi Finals:

Hari Gehlot bt Eduard Caliman 7, 9, -8, 5
Ian Girdler bt Martin Gunn 9, -8, -9, 8, 3

Final

Ian Girdler bt Hari Gehlot 9, -3, -3, 6, 8

Consolation Event:

Semi Finals:

Steve Miller bt Rick Leachman 5, 4, 3
Marcel Witte bt Trevor Organ 6, 5, 9

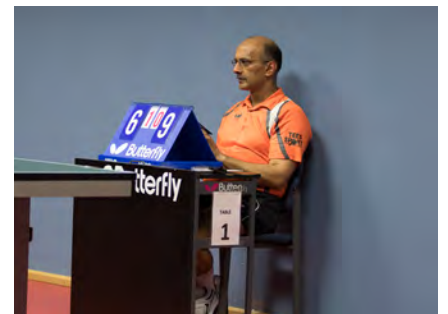
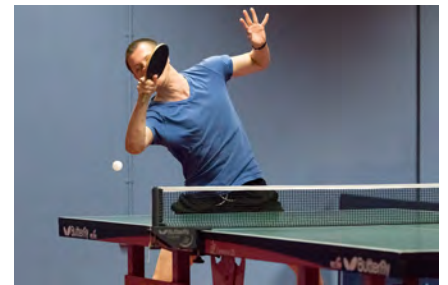
Final:

Marcel Witte bt Steve Miller -7, 10, 5, 6



Marcel Witte – Consolation Event Winner

Grand Prix Week 11 Gallery



Grand Prix Week 12 – 03 August 2015



Week 12 and it seems like a very short time since we started our Grand Prix 2015 series, but here we are, already on Finals Night! Not surprisingly there was a good turnout for this round, with the top 4 contending players on the leaderboard all in attendance. Even though it was the last in the series, we still had a couple of new faces - Liam McTiernan finally making his 2015 debut along with new club members, Robert Gladstone and Mihajlo Rajlic.

Grant Wheatley had a very close match with division 1 player Stuart Williams in the first round. Stuart took the first end 11-9. Grant took the next 12-10. Stuart answered this with 11-4 but Grant came back with his own 11-4 reply. A very close 5th end resulted in a 12-10 win for Stuart.

The last 16 saw an epic match take place between Liam McTiernan and Martin Adams. Martin started strongly and went 2-games up and was close to making it 3, but Liam wasn't going to let it go that easily and came back to take the third 11-7, the 4th 11-9 and the final end 11-6.

The main event semi-final match between Daniel Moses and Ian Girdler saw some brilliant counter-topspin play between the pair. In the first game it was neck and neck most of the way. Then Daniel really got into his stride, making some incredible retrievals including a superb rally which concluded with a fantastic 'round the net' shot that had to be seen to be believed.

In the consolation event, Katie Shepherd scored a 3-1 win over John Priddle. The last time they met was in Week 8, where John had taken the first two games and Katie came back to win 12-10 in the 5th. This time Katie took the first end 11-6. John answered with 11-5 in the second. A pivotal 3rd end saw Katie win 12-10 and then 11-6 in the 4th end.

Eduard Caliman had a good run in the consolation round, dispatching Mihajlo Rajlic in 3 (11-4, 11-4, 11-7) and then Jim McAllister in 3 (11-7, 11-7, 12-10). Next he faced Richard Fifield who took the first end 11-6, but Ed came back strong to take the next 3 11-2, 11-6 and 11-5. This brought him to the consolation final where he faced Trevor Organ. Trevor's unique style of play didn't seem to phase Ed and he completed his run with another 3-set win (11-2, 11-6, 11-7).

In the main event with Martin Gunn having taken out Hari in the quarter final and Ian Girdler taken out by Daniel Moses in the Semi-final, Martin Gunn faced Liam Mctiernan in the other Semi-final. The first two ends were very close, with Liam just taking them both 12-10. Martin answered back with 11-7 in the third end. The 4th end saw another extremely close game, with Liam eventually taking it 13-11 to book his place with Daniel Moses in the final, which he won in 3 games - 11-8, 11-7, 11-9.

Grand Prix Week 12 – 03 August 2015

Main Event.

Last 16

Hari Gehlot bt Rick Leachman 3, 5, 6
Martin Gunn bt Melvyn Lovegrove 2, 6, 6
Bernhard Schnederle bt Joe Barraclough 4, 4, 7
Liam McTiernan bt Martin Adams -7, -10, 7, 9, 6
Richard Rosinski bt Eduard Caliman -9, 4, 8, 7
Daniel Moses bt Djordje Milovanovic 6, 5, 10
Ian Girdler bt Stuart Williams 9, 6, 7
Steve Miller bt Robert Gladstone 8, -7, 6, 8

Quarter Finals:

Martin Gunn bt Hari Gehlot 9, -5, -13, 9, 5
Liam McTiernan bt Bernhard Schnederle 1, -11, 2, 7
Daniel Moses bt Richard Rosinski 4, 4, 10
Ian Girdler bt Steve Miller 6, 6, 3

Semi Finals:

Liam McTiernan bt Martin Gunn 10, 10, -7, 11
Daniel Moses bt Ian Girdler 7, 8, 1

Final:

Liam McTiernan bt Daniel Moses 8, 7, 9

Consolation Event:

Semi Finals:

Eduard Caliman bt Richard Fifield -6, 2, 6, 5
Trevor Organ bt David Joyce 6, -3, 7, 8

Final:

Eduard Caliman bt Trevor Organ 2, 6, 7



Liam McTiernan – Main Event Winner



Eduard Caliman - Consolation Event Winner

Grand Prix Week 12 Gallery



Grand Prix Final Awards

1st in main competition - Ian Girdler with 967 points
2nd in main competition - Hari Gehlot with 858.5 points
3rd in main competition - Martin Gunn with 798 points
4th in main competition - Daniel Moses with 731 points

Top Lady - Gwynne Penny with 253.5 points
Top junior Boy - Daniel McTiernan with 388.5 points
Top junior Girl - Katie Shepherd with 122.5 points

Most promising junior - Harry Munro
Best junior performance Josh Gallen, beating Ian Girdler 14-12 in the fifth, week 10

Thank You

A big Thank you to Grand Prix hosts Wendy Porter and Andrew Parker for all their hard work organising and running the event again this year.

Thank you to Andy Yon for sponsoring and organising the trophies and medals.
To Roger Woolven-Allen, Colin Dyke and Gwynne Penny for producing weekly ranking list and event reports and accompanying photographs.

Finally, thank you to all the Kingfisher players who have taken part and made it another great Grand Prix, with an excellent standard of play.

Another fantastic Kingfisher Grand Prix Series!

About Kingfisher Grand Prix

- Kingfisher Grand Prix ran for 12 consecutive weeks from Monday 18 May to Monday 3rd August, 2015
- Total number of matches played - 431
- Number of members participating - 57
- Most popular weeks - Week 4 with 31 entries, Weeks 9 and 12 - 30 entries.
- Week 7 saw the fewest entries (19)
- Four players attended all 12: Steve Miller, Gwynne Penny, Joe Barraclough and David Joyce.
- Player who scored the most points with the least attendance: Liam McTiernan 1/224

Grand Prix Final Awards Gallery



Senior British League: Premier Division



Report by Peter Charters

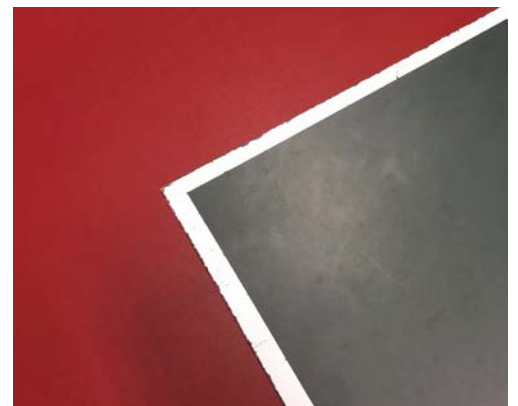
The first team in the Premier Division kicked the season off with the first weekend at the BATTs Club in Harlow on the 12th and 13th of September.

Kingfisher were forced to play without Tom Maynard (hip problem), Liam McTiernan (training in China) and Dave Barr (long term family commitment). Only Marcus Giles from last season's first team squad was available although Maria Tsaptsinos was able to play for part of the weekend. She was recovering from a shoulder injury which forced her out of the England Junior Girls Team at the European Youth Championships. She was rested for the Saturday but came in for the two Sunday matches. Federico Viterbo playing at one, and Hari Gehlot were called up from the second team. These two would always give a good account of themselves in any company. Josh Gallen who as usual, had worked hard at the Kingfisher Club over the summer would get the experience, playing at four in the Premier division for the first time.

The Kingfisher players found the opposition too strong on the Saturday with only Hari recording a victory against the Fusion number four Alexander Forshaw. Drumchapel Glasgow, with two players imported from China, proved much too strong and although Kingfisher made a fight of it, they succumbed 0-8.

Maria arrived on Sunday morning and immediately got into fighting mood against Cardiff City. Playing at three she went down to Welsh international Daniel O'Connell and then to former England junior international Simon Noutch. This match was notable for Maria's energy and spirit and the fact that at 10-8 up in the fifth, the umpire gave her the win as the ball from Noutch appeared to have gone off the side of the table but Maria pointed to the table telling the umpire that it had made the finest of touches. Maria ended up losing the match but winning friends for her honesty.

However, her physical effort told and her shoulder was becoming painful so it was decided to rest her for the final match of the weekend against the home team, BATTs. Josh came back in. This was the match that gave us some hope for the rest of the season. Marcus had spent the weekend playing himself back into form. He had taken one win, that over Patrick Thomas against Cardiff and in this final match of the weekend, he took a double which included victory over world ranked Michael Tauber from Israel. The team spirit was good and as you would expect, the Kingfisher players fought hard for the club over the whole weekend against some powerful opposition. The hopeful return of Tom, Liam and Dave will give Kingfisher a fighting chance of points, but it will still be a tough ask.



Senior British League – Division 2 Midlands

Report by Federico Viterbo

Division 2 Midlands:

First weekend of SBL Division 2 Midlands began with a good fight against Nottingham Sycamore III in the Saturday morning match where all team were a bit cold (also due to the very cold venue in Wellingborough). I won two games against players that later in the weekend revealed to be stronger than seemed. Unfortunately Ye Qin and Hari VP were not completely ok, suffering of some injuries and illnesses. Me and Hari G also won double together playing very good TT but even with only one win of Hari G, we did not manage to draw the match losing 6 to 4.



Federico Viterbo

Results:

Federico Viterbo 3 - 1 David Gannon --> 11-9 11-8 3-11 11-6
Hari Gehlot 0 - 3 Georgios Briskolas --> 3-11 5-11 5-11
Ye Qin Zeng 1 - 3 Sophie Neil --> 5-11 9-11 11-5 7-11
Hari Prasad Reddy Vennapusa 0 - 3 James Garrod --> 4-11 9-11 7-11
Federico Viterbo 3 - 1 Georgios Briskolas --> 8-11 12-10 11-3 11-8
Ye Qin Zeng 1 - 3 David Gannon --> 10-12 6-11 11-4 4-11
Hari Gehlot 3 - 1 James Garrod --> 5-11 11-5 11-3 16-14
Hari Prasad Reddy Vennapusa 1 - 3 Sophie Neil --> 6-11 11-2 5-11 11-8 6-11
Hari G / Federico V 3 - 1 Georgios B / Joshua R --> 11-8 11-4 12-14 11-6
Hari VP / Ye Qin Z 0 - 3 David G / James G --> 6-11 5-11 8-11

Second match in the afternoon against York Gardens II where we did not more than 2 wins. Both our players number 3 and 4 did not do better than morning losing all matches. Me and Hari G won only one single each after good fights (one set 13-11 for me and one set 15-13 for Hari). However we did not repeat same performance against the other players as well as in double, losing the match 8 to 2.

Results:

Richard Carden 3 - 0 Hari Gehlot --> 11-8 11-8 11-3
Andrew Norwood 1 - 3 Federico Viterbo --> 11-13 11-9 8-11 5-11
Neil Cartwright 3 - 1 Hari Prasad Reddy Vennapusa --> 3-11 11-5 11-9 11-6
Ben Foster 3 - 0 Ye Qin Zeng --> 11-6 11-6 13-11
Richard Carden 3 - 0 Federico Viterbo --> 11-4 11-9 11-7
Neil Cartwright 0 - 3 Hari Gehlot --> 13-15 6-11 9-11
Andrew Norwood 3 - 1 Ye Qin Zeng --> 7-11 11-8 11-9 11-8
Ben Foster 3 - 0 Hari Prasad Reddy Vennapusa --> 11-4 11-4 11-3
Richard C / Ben F 3 - 2 Hari G / Federico V --> 8-11 11-5 11-3 4-11 11-9
Andrew N / Neil C 3 - 0 Hari VP / Ye Qin Z --> 11-8 11-7 13-11



Hari Gehlot

Senior British League – Division 2 Midlands



Hari Prasad Reddy
Vennapusa

Sunday morning, new day, new match, but unfortunately same result. We got a heavy defeat against Cardiff City TTC II where there were some players that played in Premier BL two weeks ago. Hari G had some sciatica problem that blocked him to give his 100% and he could not do more than 2-3 in his second match. Hari VP and Yeqin did not even try too hard in order to save energy for the afternoon (where we had to win). I got two very interesting matches against two very good players: the match level was very high with long and spectacular shots.

During my second match I have played one of the best TT in the past years enjoying every single point. I had chances to win, but in the fifth set the better performance of my opponent resulted to be successful. Even if I lost that match, I am very happy of the TT played. Final score 9 to 1 for Cardiff.

Results:

Patrick Thomas 3 - 0 Hari Gehlot --> 11-7 11-9 11-9
Daniel O`connell 3 - 1 Federico Viterbo --> 11-4 7-11 11-6 11-9
Nathan Thomas 3 - 0 Hari Prasad Reddy Vennapusa --> 11-5 11-7 11-4
Cade Short 0 - 3 Yeqin Zeng --> 3-11 3-11 7-11
Patrick Thomas 3 - 2 Federico Viterbo --> 10-12 16-14 11-7 8-11 11-7
Nathan Thomas 3 - 2 Hari Gehlot --> 11-8 11-3 7-11 8-11 11-2
Daniel O`connell 3 - 0 Yeqin Zeng --> 11-2 12-10 11-8
Cade Short 3 - 0 Hari Prasad Reddy Vennapusa --> 11-4 11-4 11-6
Patrick T / Daniel O 3 - 0 Hari G / Federico V --> 11-9 11-5 11-5
Cade S / Nathan T 3 - 2 Hari VP / Yeqin Z --> 3-11 11-8 9-11 11-8 12-10

After to have played against (i think) the top 3 teams of the division, the fourth match of the weekend against BATTIS III has been relatively easy. There has not been any fifth set, with some heavy result (11 - 0 in one set from Yeqin). Hari VP finally won his first match 3-1, I and Hari G had no problem in winning all 5 matches (2 singles each and the double). Yeqin played his best matches of the weekend bringing two important points and gaining his "Player of the Match" title :)

Final score 9 to 1 for Kingfisher II.



Yeqin Zeng

Senior British League – Division 2 Midlands

Results:

Federico Viterbo 3 - 0 Joe Walker --> 11-8 11-5 11-8

Hari Gehlot 3 - 1 Joshua Dye --> 9-11 11-6 11-4 11-7

Yeqin Zeng 3 - 1 Zoe Davies --> 11-0 11-5 10-12 11-4

Hari Prasad Reddy Vennapusa 0 - 3 Justin Jeffery --> 9-11 6-11 10-12

Federico Viterbo 3 - 1 Joshua Dye --> 8-11 11-4 11-9 11-7

Yeqin Zeng 3 - 0 Joe Walker --> 11-4 11-2 11-4

Hari Gehlot 3 - 0 Justin Jeffery --> 11-6 11-8 11-3

Hari Prasad Reddy Vennapusa 3 - 1 Zoe Davies --> 11-6 9-11 11-5 11-8

Hari G / Federico V 3 - 0 Natasha W / Joshua D --> 11-1 11-6 11-8

Hari VP / Yeqin Z 3 - 0 Justin J / Joe W --> 11-8 11-9 11-9



As final comment, we had a very tough weekend playing against the top 3 teams of the division. Next session should be more playable, even if there will be coppers, players with pimples and anti-spin rubbers that will complicate our lives.

Feeling is positive and we will try our best to remain in Division 2.

Senior British League - Division 3, Midlands



Over the weekend of 26th/27th September, Kingfisher 3 played in Division 3, Midlands at Woodfield, Wolverhampton.

An all junior team of Gus Thomis, Josh Gallen, Sam Liu and Jamie Liu found a Draycott team too difficult, going down 3-7. Next up for the young Kingfisher side was a resounding 10-0 demolition of Corby Town, before earning a hard fought 5-5 draw with the new club, Corby Smash, Jamie taking two, Josh one, and both doubles. Kingfisher finished the weekend with a 7-3 victory over 23Technology with two each from Jamie, Gus and Josh to complete a successful weekend.

All three teams are still in the hunt for either promotion, or in the case of the first team, survival in the top division.

Junior British League – Round 1



Report by Ck Liu

Photos courtesy of Angela Liu

The Derby (Velodrome) Arena is an impressive sporting venue to host this year's first round of the Junior British League competitions, boasting a full complement of some 34 tables at the centre of the arena. It took the

Kingfisher boys quite a while to get used to having racing-bicycles whizzing around in the background at just above the eye-level. Sam Liu, Reece Chamdal and Jamie Liu, playing in that ranking order for the weekend, faced Greenhouse in the first match that ended in a 3-3 draw. The second round of another 3-3 draw against Wensum proved crucial in keeping the team's promotion interest alive as Jamie saved the match with his two wins. A 4-2 victory against St Neot's put the Kingfisher boys finely poised for Sunday, sitting comfortably at third place in the league and ready to pounce.



An excellent start to Sunday saw Kingfisher crushing Horsham Spinners 5-1, the overnight league leaders, and leaving three teams (Wensum, Kingfisher and Horsham Spinners) all on six points apiece at the top of the Boys Division 3A going into the final



round. Kingfisher wrapped up a successful JBL weekend by narrowly edging it past Blades 4-2, setting up an exciting return to the second half of JBL in February next year. With so much depth in the squad where Josh Gallen and Gus Thomis (two of the highest rated players in the division) have yet to make an appearance, there is every reason for Kingfisher to be optimistic with their prospect of doing better in this year's JBL than before.

Final results:

Jamie Liu 100% (played 10 won 10)

Reece Chamdal 50% (5/10)

Sam Liu 40% (4/10)

Reading League Update



The 2015-16 season is underway with Kingfisher represented in all 5 divisions. In division 1 Kingfisher A have started strongly with 4 wins out of 4 played and a game in hand over rivals and current leaders OLOP A. In division 2 Kingfisher F and E are currently sitting just above half way. Kingfisher J and H currently sit at the top of division 3 after a great start. Kingfisher K have some work to do in division 4 but have chalked up their first win, and in division 5 Kingfisher L are in a respectable 3rd place.

The following players are still on 100% (number of games played shown after each name): David Joyce (15), Kenn Robb (10), Martin Gunn (9), Hari Gehlot (9), Philip Zeng (8), John Creighton (7) Mark Banks (6), Federico Viterbo (3).

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

Entry is free. Closing date for registration: 31 December, 2015. Entries to be sent to Duncan Abbott. Note: I am circulating entry forms to your team captains but if you want to enter and have not yet received a form, let me know and I will make sure you get a copy. Please support your club and your league and enter this event if you can, Gwynne.

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

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

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	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	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	KINGFISHER H DIVISION 3 HOME: MONDAY Mick Mitcham Captain Carol Byers Eric Holmes Steven Woolnough Dave Duncan	KINGFISHER I DIVISION 3 HOME: TUESDAY Didier Garcon Captain Gianpaolo Balsamo Gabor Radnoti Joaquin Sabater Jean-Noel Thepaut Nils Wedi	KINGFISHER J DIVISION 3 HOME: TUESDAY Melvyn Lovegrove Captain John Upham Krys Szczygiel Luca Bianchi David Joyce	KINGFISHER K DIVISION 4 HOME: WEDNESDAY Gill Bennett Captain Adam McTiernan Ruben Hernandez Ania Pytko Gwynne Penny David Wells	KINGFISHER L DIVISION 5 HOME: TUESDAY Derek Crombie Captain John Creighton Ken Robb Colin Mercer David O'Keeffe Bill Hundley Mike Dorrington

Reading League: Team Captain's Reports



Division 1
Kingfisher A
Mark Banks, Captain

Bit of a stop start to the season with the strange decision by the league to only have mainly just 4 matches per week even there are 10 teams entered. Meaning 2 teams are sitting out most weeks. Weird. Anyway we've made our usual strong start.

Newcomer Martin Gunn has settled in well and has been playing some great stuff and is undefeated thus far with his hard bat. Hariiii and me keep plugging along winning our matches then carrying on afterwards with our continuous arguments about who's the best. It's getting harder and harder each year for me to win that particular one if I'm honest, despite all my protests.

The Kid, bless him, didn't practice for about 6 months and it's therefore taken him a bit longer to adjust to the new balls. Recent signs have been more positive though and we fully expect him to soar up the averages in the coming weeks. Fed the Italian Stallion is in our squad too and will be brought out in the coming weeks for the big ones.

Yep, I know what you're all thinking. Will we win it right? Will we be bringing the title back home to the Kingfisher Club? Hmmm well guys it's a tough one. OLOP A have already dealt the first early blow by taking out a very strong KFB and I guess at this stage that probably makes them slight favourites but we're obviously more than capable of beating them. Will all be on the night as they say 😊



Division 1
Kingfisher B
Richard Rosinski

Have played 2 matches so far with a 7-3 win at home against Reading YMCA and a 3-7 loss to OLOP A away.

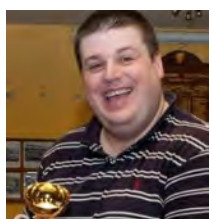
Reading League: Team Captain's Reports



Division 1
Kingfisher C
Yeqin (Philip) Zeng

Because Edy left Kingfisher C this season, it might be a bad news for the team before the season starts. However, both Richard Fifield and Yuan Zhuang stepped up and played very well in the first two season matches.

Yuan won all three matches against Olop B. And Richard took away two wins from Tidmarsh A in their home court, especially one win is from Sam Ricks. With the great effort from all team members, Kingfisher C will still fight for the top 5 places in the league this season.



Division 1
Kingfisher D
Steve Murgatroyd

We beat YMCA but lost to OLOP & Sonning Common & Peppard A.

Niall and I are struggling with injuries, Parks is on holiday in Mexico and Lisa is heavily pregnant.



Division 2
Kingfisher E
Roger Woolven-Allen

Well, there are 20 matches in this season's Division 2 fixtures list and we, the chaps who make up the Kingfisher E team, have, as I write, played four of them. And so we are already one-fifth of the way through the season. And things are going exactly as planned...

The Kingfisher Club in general may well want as many teams as possible in Division 1 (it's not for me to say) but, from our team's personal point of view, we absolutely dread any thought of promotion. In years gone by, we may (and I stress the dubious word "may") have qualified as players in the top flight but now, with the sole exception of Grant Wheatley, we are all "over the hill". We are no longer quick enough, fit enough or skilful enough to play in Division 1, but neither do we want to be relegated to Division 3. Division 2 suits us admirably! To date, we have won two matches and lost two which must put us about mid-table.

To repeat myself, things are going exactly as planned! Some players who think that we are better than we really are will be delighted when they beat us but, with luck, we may also successfully surprise a few people who think that we are just a bunch of old "has-beens" (plus one).

Our first match of the 2015/2016 season was away to OLOP C and John Morris and I were both unavailable. I deliberately do not take Internet access away with me on holiday and so I asked Colin to give me details of our first victory upon my return. "We lost 9-1," our Chairman subsequently reported. To be fair, the individual matches were much closer than the score line suggests, but 9-1 down it was. Great start, eh?



The OLOP player to watch, in my humble opinion, is the youngster Harry Munro. Boy, has this kid got talent! Allan Bruton thinks that Harry, brilliant though he is, might be a bit of a highly-skilled loose cannon, like Daniel Moses. I, however, think that he will be more of an equally-talented but more restrained Daniel McTiernan. But, like the two stars mentioned, one way or another, Allan and I agree that Harry is destined for the top. Time, of course, will tell.

Our second match was against Dave Reynolds's Tidmarsh C mob and we managed a close 6-4 win. The opposition's Barry Carter was the sole "maximum" player of the evening but, as always, one man alone cannot win by himself. Immodest though it may well sound, I think that the doubles team of Grant Wheatley and Yours Truly made all the difference.



In our away match against SC&P C we lost by the same margin that had been our success the previous week. And we were 4-2 up at one stage! Colin was our hero with two wins while Grant and I struggled to gain just one each. Peppard's Matt Stone is a player to be reckoned with and his two young team-mates (Jon and Danny, pictured here with Matt) gave him admirable

support.

Our fourth match was against Willis Ma's Kingfisher G outfit and both Colin and Grant achieved superb trebles. Yours Truly fell to Rick (The Wall) Leachman in three disastrous straight ends. But I took it like a man – and sulked for the rest of the evening. A picture of Willis, Rick and their third player, Jazz, appears alongside. Because I was the only player on our team to lose a singles match, Colin and Grant felt sorry for me and deliberately lost the doubles match – just to make me feel better. I think this was a truly wonderful team gesture.

The statistical highlight of the evening to me was that Rick who, having "whopped-my-ass", netted just one win, while I was awarded two! Good, eh? I couldn't resist pointing this out to him. Twice, if I remember correctly.

And so, as things stand, Kingfisher E has secured four points from four matches and, to finish where I started, this is just what we want.

John Morris, Kingfisher E's fourth player, was (as already mentioned) away for the first match. Since then, poor old John has gone through several medical traumas. The whole team wishes him all the very best for a speedy recovery and a swift return to the good old game of "ping". We miss you, John! And, more to the point, we need you, too!

But perhaps the best bit of all is that Kingfisher E has its own fan club! The delightful and charming Marion Dyke has taken it upon herself to come along to each match to support us. We couldn't wish for a better cheer-leader! No pom-poms or rah-rah skirts yet, but I am ever the optimist...

Reading League: Team Captain's Reports



Division 2
Kingfisher F
Allan Bruton

Not many points on the board as yet but there is time and once our players get into the season we should be on for a mid table finish.



Division 2
Kingfisher G
Willis Ma

We are very happy in this higher division this season. I think we have to face the fact that being a newly promoted team we will be struggled a bit. Especially, it is even harder without the best player Colin who is now a competitor instead of team-mate. The team has two new recruits this season. One of them is Roger Pritchard, who was a member of the long gone Woodley Table Tennis Club over 30 years ago. He seems picking up his skill very quickly even after 30 years without holding his bat. He will be a very good asset for the team. Another one is Jazz Dhillon, who was with OLOP last season. Jazz has very good loops on both wings and able to compete against anyone. We played 4 games so far with One win and 3 points. We are targeting middle table finish at the end of the season.



Division 3
Kingfisher H
Mick Mitcham

Reading team H Played 3 won 1 draw 1 lost 1
Eric 6/9 66.6% Steve 4/6 66.6% Mick 2/6 33.3% Carol 1/3 33.3% Dave 1/3 33.3%

Match 1 Home to Tilehurst lost 6-4 not a good start to the season
Eric 2 (and the doubles with Mick) Carol 1 Mick 0

Match 2 Away to OLOP draw Steve played well
Steve 2 (and the doubles with Eric) Dave 1 Eric 1

Match 3 Home to Pangbourne B won 8-2 player of the match was
Eric 3 (and the doubles with Steve) Mick 2 Steve 2

Reading League: Team Captain's Reports



Division 3
Kingfisher I
Didier Garcon

Kingfisher 'I' ('I' could stand for International with 2 French players, 1 Hungarian, 1 Spanish 1 German and 1 Italian), has had a slow start of the season, with 2 losses against Kingfisher 'J' and Tilehurst Methodists B (Both final scores at 4-6) , but the wind seems to change direction now with the first win v OLOP 'D'.



Division 3
Kingfisher J
Melvyn Lovegrove

My J team has got off to a great start unbeaten in first four matches. David Joyce has 100% Luka Blanchi 77.78% Krys Szczygiel 33.33% Melvyn Lovegrove 75% with John Upham not played yet.



Division 4
Kingfisher K
Gill Bennett

K have begun enthusiastically in division 4 this season, but have played only three games, week 2 being a spare.

The first home match against OLOP E brought two well experienced players and their very promising younger team member, who was playing in a senior league for the first time. Gwynne, Ania and Adam took full advantage and secured one game each! Further games were hard fought, with scores often close but ended with a loss, 3-7.

Tidmarsh E arrived next, and again Ania and Gwynne won a game each, and the evening was an enjoyable one.

Our first away match, however, brought a change of fortune, with a 6-4 victory at SC&P. Ania took yet another game, Adam won 2 and Rubén won all 3 games in his first match of the season.

Reading League: Team Captain's Reports



Division 5
Kingfisher L
Derek Crombie

The team have started the season well, with 4 wins. John Creighton and Kenn Robb are both still on 100% and we are currently 3rd in the table.

Bracknell League Update



Kingfisher have entered 5 teams in the Bracknell league this season, A, B and C in the Premier and D and E in Division 2.

Currently, Kenn Robb and John Creighton are both still on 100% average, with David Wells, Allan Bruton, Ivor Hardman, Phil Mead, John Willcocks and Jeffrey Huggins all at 75% or above.

Berkshire Closed Championships takes place at Kingfisher on 5th and 6th December, 2015. Closing date for entries is Friday 20th November. Full details including rules, fees and entry criteria are available on the entry forms.

Entry forms are available from the BWDTTA web site:
<http://www.berkshiretabletennis.co.uk/berkshireclosed.htm>

Get all the latest results and fixture information here:
<https://www.tabletennis365.com/BracknellAndWokingham>

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	Dave Duncan	David Wells
John Barclay	Roger Woolven- Allen	Michael Houghton	John Creighton	David O'Keeffe
	Phil Mead	Allen Pack	Bill Hundley	Nigel Keedy

BWDTTA Ken Fellingham Cup



The Ken Fellingham grouping tournament was held on Sunday 18th October 2015 and provided an excellent days' table tennis. Most pleasing was that there were a number of new faces from all divisions getting involved in the competition.

As in previous years the grouping tournament was a test of endurance with seven or eight matches of competitive table tennis. There were some very close matches with rankings in the groups often relying on difference in the number of games won.

Congratulations go to Allan Bruton, for topping the rankings, taking the trophy and the top prize of £50. In second place was Djordje Milovanovic who took the prize of £25 for the highest ranked Premier player and in third place was David Holt.

Prizes for the highest ranked 1st and 2nd Division players went to Krys Szczygiel (finishing 8th) and Nigel Keedy (finishing 4th) respectively.

Note that the next tournament, the [Audrey Hardy Hardbat](#), will be held on **17th April 2016 at Kingfisher Table Tennis Club**.

David Holt
Tournament Secretary

Bracknell League Team Captain's Reports



Premier Division
Kingfisher A
Allan Bruton

A slow start to the season with some hiccups and non availabilities but hopefully we will pick up momentum shortly.



Premier Division
Kingfisher B
John Willcocks

We have had a slightly mixed start to the season with two wins and a home defeat. In our first match we struggled to a 6-4 win at Nomads new venue which we found quite difficult to play at due to the lighting, light covered walls and slippery floor.

We then followed this up with a 7-3 defeat at home to Wokingham A before beating our C team 9-1 in a match that was much closer than the score suggests.

As our squad is the same as last year we hope to challenge for the top two places but the division looks like it will be very competitive this season with a number of teams challenging at the top.



Premier Division
Kingfisher C
Mick Mitcham

Played 2 drawn 1 and lost 1

Michael 2/3 66.6% Peter 1/3 33.3% Allen 1/3 33.3% Mick 1/6 16.6%
Carol 0/3 0%

Match 1 away to OLOP not a good start to the evening we went 5-0 down
Pulled 1 back when Michael and Peter won the doubles we then went on to get a draw. Michael 2 (and the doubles with Peter) Mick 1 Peter 1

Match 2 Home to our B team great evening but we lost 9-1 Allen played well and won 1. We all played well but they were just too good. Allen 1 Carol 0 Mick 0

Bracknell League Team Captain's Reports



Division 2
Kingfisher D
Derek Crombie

We've started the season well with 2 wins (6-4 in our first match against Kingfisher E and 10-0 at home to SportsAble B) and a draw against Wokingham Methodist Church A.



Division 2
Kingfisher E
Gwynne Penny

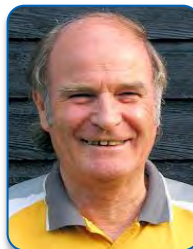
It's been a mixed start to the season for us – losing 4-6 to Kingfisher D was followed by 3 wins. This week we fell short against a strong Nomads C side and lost 3-7 despite some close matches. David Wells has been on good form, with 2 trebles under his belt already. We've also had some good results in the doubles. Still looking for a top two placing, although we will have to work hard to keep pace with Kingfisher D and Nomads C. In our first Howard Shield match, against SportsAble A we lost 4-5 – our next Howard Shield fixture is against Division 1 side, Wokingham B in November.

Your Committee



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- Coaching Officer & Head Coach
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Ck Liu

- Committee Member



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- Committee Member



Melvyn Lovegrove

- Committee Member

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Table Manager: Dave Duncan
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Kingfisher Agent, Tees Sport discount scheme: Sandra Shepherd

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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

Kingfisher on Social Media: Facebook

Have you visited the club's facebook page yet? If you 'like' our page, you'll be able to see updates in your Facebook timeline, including reminders about events like the Grand Prix, and notifications about news items on our web site.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/kingfisherttc>

The screenshot displays the Facebook profile for the Kingfisher Table Tennis Club. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'Home' and 'Find Friends'. Below this, the page name 'Kingfisher Table Tennis Club' is visible, along with tabs for 'Page', 'Messages', 'Notifications' (with a red badge showing 6), 'Insights', and 'Publishing Tools'. The cover photo shows a table tennis match in progress, with the club's logo and name overlaid. The profile picture is a square logo featuring a stylized table tennis player and the text 'KINGFISHER TABLE TENNIS CLUB'. The main content area shows a post from the club, dated 16 hours ago, announcing the 'Finals Night - Kingfisher Grand Prix 2015 - Week 12' event. The post includes a photo of a player on a table and a large blue graphic with the number '12' and the Butterfly logo. The event details specify it is for 'Tomorrow at 19:30' at the 'Kingfisher Table Tennis Club in Reading, England', with '3 people are going'. The post has 89 'People Reached' and 7 'Post Clicks'. The right sidebar shows a 'Recent' list of years from 2010 to 2015, a 'Boost Post' button, and a preview of another event post. The bottom of the page features a 'Share your opinion about Kingfisher Table Tennis Club!' section with a 'You rated this place' button.

Weekly Coaching Group Sessions

Mondays - 5.30pm to 7pm

Junior Coaching – early learners/beginners

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

Coaches: Alison Broe and Gwynne Penny

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – 5pm to 7pm

Junior Coaching – intermediate/advanced

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

Coaches: Peter Charters and Alison Broe

Friday – 5.30pm to 7pm

Junior Coaching – intermediate

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

Coach: Gwynne Penny

Saturday – 10.30am to 12 noon

Mixed Session

Coaching for those players wishing to develop their table tennis.

Coach: Graham Outrim

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

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

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



Coaching at Kingfisher

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

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

Licensed Coaches

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



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

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

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

Club Discount Scheme with Tees Sport

Kingfisher has a contract with Tees Sport which runs up to the end of 2015. 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%.

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(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.

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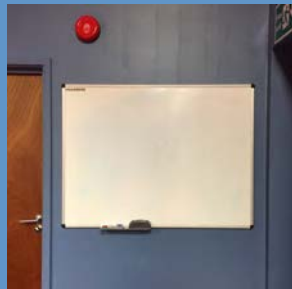
We are delighted to have negotiated a deal with Tees to offer members the opportunity of ordering a Kingfisher Club Shirt. For details of this offer please follow the link below or go to the Kingfisher TTC website.

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

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.



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.

Newsletter Noticeboard

Reminder: Guests

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

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

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

Payment of Guest Fees:

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

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

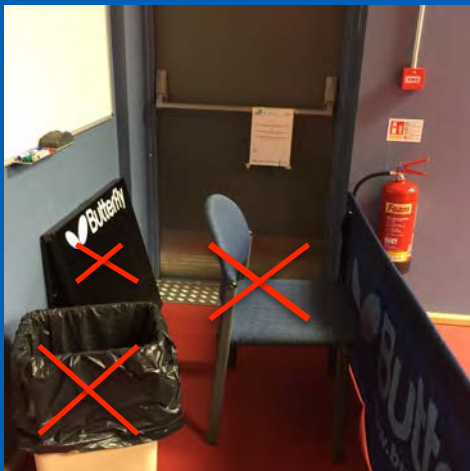
First Aid

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



Emergency Exits

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



Noticeboards

The club noticeboards in the social area are in the process of being re-organised and refreshed.

Towel Holders

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



Kingfisher Grouping Tournament



Report by Allan Bruton

Over the evenings of 7th and 8th September club members assembled for the Kingfisher annual grouping tournament, there was a disappointing entry this year of only 12 entries, I find it difficult to believe that only 12 of our members found the opportunity to partake in some competitive practice before the league commencement, but there you go !!!.

That said, all those who did enter I am sure enjoyed it as everyone thanked me for organising, even the 2 top players who entered thanked me for organising and they had an easy passage throughout but took part against lesser opponents with good grace. I should take this opportunity to acknowledge Melvyn Lovegrove's tournament, he played extremely well to finish third, well done Melvyn.

My thanks in fact to all the entrants it was a small but interesting tournament.

The overall standings after the 3 rounds of play were as follows:

- 1) Federico Viterbo
- 2) Hari Gehlot
- 3) Melvyn Lovegrove,
- 4) Jeff Huggins
- 5) Allan Bruton
- 6) Peter Bennett
- 7) Roger Woolven-Allen
- 8) Dave Gostelow
- 9) Joe Barraclough
- 10) Eric Holmes
- 11) Cris Reynolds
- 12) Bill Hundley



Melvyn Lovegrove

The prize money was Winner £10.00 runner up £5.00 and third £3.00.

Allan Bruton
Organiser

A Serving of Sneakles

SNEAKLES' SPOOKY HALLOWEEN TT SESSION



SNEAKLES

Caption Competition: Results



UMPIRE: I don't know why you're burying your head in your towel. You've just out-gunned your opponent."

Kingfisher Club Members Spotted on Social Media



Coach Vidal Graham and Jamie Liu at European Talent Training Camp



Kingfisher Chairman Colin Dyke at VETTS tournament in Tipton.



David Gostelow (far right) and Gwynne at Westfields Summer Training Camp in August

Greetings from the Isle of Wight

Dear members of Kingfisher

Our daughter, Gwynne, kindly sends us copies of your excellent newsletter (what a mammoth task to collate all that information) which has inspired me to put pen to paper and tell you a little about our village table tennis group here in St Lawrence, which is situated a short distance from the holiday resort of Ventnor on the south of the island and where we retired to, nearly nineteen years ago.

I am not a table tennis player, but my husband has played since he was a lad and always loved the sport, but some years ago while we were still on the mainland he had a slight mobility problem and regretfully decided his days of league player were over.

Imagine his delight, when we moved here and he discovered a handful of people wanted to meet once a week in the village hall to play social table tennis, and from this fledgling group and more retirees wanting to keep fit, numbers have increased and likewise competitiveness. Today the hall is hired for two afternoons a week and numbers fluctuate between eight and twenty eight players.

The first hurdle on arrival at the village hall is to climb the path to the entrance, but even if you do not manage to do this in one go, it is well worth stopping and turning round whilst you get your breath!

The view across the fields to the sea with its myriad of colours and movement is always breathtaking and well worth a few seconds to stand and gaze at before completing the climb, and one I never tire of. It is incredible how busy this stretch of the English Channel is, with passenger liners and cargo vessels on the far horizon and sailing ships with mainly white sails, but sometimes colourful spinnakers powering them through the water.



The hall was originally built as a school. I always felt sorry that it would have been impossible for small children to look out of the windows – they are so high, but that was probably the idea – no day dreaming!



Greetings from the Isle of Wight

It only survived as a school for a relatively short time before it closed and eventually reopened as a hall and amenity for the village.

In our time here we have witnessed its complete refurbishment and the building of a small extension, all of which makes it a lovely venue.

The group have two tables – a blue Stiga and green Butterfly, and depending on number of players, the tables are mostly used for doubles. St Lawrence has had at least one team in the Isle of Wight league for many years and hopefully a few of the more active members of the group will continue the tradition for many years to come.



For the majority of players it is a social get together, a fun to fitness and enjoyable way to spend one or two afternoons a week throughout the year and not at a vast expense. The only criteria being to cover the cost of the hall hire, Table Tennis England affiliation fees, insurance and equipment.

Being a social group, there is generally a Christmas party and if someone can be persuaded to organize it, a day is set aside in the autumn for a knock-out competition with lunch and afternoon tea.

If you happen to be on holiday on the Island, adult visitors are always welcome. Please speak to Gwynne if you would like more information.

Wendy Penny

P.S. Please tell Roger that we also wonder how our daughter fits in a full time job with her table tennis commitments!

Table tennis is worth making time for! - Gwynne

A visit to St Ives

By Gwynne Penny

In September I visited St Ives in Cornwall, and before my trip, I checked out details of the local table tennis club and contacted them to see if I could join them for a knock. This didn't prove easy, as although their website states that visitors are welcome, there were no contact details. But I did a bit of investigation on Table Tennis 365, managed to locate an email address for one of the league team captains and he confirmed that it would be okay for me to turn up on practice night.

So one warm Tuesday evening I threw on my *table tennis daily* t-shirt and leggings and made the short train journey from St Ives to Carbis Bay and walked up the steep hill to the scout hut which sits in the car park below the church. The hut had 3 tables arranged side by side with just about enough room around each -- as long as you didn't want to backup too far to retrieve a shot!

With standing room only and around 20 players, it was cosy but everyone made me feel very welcome and I had some super games, some of which I won and some I lost.



There was a good range of ages at the club ranging from 11 upwards to 70+. On one table the younger players were receiving coaching from U21 Cornwall County Table Tennis champion, Rachel Trevorrow, whilst local league and social players played a mix of singles and doubles on the other two tables.

Seeing my *Table Tennis Daily* shirt prompted questions from one of the young lads: "Do you play in Bristol?, do you know Dan Ives?" to which I replied "well I've been there on training camps and I know Dan, but I play in Reading, at Kingfisher". This then sparked interest from one of the adults who had heard of Kingfisher and asked after Peter Charters.

All too soon it was time for me to go, to make sure I didn't miss the last train back to St Ives. It was a great evening and one of the highlights of my holiday.

Roger's Ramblings

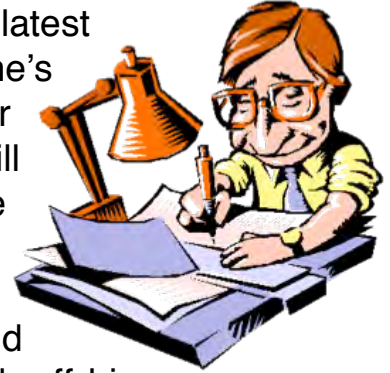
Prologue



I am sorry to announce that The Ramblings will be quite curtailed this time round. Hey, you lot, I do wish you'd stop cheering whenever I say that!!!

Due to administration work (unrelated to table tennis), much child-minding down in the West Country and a diabolically painful bout of sciatica (all say "aaah", please) I am starting this latest column of nonsense on Gwynne's actual deadline date. However, our lady editor has told me that she will

stay up until midnight for the material and, of course, I shall give things my best shot. Talking of "midnight" reminds me of a senior Reading and Berkshire table tennis official who used to accept entries for the various local tournaments and competitions. At midnight on the deadline date he would block off his letterbox! This is absolutely true! However, I shouldn't be critical (although I do admit to being amused); the official I refer to, in his day, did more for our sport than you and I and all the players down the road put together.



Eddie Cassidy

Eddie Cassidy is back in town! I am not sure whether his nickname is "Butch" or "Hopalong" but, either way, you know who I am talking about.

Eddie lives in the Isle of Man – a wonderful place – but he occasionally escapes to the mainland. A little while ago I received the following email:

*"Hi Roger,
Thanks for a copy of the 'Kingfisher News', again, a very well put together newsletter with many interesting articles.
Hope you are all well, liked the article from Dave Gostelow, he talks a lot of sense.....don't tell him I said that. I'm at my daughter's home again in Middlesbrough playing regularly at Ormesby TTC (doesn't make me any better) nice to meet up with Denis and Alan. Leaving for Reading around the 11th September so will be seeing you all again shortly,what did you say, "oh no!"
See the 'guest fee' has gone up to £5 if I've read it right, but it's well worth it if only to let you all beat me!
Take care,
Eddie"*

Roger's Ramblings



But Eddie is not the only celebrity adopted by the Isle of Man. The famous actor and comedian Norman Wisdom (who died there in 2010) spent most of his twilight years in the island and there is a statue of him to be found in the town of Ramsay. I wrote to Eddie asking him if he could supply me with a photograph of him sitting next to Norman – and, as you can see, the boy dun good. A wonderful photograph was duly received, accompanied by the following text:

*Hi Roger,
Your wish is my command!' Taken outside the Sefton Hotel. If you had asked me before 2010 (when he died) you could have had the real thing! Mark, the guy I play TT with, did actually play table tennis with Norman in front of a local crowd. Norman brought howls of laughter with his trade mark 'tripping up' routine.
See you shortly,
Eddie*



Books

I am in the process of sorting out my book collection. Like so many other people, I find a book and think “I’ll read that one sometime” and put it on the shelf. And there it stays, unread, for many years. Many of my unwanted goodies are shortly to make their merry way to the Sue Ryder Home. But, among such stuff, there are a few table tennis books that I think would be better off NOT going to charity. I am the proud possessor of a copy of Matthew Syed’s book *Bounce* – and THAT one is never going to leave my collection, but there are other table tennis publications, as listed below:

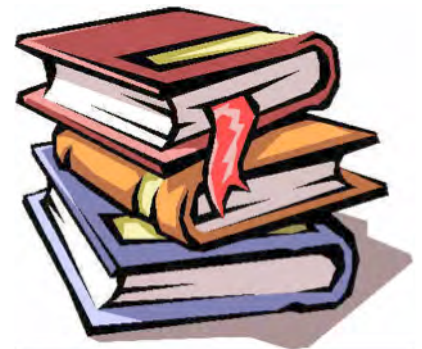


Table Tennis by Harold Myers.

The Meaning of Success (about the London Progress TTC) by Jon Kaufman.

The Science of Table Tennis by Brian Burn.

The Mighty Waltzer (a table tennis novel) by Howard Jacobsen.

Contrary to what I suggested above, I have actually read all these books, but I really cannot see me ever revisiting them. And so I shall leave them on the table in the Club’s social area; if you would like to take one, or more, of them away with you, please feel free. Once read, you might even consider returning them to the Club for possible use by other members. No obligation, of course!

Federico and Hari Federico and Hari are two of the best players in the Club and, arguably, two of the best players in the entire country. I was taking part in a common-or-garden Reading Division 2 match and, while I was waiting for one of my personal battles, Federico (pictured) came up and asked me if he could practise attacking my backhand defence on a free table. If there is a good part to my game at all, this is arguably it, but I felt well and truly honoured!

After about ten minutes of some ferocious play, your antiquated correspondent was absolutely knackered and had to bow out. I returned to my team match and shortly afterwards, went up for my personal bash against Barry Carter. I lost. To be fair, Barry played absolutely brilliantly, but I wondered afterwards if exhausting myself had helped my cause in any way at all!

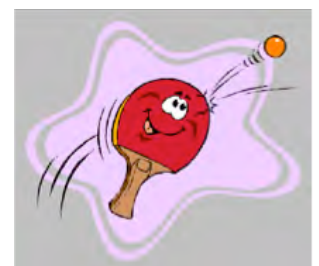
In my most recent team match (last week, as I write this), good old Hari came up to me and asked exactly the same question as Federico had previously. Despite the undisputed repeated honour, I fear that my reply wasn't very polite, but Hari got the gist of it.

Hari has been a good friend for more decades than I care to remember, but I haven't known Federico for very long at all. But isn't he a great guy? Friendly and very sporting. When we played each other in the recent out-of-season Grand Prix series, I think I actually took an end off our Italian star. But I wasn't fooled for one moment!!!

You may not be aware, but your friendly scribe is one-sixteenth Italian, so perhaps that explains how Federico and I somehow relate to each other. Who knows? Having said that, with the exception of "due birre, per favore", I fear that I don't speak a word of Federico's native language.



Jon Samuel Erstwhile Kingfisher member Jonathan Samuel is currently running table tennis coaching courses at the Prudential and is on the scrounge for old rubbers – no matter how poor the condition. As his students are beginners, he obviously does not want Anti-Loop or long pimped stuff, but any "ordinary" rubbers would be very much appreciated. If you can supply a rubber or two please lob 'em in the direction of RWA and I'll make sure that they safely reach the Looney. Thank you!



Epilogue

Well, folks, there really wasn't very much this time, was there? Must try harder...

As I write this, the current season is about one-fifth over and I am really having a great time. Win or lose, everyone seems to be so friendly. I guess this may have something to do with us all enjoying ourselves! How is it that we can be too tired to mow the lawn or do the washing-up, but there seems to be plenty of energy available for the game of table tennis? I shall have to think about that one!

Alongside you will find a cartoon that I stole from the Metro newspaper. It has nothing to do with table tennis, but I think it is one of the funniest I have seen in ages! I think I must be a bit of a masochist, because I possess one of these emission-spewing machines. But I love my Golf to bits! Even if it has proved to be a bit of a handicap. Joke, joke...



But I shall close now. I hope, as I said above, that you are all enjoying your sport as much as I am. I wish you all a pleasant and as successful a season as possible (we can't ALL win!). Hopefully, we'll meet up, possibly at opposite ends of the table, in the very near future. But, as Federico would say, "Pour maintenant, au 'voir."

(Roger)

And Finally....

I hope you've enjoyed reading this edition of Kingfisher News.

Please keep the articles and photos coming – the next edition will be around Christmas time (already!)

Good luck with your table tennis, enjoy it and I hope to see you at the club soon!

Gwynne



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What do you think?

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

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

gwynnepenny@mac.com