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## Success for Kingfisher Juniors in National Championships

### Welcome to Kingfisher News

Congratulations to Jamie Liu, Anaya Patel and Felix Thomis on their performance at the Under 10 to Under 13's National Championships in June. Kingfisher Grand Prix 2016 is well underway with reports and standings up to the half way point in this edition.

Preparation for the upcoming season (only weeks away!) is well underway with local league teams proposed for the upcoming season for Reading and Bracknell.

Enjoy the rest of the summer,

Gwynne Penny, Editor



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# Introduction



I was honoured to again be elected as Chairman of the Club at the AGM in May, on the basis that I would carry on for one more year. There will be other senior posts which similarly are likely to have to be filled at next year's AGM. So it would be most helpful to hear from anyone who would like to sit in on a committee meeting or meetings this season, without obligation, to see how they might fit in. Don't hesitate to speak to me or any committee member if you would like to help the Club move forward.

I was delighted to see that Peter Bradley, our Hon General Secretary, has joined Peter Charters in receiving the honour of Honorary Life Member of Table Tennis England. Peter has put an immense amount of hard work in to our sport and the honour is richly deserved.

Two of our committee in the form of Sandra Shepherd and Gwynne Penny have been working hard in recent weeks. Sandra has been sorting out the membership renewals and new applications for membership, a very time consuming job. I'm sure she would like to thank all those who made her life a little easier by responding quickly. Gwynne has been busy on sorting out our League Teams apart from all the other tasks she performs. My thanks to both.

I welcome our new Facilities Manager, Rick Leachman, who steps in to the shoes of Allen Pack. Rick will be only too pleased to deal with any aspect of the facility if you have any comments.

Finally, my thanks to Allan Bruton, who stepped in briefly earlier this year to ensure that the cleaning of the premises was kept up to standard after our cleaner moved on. It was supposed to be short term but Allan has been beaver away right up to the current date. Hopefully a new cleaning regime will be commencing shortly under Allan's management.

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](mailto: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

# U10-U13 National Championships



By Peter Charters

Kingfisher were well represented in the later rounds of the National 10-to-13 Championships at Preston last weekend. Jamie Liu takes top spot with a Gold medal in the Under 12 Boys event beating Louis Price from Bristol 3-1 in the final. In the Under 13's, Jamie had a titanic battle with Josh Weatherby from Ormsby in the Semi-Final which Jamie showed his mental toughness to win deuce in the fifth. In the final he met the boy he defeated in last years final, Amirul Hussain from Lancashire, the number one seed. This year, Amirul upped his game to get the better of a tiring Jamie 3-1. For Jamie to return with a gold and a silver medal in his two events was yet another marker as to where he is in English table tennis; comfortably the best for his age in the country.



Jamie Liu celebrates with coach Daniel Basterfield



Anaya Patel with coach Tom Maynard

Kingfisher had more to cheer over the weekend in Preston. Anaya Patel at last showed the level of play that we at the club, know she is capable of. After a nervous start she came up against the top seed in the under 12 girls, Ruby Chan from Yorkshire. Anaya lost the first two ends but then played her explosive best to take the next three to achieve the best win of her short career. In the Semi-Final Anaya went two up against Sophie Chiang from Essex, the number three seed but Sophie was able to edge her way back into the match to take the next three. But this was an encouraging performance from Anaya; to win her first bronze medal in a major and to show that she is in there with the best girls in the country in her age group.



Another Bronze for Kingfisher came in the under 11 boys where Felix Thomis battled his way through a tiring day on the Saturday, competing in the singles at under 13 and under 11 as well as the Under 13 doubles. At the end of the day, a Semi -Final of the Under 11 boys singles against Adam Szabo from Yorkshire was a physical step too far for Felix but who (like Jamie and Anaya) one of the best players in England for his age.

Thanks go to the hard working coaches (Dan Basterfield for Jamie, Tom Maynard for Anaya and Alison Broe with Felix) who sat through the whole weekend and suffered the downs with their players but also the joy of the 'ups'.



Felix Thomis – U11 Bronze Medal Winner



Jamie Liu with Club President and Head Coach, Peter Charters



Andy Thomis, Felix Thomis and coach Alison Broe

Read more at Table Tennis England:

[Young Champions reflect on their achievements](#)

# Kingfisher Grand Prix 2016

Kingfisher 2016 Grand Prix series commenced on [Monday 16 May](#) and runs for 12 weeks (including bank holidays) with the finals being held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August. In this issue we bring you the reports and standings for the first half, up to week 6. Reports from weeks 7 through 12 will be in the next newsletter in September.

Special thanks to Rick Leachman, who stepped in to help with running the Grand Prix and has kept things running smoothly throughout the series.

Good luck to everyone at Finals night.



A big thank you to Blue Jelly Solutions for sponsoring the 2016 Kingfisher Grand Prix.



## Week 1 Report

16 May 2016

The first event of the 12 in the Kingfisher 2016 Series got under way with a new sponsor, Blue Jelly Solutions, supporting us. With the extra prize money available, this attracted a quality field of 20 entrants and produced some exciting table tennis.

In last 32 matches Ian Cole scraped home at 7 in the fifth to returning Belgian ace Eric Van Looy whilst newcomer Simon Vine from Richmond showed he was going to be in contention by beating Justin Mead 3-1. Rick Leachman showed his potential when losing three very close games to his opponent from a higher division Trung Tran.

In the last 16, Ian Cole again showed his fighting spirit winning again in five to overcome Steve Miller. Mark Banks fought back well from 2-0 down against Tony Reynolds only to succumb at 4 in the fifth. Andrew Parker looked like he was getting back against Trung Tran but was edged out 3-1. In the quarters Trung Tran met his match in Hari Gehlot, although at one stage looking as though he may take him the distance. Daniel Moses put an end to Ian Cole's run whilst Martin Gunn came back from a game down to beat Tony Reynolds. Simon Vine then completed the semi-final line up in a very tough but brilliant battle with returning Brazilian Elson Costa. The first three games could have gone either way with Elson just losing out.

Two great matches in the semi-finals saw Hari and Daniel go through. Daniel got past Martin comfortably 3-0, a contrast to some of their battles last season where Martin proved a bit of a bogey player. Hari took a couple of close games against Simon to ease through by 3-1.

An all out attacking match in the final with neither player giving any quarter saw Daniel claim the Grand Prix first week's title 3-0 but things could have been so different had Hari managed to pinch one of the two deuce games.

Mark Banks won the consolation event by beating Eric Van Looy 3-1, despite the scare of losing the first game, to boost his points in the table.

Daniel Moses now leads the series with 126 points, 41 ahead of Hari Gehlot and with Simon Vine, Mark Banks and Martin Gunn trailing in his wake.



Daniel Moses – Main Event Winner

# Results - 2016 GRAND PRIX NO 1

## Main Event

### Last 16:

Trung Tran bt Andrew Parker 4, 5, -11, 6  
Hari Gehlot bt Jo Barracclough 4, 7, 4  
Simon Vine bt David Joyce 5, 4, 8  
Elson Costa bt Allen Pack 6. 4. 1  
Ian Cole bt Steve Miller 8, -8, 10, -9, 5  
Martin Gunn bt Trevor Organ 5, 4, 7  
Tony Reynolds bt Mark Banks 8, 4, -9, -7, 4  
Daniel Moses bt Luca Bianchi 5, 6, 4

### Quarter Finals:

Hari Gehlot bt Trung Tran 4, -7, 5, 3  
Daniel Moses bt Ian Cole 3, 10, 1  
Martin Gunn bt Tony Reynolds -5, 5, 7, 7  
Simon Vine bt Elson Costa 9, -8. 10, 5

### Semi Finals:

Hari Gehlot bt Simon Vine 7, 10, -4, 9  
Daniel Moses bt Martin Gunn 4, 3, 8

### Final:

Daniel Moses bt Hari Gehlot 7, 10, 10

## Consolation Event

### Semi Finals:

Eric Van Looy bt Justin Mead 8, -8, 5, 6  
Mark Banks bt David Joyce 5, 4, -10, 7

### Final:

Mark Banks bt Eric Van Looy -6, 4, 11, 5



Mark Banks – Consolation Event  
Winner

## Week 2 Report

23 May 2016

Week 2 of the Kingfisher Grand Prix brought 18 entrants with a couple of notable exceptions as Martin Gunn and Hari Gehlot were both absent.

In the last 16, Trevor Organ drew series leader, Daniel Moses, who played a pretty much textbook game, using short touch play to bring Trevor in close and then driving him back out long with well placed shots, including a couple of spectacular 'around-the-net' shots. Trevor kept fighting until the end but didn't manage to push Daniel beyond 3 games.

Mark Banks had a clear run through against Steve Miller and Joe Barraclough but couldn't keep his winning streak going when he came up against Martin Adams in the Semi-Final who was still fresh from a 3-game win over Krassi Ivanov.

Daniel didn't give an inch of leeway to Martin Adams in the final, and took the 2<sup>nd</sup> week top slot in 3 games (11-8, 11-4, 11-6).

In the consolation event Tony Reynolds breezed through Gwynne and Trevor in 3 straight apiece to secure his slot in the final against Simon Vine, who had beaten Ian Cole in 4 and Rick Leachman in 3 to reach the final. The final was well fought, with close games but ultimately Simon didn't quite manage to push it into a 5<sup>th</sup> set, going out 10-12 in the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Daniel Moses continues to lead the series with 264 points, 121 ahead of Mark Banks with Simon Vine, Tony Reynolds and Martin Adams completing the top 5.

## Results - 2016 GRAND PRIX NO 2

### Main Event

#### Last 16:

Daniel Moses bt Trevor Organ 5, 6, 9  
Trung Tran bt Simon Vine 6, 5, 13  
Andrew Parker bt Rick Leachman 9, 6, 10  
Richard Fifield bt Gwynne Penny 8, 5, 6  
Martin Adams bt Nigel Keedy 0, 7, 4  
Krassi Ivanov bt Ian Cole 5, 6, -10, 4  
Joe Barraclough bt Sagar Sawant 2, 6, 8  
Mark Banks bt Steve Miller 4, 3, 3

#### Quarter Finals:

Daniel Moses bt Trung Tran 3, 9, 6  
Andrew Parker bt Richard Fifield 8, 10, -8, 5  
Martin Adams bt Krassi Ivanov 7, 7, 9  
Mark Banks bt Joe Barraclough 3, 8, 7



Daniel Moses – Main Event Winner



### Semi Finals:

Daniel Moses bt Andrew Parker 8, -10, 5, 4

Martin Adams bt Mark Banks 4, 4, 5

### Final:

Daniel Moses bt Martin Adams 8, 4, 6

## Consolation Event

### Semi Finals:

Simon Vine bt Ian Cole -9, 2, 10, 4

Tony Reynolds bt Trevor Organ 7, 5, 8

### Final:

Tony Reynolds bt Simon Vine 9, 7, -6, 10



Tony Reynolds – Consolation Event  
Winner

## Week 3 Report

30 May 2016

Week 3 of the Kingfisher Grand Prix and things are already hotting up with 18 entrants which included a returning Martin Gunn and first appearance by Robert Gladstone.

In the last 16, Robert Gladstone and Joe Barraclough (who regularly train together) battled it out to a 5-setter of close matches, with Rob clinching victory in the 5<sup>th</sup> 11-8. This put him into the quarter finals up against Daniel Moses who put an end to his first Grand Prix run in 3 games (11-4, 11-8, 11-5).

After last weeks' defeat in the final, Martin Adams was determined for a better result when he met Daniel Moses in the Semi-Final. Martin took the first end 11-5, Daniel came back to take the next 11-5. Martin replied with another 11-5. Daniel then took the next game 11-8, setting things up for an exciting 5<sup>th</sup> set, which Martin won 11-9.

Meanwhile, Martin Gunn saw off Sagar Sawant and Mark Banks in 3 straight before meeting Harry Munro in the semi-final, which saw Harry put up a good fight in the third game, (11-9) to push it to 4. This week Martin was equipped with both hard bat and reverse rubber blades, starting the evening knocking up with reverse but switching back to hard bat by the time he met Martin Adams in the final.

Martin Adams, fresh from taking out Daniel Moses was on fighting form and marched on through the final against Martin Gunn, taking the Main Event win in 3 sets, 11-8, 11-7, 11-8.

In the consolation event all of the matches were decided in 3 sets, apart from the semi final between Ian Cole and Trung Tran which went to 5 and brought the watching crowd some great fast counter-topspin exchanges with both players using all of the available court. In the 5<sup>th</sup> end, after battling hard, Trung's determination paid off and he secured his place in the consolation final with an 11-2 win.

Trung then met Steve Miller in the final and continued to show good form, taking it in 3 straight (11-7, 11-5, 11-6).

Daniel Moses continues to lead the series with 331 points, 96 ahead of Martin Adams who has now overtaken Mark Banks (193). Martin Gunn moves up into 4<sup>th</sup> position on 164 points and Trung Tran's victory in the consolation brings him into the top 5.



Harry Munro



Sagar Sawant



Rick Leachman



Mark Banks

## Results - 2016 GRAND PRIX NO 3

### Main Event

#### Last 16:

Mark Banks bt Steve Miller 8, 4, 2

Martin Gunn bt Sagar Sawant 8, 8, 4

Harry Munro bt Melvyn Lovegrove 8, 4, 9

Rick Leachman bt Gwynne Penny 7, 3, 7

Martin Adams bt Yonatan Slobodskoy 4, 10, 3

David Joyce bt Jim McAllister 9, 7, 8

Robert Gladstone bt Joe Barraclough -9, 8, -9, 7, 8

Daniel Moses bt Ian Cole 8, 10, 8

#### Quarter Finals:

Martin Gunn bt Mark Banks 5, 6, 8

Harry Munro bt Rick Leachman 6, 6, 8

Martin Adams bt David Joyce 3, 2, 2

Daniel Moses bt Robert Gladstone 4, 8, 5

#### Semi Finals:

Martin Gunn bt Harry Munro 3, 1, -9, 3

Martin Adams bt Daniel Moses 5, -5, 5, -8, 9

#### Final:

Martin Adams bt Martin Gunn 8, 7, 8

### Consolation Event

#### Semi Finals:

Trung Tran bt Ian Cole 8, -8, 9, -5, 2

Steve Miller bt Yonatan Slobodskoy 5, 6, 8

#### Final:

Trung Tran bt Steve Miller 7, 5, 6



Martin Adams – Main Event Winner



Trung Tran – Consolation Event Winner



## Week 4 Report

6 June 2016

Week 4 – 18 entries. This week saw the return of Hari Gehlot, fresh from the World Vetts Championships in Alicante. We also welcomed Rod Kay, returning to Kingfisher after several years absence.

In the last 16, Richard Fifield scored a 3-0 win over Martin Gunn, who was trying out a new combination of pimped rubbers with a thin sponge. As the match progressed, Martin realised that adjusting to the new blade would take longer than first anticipated, and Richard took full advantage of the situation, delivering good topspin attacks and dominating the rallies to take the match 11-4, 11-7, 11-4. Last weeks' winner, Martin Adams had an easy first round against Gwynne Penny, coasting through in 3 (11-9, 11-3, 11-3). Meanwhile, Daniel Moses saw off newcomer, Rod Kay 11-4, 11-4, 11-9. Joe Barraclough put up a good fight against Mark Banks with a close first leg (9-11), but Mark came back strong to take the next 11-3. Joe fought back in the third leg and was rewarded with an 11-7 score but wasn't able to sustain it and lost out 6-11 in the fourth leg. Sagar Sawant had a very close match with Trevor Organ, with the balance of power shifting first one way then the other – 11-8, 9-11, 11-7, 10-12 but managed to win through in the end with 11-9 in the 5<sup>th</sup>. Tournament host, Rick Leachman had a good battle with Richard Rosinski – losing the first 2 legs 7-11 and 9-11 but managing to convert the third leg into an 11-9 win. Richard wasn't going to let up easily, and took it in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11-9.

In the quarter finals, Martin Adams beat Hari Gehlot in straight sets, although Hari fought back in the second leg and pushed it to 10-12 and 9-11 in the third. Meanwhile, Trung Tran put up a good fight against Daniel Moses, winning the second leg but Daniel finished it in the 4<sup>th</sup> 11-7.

The final showdown, between Martin Adams and Daniel Moses was a hard fought battle, with some fantastic rallies. In the first two legs there was little between them with Daniel taking the first 11-9 and Martin replying 11-9. Martin then took the advantage in the third leg 13-11. Daniel fought back 11-7 in the 4<sup>th</sup> but Martin wasn't having any of it and powered through the 5<sup>th</sup> set 11-4 to win a second consecutive week at the top.

In the Consolation event, Martin Gunn powered through Trevor organ in 3 sets. In the quarter finals he had a very close match with Joe Barraclough (13-15, 11-4, 11-8, 9-11, 12-10). This prompted a decision to then switch back to his trusty hard bat and after a bit of adjustment, he saw off Rod Kay to book his place in the consolation final. Krassi Ivanov powered through David Joyce and Harry Munro in straight sets. Steve Miller put up a good fight in the Semi-Finals, but Krassi managed to close it out in a close 4<sup>th</sup> set, 12-10, setting himself up for the final showdown with Martin Gunn. Krassi kept his game tight and used well placed attacking topspin shots to dominate the match after a close first leg 12-10 and took the next 2 11-6, 11-8 to win the Consolation event.

Daniel Moses continues to lead the series with 422 points, but Martin Adams has narrowed the gap to 65. Mark Banks is still in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 235 but Trung Tran is hot on his heels at 232. Martin Gun slips back to 5<sup>th</sup> place on 224.

## Results - 2016 GRAND PRIX NO 4

### Main Event

#### Last 16:

Martin Adams bt Gwynne Penny 9, 3, 3

Hari Gehlot bt David Joyce 6, 6, 3

Richard Rosinski bt Rick Leachman 7, 9, -9, 9

Richard Fifield bt Martin Gunn 4, 7, 4

Daniel Moses bt Rod Kay 4, 4, 9

Mark Banks bt Joe Barraclough 9, 3, -7, 6

Sagar Sawant bt Trevor Organ 8, -9, 7, -10, 9

Trung Tran bt Krassi Ivanov 8, 9, 6

#### Quarter Finals:

Martin Adams bt Hari Gehlot 6, 10, 9

Richard Rosinski bt Richard Fifield 7, 5, 4

Trung Tran bt Sagar Sawant 6, 5, 3

Daniel Moses bt Mark Banks 9, 8, -10, 6

#### Semi Finals:

Martin Adams bt Richard Rosinski 6, 6, 5

Daniel Moses bt Trung Tran 7, -6, 8, 7

#### Final:

Martin Adams bt Daniel Moses -9, 9, 11, -7, 4

### Consolation Event

#### Semi Finals:

Martin Gunn bt Kay Rod 9, 11, 5

Krassi Ivanov bt Steve Miller -9, 5, 8, 10

#### Final:

Krassi Ivanov bt Martin Gunn 10, 6, 8



Martin Adams – Main Event Winner



Krassi Ivanov – Consolation Event Winner

## Week 5 Report

12 June 2016

Week 5. This weeks' Grand Prix, hosted by Andrew Parker and Colin Dyke had 20 entrants.

In the last 16, there were some great battles, with two of the 8 matches going to 5 sets and four of the matches going to 4 sets. In his first appearance this season, Joshua Gallen took on Krassi Ivanov. Krassi took the first two sets (11-6, 11-7) and Josh replied with 11-8, 11-6. Krassi took the fifth game 11-2, to secure his quarter final place. Hari Gehlot and Mark Banks had a tense and close 5-set match (with some controversy over nets and edges), with Mark taking the first leg 13-11, Hari replying with 11-7, 13-11 and 12-10 to take the match and secure his place in the quarter final. Yonatan Slobodskoy made some excellent plays during his match with Martin Adams, managing to take the third leg but not quite able to push it to 5 – definitely one to watch though!. Rod Kay and Andrew Parker battled it out in 5 close games, with Rod turning the tide in leg 4 (13-11) and then taking the fifth leg 11-5.

In the quarter finals, Martin Adams and Trung Tran had a good match, with Martin taking it in 3 sets, but not without Trung putting up a valiant fight with plenty of exciting fast counter topspin rallies, both players making full use of every inch of the table... and the court.

Daniel Moses and Hari Gehlot both had 4-setters in the semi's – Daniel saw off Martin Adams and Hari proved too strong for Rod Kay.

The final showdown, between Hari Gehlot and Daniel Moses was decided in 3 sets, with Daniel taking the match 11-5, 11-9, 11-5.

In the Consolation event, Richard Rosinski withdrew with an injury which gave Joe Barraclough a pass to the semi finals where he met Steve Miller. Steve started off with 11-1, but Joe fought back in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> leg losing both but with a respectable score of 7 in each. Meanwhile, Joshua Gallen took out Jim McAllister in 3 straight 11-2, 11-6, 11-4 and then in the semi finals he and Yonatan had a good battle with the balance of power shifting back and forth until the 4<sup>th</sup> end which Josh secured with an 11-6 win.

This set up a tough final between Josh Gallen and Steve Miller. Service and third ball attack featured strongly throughout the match. Josh took the first end (11-9), then Steve the second (11-6). Josh replied with 11-8 but Steve came back stronger in the 4<sup>th</sup> set (11-5). In the final game, Josh managed to secure the win 11-5.

Overall, Daniel Moses continues to lead the series with 549 points and has widened the gap to 128 points between him and Martin Adams (421). Trung Tran on 272 has swapped places with Mark Banks (269) by a narrow margin of just 3 points. Hari Gehlot (234) has returned to the top 5, just ahead of Martin Gunn (224) by 10 points. In the ladies category Gwynne scored her first 5 non-bye points this week, and is still the only lady to play so far in this season's grand prix. Joe Barraclough continues to lead the Juniors on 164 with Yonatan on 84.5 points in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Harry Munro on 84 points. Josh Gallen, having only played one event so far, is just a few points behind Harry on 79.



## Results - 2016 GRAND PRIX NO 5

### Main Event

#### Last 16:

Daniel Moses bt Tony Reynolds 6, 4, 7  
Krassi Ivanov bt Joshua Gallen 6, 7, -8, -6, 2  
Martin Adams bt Yonatan Slobodskoy 2, 9 -5, 7  
Trung Tran bt Steve Miller 5, -10, 3, 6  
Hari Gehlot bt Mark Banks -11, 7, 11, 10  
Richard Fifield bt Richard Rosinski 7, 8, 8  
Andrew Parker bt Ian Cole 9, 7, -6, 9

Rod Kay bt Gwynne Penny 8, 5, -7, -10, 9

#### Quarter Finals:

Daniel Moses bt Krassi Ivanov -7, 4, 6, 7  
Martin Adams bt Trung Tran 4, 9, 6  
Hari Gehlot bt Richard Fifield 8, 5, 8  
Rod Kay bt Andrew Parker 8, -8, -8, 11, 5

#### Semi Finals:

Daniel Moses bt Martin Adams 11, 5, -7, 6  
Hari Gehlot bt Rod Kay 6, -11, 8, 7

#### Final:

Daniel Moses bt Hari Gehlot 5, 9, 5

### Consolation Event

#### Semi Finals:

Joshua Gallen bt Yonatan Slobodskoy 5, -8, 6, 6  
Steve Miller bt Joe Barraclough 1, 7, 7

#### Final:

Joshua Gallen bt Steve Miller 9, -6, 8, -5, 5



Daniel Moses – Main Event Winner



Joshua Gallen – Consolation Event Winner

## Week 6 Report

20 June 2016

The attraction of England v Slovakia in the football Euros proved too much for some of the Grand Prix contenders on the evening of Grand Prix No 6, resulting in a poor entry of 12. However, it made up in quality for its lack of quantity and there were some cracking matches and performances.

New member Dmitry Khakhamov started proceedings against Trung Tran in an excellent match, but in the end succumbed in three close games. Josh Gallen showed only promise against Martin Adams but will learn from the experience. It was left to Hari Gehlot and Tony Reynolds to close this round with a fine counter hitting match closed out by Hari in the end by 3-1.

Some fairly one sided quarters saw Gehlot, Adams and Moses go through whilst Steve Miller did his best to extend Trung Tran to a fourth but just missing out.

Some great play in the first semi saw Trung Tran push Martin Adams all the way and could have easily gone 2-1 up before having to settle for a 3-1 defeat. In the other semi Hari Gehlot threatened a revival against Daniel Moses but the latter dug deep to clinch the fourth and a 3-1 win.

The final was a classic with neither player giving any quarter with every shot looking a winner but coming back more times than not with even more control. Martin managed to level the scores at both 1-1 then 2-2 but in the end the pressure told and Daniel sneaked home at 8 in the fifth. In the after match interview, they both concurred that it was probably the best final of the series so far and Daniel admitted that it could have gone either way. Both agreed that there had been some fantastic rallies and Martin graciously congratulated Daniel on his win.

The win meant that Daniel surged a further 24 points ahead of Martin to maintain his lead. Current Top 4 standings: Daniel Moses 670, Martin Adams 519, Trung Tran 335, Hari Gehlot 299.

An excellent performance in the consolations saw Josh Gallen beat Dmitry Khakhamov and Tony Reynolds in the quarters and semifinals respectively, both by the tightest of margins 3-2 and 9 in the fifth. He went on to beat Richard Fifield to take all points in the final. Josh now trails Jo Barraclough in the Under 21 category by 70 points.

## RESULTS OF 2016 GRAND PRIX NO 6

### Main Event.

Last 16: (12 due to lack of entries)

Trung Tran bt Dmitry Khakhamov 6, 10, 11

Hari Gehlot bt Tony Reynolds -7, 5, 5, 6

Martin Adams bt Josh Gallen 2, 7, 5

Daniel Moses bt Richard Fifield 7, 5, 7

Joe Barraclough – bye

Yonatan Slobodskoy – bye

Steve Miller – Bye

Trevor Organ - Bye

### Quarter Finals:

Hari Gehlot bt Yonatan Slobodskoy 4, 6, 8

Daniel Moses bt Jo Barraclough 5, 9, 3

Martin Adams bt Trevor Organ 4, 6, 5

Trung Tran bt Steve Miller 4, 6, 11

### Semi Finals:

Martin Adams bt Trung Tran -9, 3, 11, 7

Daniel Moses bt Hari Gehlot 6, 7, -7, 7

### Final:

Daniel Moses bt Martin Adams 5, -6, 9, -11, 8

### Consolation Event:

#### Semi Finals:

Richard Fifield bt Jo Barraclough 8, -3, 6, 6

Josh Gallen bt Tony Reynolds 9, -9, -9, 10, 9

### Final:

Josh Gallen bt Richard Fifield 5, 7, 7



Daniel Moses – Main Event Winner



Joshua Gallen – Consolation Event Winner



## Table Tennis Legends Visit the Club



Earlier this month at the Table Tennis England AGM, our President, Peter Charters, happened to bump into Mary Shannon Wright and husband Brian, both of whom represented England in the 1960's. They got talking about Kingfisher and it turned out that the Wrights were due to visit relatives in Wargrave the following week, so they popped into Kingfisher to take a look at the club and met with National Under 12's medal winner, Anaya Patel (pictured).

Mary Shannon Wright has an impressive record having won several medals at the world and European championships between 1962 and 1970, including three European Championships gold medals for doubles in 1962 in Berlin, and both the Doubles and Team events in Malmo 1964.

There follows an article from the Table Tennis England Archives, originally published in December 1966 in which Mary and Brian are part of the team that travelled to Novi-Sad to compete in the Yugoslavian Open.



Mary Shannon in 1963

# From the Archives: Nostalgic Encounter in Novi-Sad

The following article appeared in Table Tennis News (Official Journal of the English Table Tennis Association) in December 1966:

## YUGOSLAVIAN & AUSTRIAN OPENS

**By Ken Mathews**

### **NOSTALGIC ENCOUNTER IN NOVI-SAD**

Four exhausting days after competing in the Austrian Open in Vienna on October 29/30, England's representative quartet of Chester Barnes, Brian and Mary Wright, and Karenza Smith were preparing to do battle in the Yugoslavian Open at Novi-Sad and in the team events, which came first, Mary and Karenza fought their way to a magnificent victory.

In the first group, against West Germany, Karenza lost to Di Scholer but Mary leveled by beating Edit Buchholz and following a fine doubles win overcame Di for the match. This last set provided a nostalgic note as it was evident that neither girl was keen on having to play the other.

Karenza started the second Group match, against Yugoslavia, with a good 2-1 win over the home No. 3 Tatjana Jechmenica. Mary followed by dealing severely with Mirjana Resler, the girl who was subsequently to cause such an upheaval in the tournament. A further doubles win took us into the semi-final.

Here we had to play the Hungarian second team of the Misses Por and Papp (Eva Koczian being an absentee—opening a perfumery establishment).

Mary started with a 2-0 win over Por, but Papp beat Karenza to even the score and then, horror of horrors, we lost the doubles. Mary, however, was too experienced for Papp in the fourth set and Karenza beat Por in the decider.

On the Saturday evening before an enthusiastic audience of some 4,000 we took on Russia in the final. Karenza played first and encouraged by cries of "Bravo Shmidt" and "Viva Karenza" repeated her Utrecht success over Zoya Rudnova 2-1.

Mary then had a 2-1 win over a much-improved Golupkova and our girls clinched the match with the doubles.

### **CREAM CAKES**

The Men's team event was a straight knock-out affair, England's first match being against Iran.

On the previous evening Chester had eaten something (probably a cream cake) which had disagreed with him to the extent that he required propping up at the table, where he lost to the Iranian No. 1 Esteshamzadeh. Brian, however, won both his singles and together they struggled through the doubles for a 3-1 win.

Only an hour later, with the dust hardly settled, the English pair had to face up to Kjell Johansson and Hans Alser, and although Brian excelled in taking the European champion to three, it was the Swede who won the decider.

Chester then lost to Alser, but a 2-1 win in the doubles revived sagging spirits only for them to be doused when Brian also succumbed to Alser.

### **SECOND SUCCESS**

England's second success came in the women's doubles when Mary and Karenza resumed their happy partnership with a final win over Di and Miss Buchholz -20, 10, 10, 19.

In the semis the German representatives had beaten Luzova/Karlikova and we had repeated the team event win over Rudnova/Golupkova.



Back to his old self, in the men's singles, Chester had an exceptional win over Kjell Johansson in the third round, in which he revealed the qualities displayed so well at Utrecht. There he had beaten Amelin, but on this occasion the wheel of fortune turned in favour of the impassive Russian.

Bran failed to clear his first hurdle in going down to Anton Stipancic, the young Yugoslav.

The eventual winner was Stepanek of Czechoslovakia, who is a most interesting player to watch, for what he lacks in speed about the court (he rarely moves at all) he makes up for with incredible reflex actions.

## PEN-HOLDER

Mary, for the third time this season, reached the semi-final of the women's singles in a National Tournament, but this time it was Rudnova who prevented her from retaining the Yugoslav title by beating her over five games.

Karenza gave her opponent, Neickova of Bulgaria, a sporting chance in the qualifying round by allowing her a lead of 2 games to 1 and 19-12 in the 4<sup>th</sup>.

A great fight back for a win at deuce and then another 22-20 win in the 5<sup>th</sup> just saved Karenza's bacon. She then survived to the second round, where she lost 5 games to the wily Papp of Hungary.

Mirjana Resler is a 14-year-old girl pen-holder, of whom we shall see a lot in the future. With two wins over Di Rowe-Scholer, one in the Team Event, the other in the singles, this girl obviously shows great promise.

*(Editor's note: Mirjana went on to win the European Youth Championships (Junior) event in Denmark in 1967 and the Mediterranean Championships in 1969 in Athens).*

If this was not enough, she took Marta Luzova to five in the semis, producing a very rapid stream of accurate counter-hits which the Czech No. 1 only just managed to get the better of.

Ron Crayden, the England Team Captain on this trip, has long advocated the advisability of training some young players as pen-holders in England. The advent of two such players (and remember there are only very few in Europe) reaching the semi-finals of this major tournament would seem to add much weight to the wisdom of his advice.

## LUZOVA AGAIN

A very determined Marta Luzova later got the better of Zoya Rudnova in the final and it is difficult to see how she will be stopped from reaching the No. 1 position in the European rankings as she has so far taken the women's singles title of the first three International Tournaments of the season.

Brian and Karenza lost in the first round of the mixed to Kollarovits/Karlikova - 20, -16, -22. Chester and Mary reached the semis where they lost to Stanek/Luzova, the eventual winners over Ebby and Di Scholer.



**Ron Crayden with Karenza Smith and Mary Shannon-Wright  
in Novi-Sad**



## **SINGLES**

### **MARY WRIGHT**

Round 2. bt Karlikova (Czech) 13, 18, 14.  
Round 3. Bt Jecmenica (Yugo) 14, 10, 19.  
Semi-final lost to Rudnova (U.S.S.R.) 14, -14, 15, -10, -12.

### **KARENZA SMITH**

Qualifying bt Neickova (Bulgaria) -91, 7, -18, 20, 20.  
Round 1. Bt Stojsic \*Yugo) -12, -19, 11, 12, 17.  
Round 2. Lost to Papp (Hungary) -8, 8, -16, -19.  
Final Luzova bt Rudnova 10, 12, 13.

### **CHESTER BARNES**

Round 1. Bt Popov (Yugo) 15, 14, 11.  
Round 2. Bt Galic (Yugo) 7, 18, 14.  
Round 3. Bt Johansson (Sweden) -19, 21, 20, 20.  
Round 4. Lost to Amelin (U.S.S.R.) 15, -9, -11, -13.

### **BRIAN WRIGHT**

Round 1. Lost to Stipancic (Yugo) -9, -19, -16.  
Final Stepanek bt Amelin -13, 12, -15, 20, 16.

## **MEN'S DOUBLES**

### **BARNES/WRIGHT**

Round 1. Lost to Markovic/Stipancic 23, -18, 14, -14, -11.  
Final Amelin/Gomozkov bt Korpa/Vecko 11, 18, 18.

## **WOMEN'S DOUBLES**

### **SMITH/WRIGHT**

Round 1. Bt Srbec/Zerovnik (Yugo\_ 10, 14, 18.  
Round 2. Bt Gainska/Noworyta (Poland) 12, 14, 10.  
Semi-final bt Golupkova/Rudnova (U.S.S.R.) 21, -18, 11, -16, 14.  
Final Smith/Wright bt Buchholz / Scholer -20, 10, 10, 19.

## **MIXED DOUBLES**

### **BARNES/WRIGHT**

Round 1. Walk-over.  
Round 2. Bt Markovic/Stojsic (Yugo) 19, -14, 17, 8.  
Round 3. Bt Vecko/Pirc (Yugo) -17, 14, 9, 21.  
Semi-final lost to Stanek/Luzova 22, -20, -17, -8.

### **WRIGHT/SMITH**

Round 1. Bt Purkhart/Delober (France) -14, 19, 12, -16, 17.  
Round 2. Lost to Kollarovits/Karlikova (Czech) -20, -16, -22.  
Final Stanek/Luzova bt Scholer/Scholer -21, 17, 19, 16.

## **TEAM EVENTS**

Women's Final England bt Russia 3-0.  
Smith bt Rudnova -13, 17, 16.  
Wright bt Golupkova 15, -14, 13.  
Smith/Wright bt Golupkova/Rudnova 18, 15.  
Men's Final Yugoslavia bt Czechoslovakia 3-2.

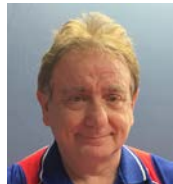
# Coaching at Kingfisher

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.**

# Junior British League

In mid-July Kingfisher's second Junior British League team attended the playoffs to attempt to qualify for the Junior British League team next season.

The team consisted of Sam Liu (Captain), Harry Munro, Yonatan Slobodskoy, and Felix Thomis. They did the club proud, just losing the one match winning four against teams from across the country. The one loss may cost them a place in the JBL as Kingfisher 2 but a decision on this will be made soon.

All the boys had significant wins; Felix for example beat the individual National Champion for his age group.



From left to right: Yonatan Slobodskoy, Sam Liu (Captain), Felix Thomis and Harry Munro.

# Kingfisher Grouping Tournament 5-6 September, 2016

Kingfisher will be hosting a grouping tournament on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

For league players this is a great opportunity to sharpen up your game before the start of the season.

An ideal opportunity for some matchplay in a friendly environment, open to all members of the club.

More details to follow soon – keep en eye out on the Noticeboards at the club and on our website.





# Kingfisher Club Night: Thursdays from 7:30pm

By Gwynne Penny

Club Night has proved to be very popular this summer and has attracted a regular group of players of all levels.

Club Night runs until the end of August.

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.

## Kingfisher Contact:

Gwynne Penny

[gwynnepenny@mac.com](mailto:gwynnepenny@mac.com)

Tel: 07884 020691

# 29<sup>th</sup> Kingfisher AGM: Minutes

**MINUTES of the 29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at the Kingfisher Table Tennis Club on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016.**

**Present:** P. Charters, C. Dyke, P. Bradley, A. Pack, A. Bruton, S. Shepherd, M. Mitcham, R. Fifield, G. Bennett, D. Taylor, D. Duncan, R. Leachman, D. Crombie, C. Liu, M. Lovegrove, J. Liddle, M. Hamilton, R. Woolven-Allen, J. Upham, R. Patel, K. Szczygiel, J. Morris, A. Bevoir.

**Apologies for Absence:** G. Penny, D. Barr, P. Bennett, G. Huggins, K. Robb.

## **Presentation of Awards:**

**Performance of Year:** Jamie Liu. In his statement for the reason Peter Charters said this was due, not only to National honours, but to Jamie's International success. He has qualified for the World Hopes final, a rarity for an English player, and this was due to his hard work in training throughout the year. Peter paid tribute to Jamie's parents who sacrificed time and money for Jamie to achieve his ambitions.

**Most Improved Junior:** Josh Gallen: Peter Charters stated, in awarding Josh the award for the second time, two years after his first win, that he had seriously improved this year. Peter stated that it was difficult to continue improving as each step up the ladder becomes harder to progress. Josh has learnt to control his temper and put in a lot of hard graft to achieve this.

**Colin Kemp Award:** Allan Bruton. Peter Charters recalled an early morning visit to the club with his grandson and found Allan hard at work ensuring that the club was spotlessly clean. This is on top of the work Allan does in organising the club championships and other events. The Chairman confirmed that he had also arrived at the club one morning to find Allan perspiring in the corner and suggested that he had been playing hard. Allan replied that he had not yet had a game. All agreed that Allan deserved the award.

**President's Award:** Colin Dyke. Peter Charters said, in nominating the Chairman for his award, that Colin was the hardest worker that any club could wish for and clubs needed many more volunteers like him. If any member had a problem this first person they sought was the Chairman.



Awards: Peter Charters with Jamie Liu, Joshua Gallen, Allan Bruton and Colin Dyke

**Minutes of the 28th AGM:**

The minutes of the AGM held on 20th May 2015 were agreed to be a true record of the meeting, proposed by Allan Bruton and seconded by Cookie Liu, carried by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising:**

The Secretary reported that unaudited accounts were presented at that meeting and he confirmed that these had been audited and he held this copy in his file.

**Chairman's Report:**

Colin Dyke added that Allen Pack would not be available as our Facility Officer after the AGM and paid tribute to him. He stated that Allen had been the chief negotiator with Wokingham Borough Council on the building of the venue, was the lead man in obtaining lottery money to complete the build and was the mastermind in the move from the old venue. He was most grateful for all of Allen's assistance throughout. Colin reiterated that he would like to have members shadow the committee to see if they could assist with no binding commitment. With no further questions the report, proposed by Melvin Lovegrove and seconded by Allan Bruton, was accepted by the meeting.

**Secretary's Report:**

The report was accepted by the meeting proposed by Sandra Shepherd and seconded by Krys Szczygiel.

**Membership Secretary's Report:**

Cookie Liu asked if the reduction in membership numbers was a cause for concern. Sandra responded that this was more of a normal fluctuation in numbers. Richard Fifield noted that the largest fall was in the under 21 category. Peter Charters responded saying that many under 21 players were not members who paid to attend coaching courses on Mondays and Saturdays. The report, proposed by Cookie Liu and seconded by Rick Leachman, was accepted by the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Copies of the unaudited accounts were passed to those present. Richard Fifield stated that there was good news with a near £3000 increase making the club financially sound. Income was up slightly but expenditure was down significantly. He added that there were two outstanding matters, a refund of £700 in rates and further contributions to add. All was in line with expectations and, with a healthy coaching fund, all was well. Colin Dyke added that Wokingham Borough Council charged the club 'business rates' which he had challenged and the Council had agreed to waive. He also stated that no lease was yet in place and that no rent had been paid. Colin thanked Richard for completing the report and stated that the new spreadsheet provided by him had made keeping the accounts much easier. Richard Fifield added that Nigel Lynch would complete the auditing of the accounts in the next few weeks.

The accounts, proposed by Allan Bruton and seconded by Peter Charters, were accepted unanimously by the meeting.

The Treasurer stated that the committee had agreed to no change to the membership fees or discounts. This was proposed by Sandra Shepherd and seconded by Roger Woolven-Allen and carried unanimously.

**Coaching Officer's Report:**

Peter Charter's report covered not only coaching but also the British and National League information. The report was accepted by the meeting after proposal by Derek Crombie and seconded by Allan Bruton.

### **Proposed Constitution and Rule Change:**

The change to the Constitution No. 6 had come from the Chairman who wished to encourage members to wear a club shirt. He added that there should be some discretion if a lapsed member, already having a club shirt, reapplied for membership. Sandra Shepherd added that she had processed three new members who had paid for a shirt with no issues about it. The motion, proposed by Colin Dyke and seconded by Sandra Shepherd, was passed with 2 votes against. Sandra Shepherd stated that membership finished at 30th April and waiting up until July 1st made procedures difficult. The proposed change to Rules I and II would reduce the workload and members would have 21 days from receipt of the renewal notice to obtain a discount. Allan Bruton queried whether those members without email would not get as much time to obtain their discount. Sandra stated this concerned just two members.

Sandra proposed the changes, seconded by Rick Leachman, and these were passed unanimously. As a result of these changes the Chairman put forward the Resolution of Fees that an amount of £20 be added to the membership fee for new members to cover the cost of a club shirt. This was seconded by Sandra Shepherd and passed by the meeting.

### **Election of Officers and Committee Members:**

The Chairman stated that the club needs more volunteers to step forward to help move the club forward. He would like them to shadow existing committee members, without commitment, to see the work involved.

1. **President:** Peter Charters (proposed M. Lovegrove, seconded K. Sczcygiel) and carried unanimously.
2. **Chairman:** Colin Dyke (proposed A. Pack, seconded M. Lovegrove) and carried unanimously.
3. **Treasurer:** Colin Dyke (proposed K. Sczcygiel, seconded A. Bruton) and carried unanimously.
4. **General Secretary:** Peter Bradley (proposed R. Fifield, seconded A. Pack) and carried unanimously.
5. **Coaching Officer:** Peter Charters (proposed A. Bruton, seconded S. Shepherd) and carried unanimously.
6. **Membership Secretary:** Sandra Shepherd (proposed P Bradley, seconded P Charters) and carried unanimously.
7. **Club Welfare Officer:** Mick Mitcham (proposed P. Charters, seconded R. Fifield) and carried unanimously.
8. **Committee Members (min 6):** Cookie Liu, Andy Yon, Melvyn Lovegrove, Allan Bruton, Gwynne Penny, Rick Leachman, John Liddle and Raj Patel (proposed S. Shepherd, seconded M. Mitcham) and carried unanimously.
9. **Trustees:** Colin Dyke, Peter Charters, Allan Bruton, Mick Mitcham. (no change)
10. **Auditor:** Nigel Lynch (proposed C. Dyke, seconded P. Charters) and carried.

The Chairman thanked Allen Pack for his huge influence on the club dealing with raising additional funding during the new build, collaborating with Wokingham Borough Council during this phase and being an outstanding member of the committee as the Facilities Officer. He recommended that Allen should be given Honorary Membership for this (proposed P. Charters, seconded A. Bruton) and passed unanimously.



**Any Other Business:**

1. Cookie Liu stated that the club needed a Roll of Honour board which needs to be seen. Peter Charters still held a record of these.
2. M. Lovegrove asked when a trophy cabinet was to be installed as it would be nice to display league trophies won by Kingfisher teams. The Chairman stated that this was on the agenda for completion.
3. J. Morris raised the problem of the noise level from the practice tables when league matches were in progress and suggested a curtain to separate the areas. The Chairman said that the matter had been discussed at committee and it was a matter of respect between players that should be addressed.
4. A. Bruton raised concerns about the school usage of the venue stating that they entered the playing area in soiled shoes, failed to turn up when booked in the table diary and generally did not treat the place with respect. He did note that our junior members did exactly the same. He found that kit bags and other items were left in the social area rather than the changing rooms and the whole issue needs further discussion.
5. D. Crombie asked about the lease of the building. The Chairman replied that he had heard nothing from the Council since October 2015 but they had given 100% rate relief.

The date of next committee meeting was set for Thursday 9th June 2016.

Colin Dyke thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.45 pm.

# Your New Committee – 2016-17



Peter Charters

- President
- Coaching Officer & Head Coach
- British League Secretary
- National Junior League Secretary
- National Cadet League Secretary
- Lease Trustee



Colin Dyke

- Chairman
- Treasurer
- Lease Trustee



Peter Bradley

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



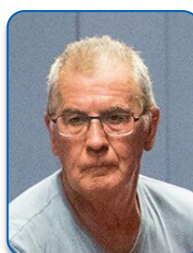
Mick Mitcham

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



Sandra Shepherd

- Membership Secretary
- Tees Sport Agent



Rick Leachman

- Facilities Officer
- Website Manager



Richard Fifield

- Assistant Treasurer:



Gwynne Penny

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



Andy Yon

- Committee Member
- Assistant Facilities Manager



Allan Bruton

- Committee Member
- Lease Trustee
- Cleaning Supervisor
- Friday Club Contact



John Liddle

- Committee Member



Ck Liu

- Committee Member



Raj Patel

- Committee Member



Melvyn Lovegrove

- Committee Member

## Additional Club Roles:

Team Kit Manager: Peter Charters

Robot Manager: Rick Leachman

Table Manager: Dave Duncan

Lost Property: Andy Yon

Guest Book Administrator: Sandra Shepherd

Social Events Co-ordinator: Allan Bruton

Kingfisher Agent, Tees Sport discount scheme: Sandra Shepherd

Auditor: Nigel Lynch

## Morning Club Contacts:

Contact the Morning Club leaders below for more information about Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday Club.



Tuesdays:  
Diane Taylor



Wednesdays:  
Roger Woolven-Allen

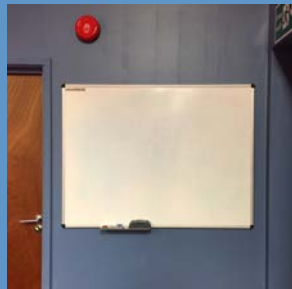


Fridays:  
Allan Bruton

# Newsletter Noticeboard

## 40-Minute Session Rule

There are times when practice facilities are at a premium and members are waiting to play. All members are reminded that, whenever the playing hall or individual tables are not pre-booked, table use must be limited to sessions of 40 minutes maximum (whether for 1-to-1 coaching, training or practice), if other members are waiting to play. To help manage this a whiteboard has been added near table 4/5. When you arrive and want to play, add your name and the time to the board.



## Social Area

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



## Lost Property

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

## Always Bring Your Key + Fob

Please ensure that if you are the last person to leave the building you check that the building is empty, the emergency exit doors in the playing area are securely shut, the lights are switched off and the front door is closed **and locked** with the mortice key.

## Non-Marking Playing Shoes

To reduce the amount of dirt being brought into the playing area, members are reminded to change into clean, non-marking playing shoes before entering the playing area.



# Newsletter Noticeboard

## Reminder: Guests

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

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

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

### Payment of Guest Fees:

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

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

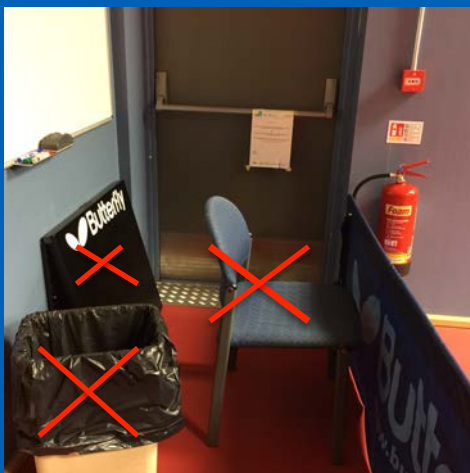
## First Aid

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



## Emergency Exits

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



Where to find information - Kingfisher Club Website:

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

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

## Towel Holders

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



# Newsletter Noticeboard

## Playing Area Ventilation System

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



## Club Shirts

Remember you can order club shirts through the Tees Sport discount scheme printed with the name of the club and optional additional lettering for your name, nickname or team.

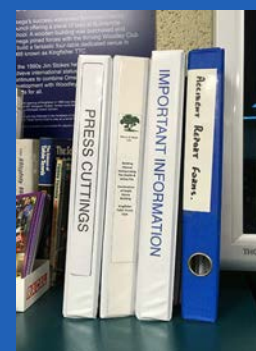
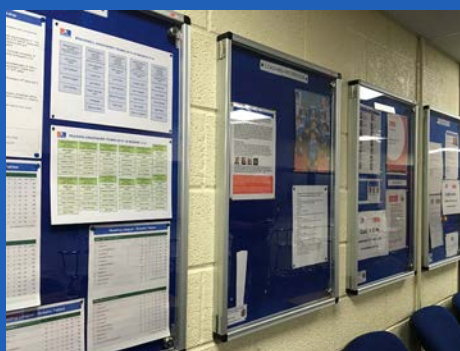
Clean, simple design featuring the butterfly logo on the front and Kingfisher on the back – the shirt features excellent moisture management and is 100% polyester Micro Dryfit. Available in Blue, Graphite, Green, Red or Yellow. In a range of sizes from XXXS to XXXXL.

## 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”.



# 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](mailto: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](https://www.tabletennis365.com/Kingfisher/Pages/Club_T_shirt)



# Reading League 2016-17 season preparation



By Gwynne Penny

Thank you to everyone that responded in June to the email that went out to members to register your interest in the Reading league. The teams have been drafted and you'll find the plan on the next page. Team captains, I will be in touch with you shortly with contact details for your team members.

## What Happens Next:

### **Pay your league fees to Kingfisher by Friday 12 August, 2016:**

A fee of £20 per league is payable to Kingfisher TTC – payment can be made by direct transfer, cheque or cash – check your email inbox for more details.

### **Renew your Table Tennis England Membership for 2016-17 season now:**

For local league you need Player membership. Player membership costs £12. If you currently have Associate membership you will need to upgrade to Player Membership. Subscriptions can be purchased via Table Tennis England website:  
> <http://tabletennisengland.co.uk/play/membership/player-membership/>

### **If you currently have Summer Membership at Kingfisher upgrade now to full membership:**

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Dates for your diary:

**Reading Season Starts:** week commencing Monday 12 September

**Reading Closed:** 11/12 February 2017 (senior Events) and 18/19 February 2017 (Junior Events)



# Reading League : Teams



## PROPOSED READING KINGFISHER TEAMS 2016-17 SEASON v1.6

<b>KINGFISHER A</b> DIVISION 1 HOME: WEDNESDAY Martin Adams Captain Richard Rosinski Justin Mead Martin Gunn Mark Banks	<b>KINGFISHER B</b> DIVISION 1 HOME: MONDAY Yeqin (Philip) Zeng Captain Hari Gehlot Dmitry Khakhamov Richard Fifield Henryk Ciechanowicz	<b>KINGFISHER C</b> DIVISION 1 HOME: MONDAY Steve Murgatroyd Captain Andrew Parker Tony Reynolds Rod Kay	<b>KINGFISHER D</b> DIVISION 1 HOME: WEDNESDAY Robert Gladstone Captain Calin Spicica Phil Mead Trevor Organ Simon Vine	<b>KINGFISHER E</b> DIVISION 2 HOME: WEDNESDAY Roger Woolven-Allen Captain John Morris Grant Wheatley Luca Bianchi Colin Dyke (Reserve)	<b>KINGFISHER F</b> DIVISION 2 HOME: TUESDAY Allan Bruton Captain Ivor Hardman Rick Leachman Nigel Keedy Roger Pritchard (reserve)
<b>KINGFISHER G</b> DIVISION 2 HOME: TUESDAY Melvyn Lovegrove Captain John Upham David Joyce Steve Ng Sagar Sawant	<b>KINGFISHER H</b> DIVISION 3 HOME: MONDAY Willis Ma Captain Peter Bennett Alex Mingzhi Zheng Michael Houghton	<b>KINGFISHER I</b> DIVISION 3 HOME: MONDAY Mick Mitcham Captain Carol Byers Eric Holmes Steven Woolnough Dave Duncan	<b>KINGFISHER J</b> DIVISION 3 HOME: TUESDAY Didier Garcon Captain Gianpaolo Balsamo Gabor Radnoti Joaquin Sabater Nils Wedi	<b>KINGFISHER K</b> DIVISION 4 HOME: WEDNESDAY Gwynne Penny Captain Ruben Hernandez Ania Pytko David Wells John Simpson	<b>KINGFISHER L</b> DIVISION 5 HOME: TUESDAY Gill Bennett Captain Meriel Low David O'Keeffe Derek Crombie Ken Robb Mario Miccoli

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When fixtures become available they will be on the RDTTA web site here:

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

# Bracknell League 2016-17 season preparation



By Gwynne Penny

Thank you to everyone that responded in June to the email that went out to members to register your interest in the Bracknell league. The teams have been drafted and you'll find the plan on the next page. Team captains, I will be in touch with you shortly with contact details for your team members.

## What Happens Next:

### **Pay your league fees to Kingfisher by Friday 12 August, 2016:**

A fee of £20 per league is payable to Kingfisher TTC – payment can be made by direct transfer, cheque or cash – check your email inbox for more details.

### **Renew your Table Tennis England Membership for 2016-17 season now:**

For local league you need Player membership. Player membership costs £12. If you currently have Associate membership you will need to upgrade to Player Membership. Subscriptions can be purchased via Table Tennis England website:  
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# Bracknell League : Teams



## PROPOSED BRACKNELL KINGFISHER TEAMS 2016-17 SEASON V1.2

<b>KINGFISHER A</b> PREMIER HOME NIGHT THURSDAY HOWARD SHIELD Y	<b>KINGFISHER B</b> PREMIER HOME NIGHT THURSDAY HOWARD SHIELD N	<b>KINGFISHER C</b> DIVISION 1 HOME NIGHT THURSDAY HOWARD SHIELD Y	<b>KINGFISHER D</b> DIVISION 1 HOME NIGHT <b>FRIDAY</b> HOWARD SHIELD Y	<b>KINGFISHER E</b> DIVISION 2 HOME NIGHT THURSDAY HOWARD SHIELD Y
John Willcocks Captain	Ivor Hardman Captain	Mick Mitcham Captain	Melvyn Lovegrove Captain	Gill Bennett Captain
John Morris	Allan Bruton	Carol Byers	Kenneth Robb	Gwynne Penny
Roger Woolven-Allen	Jeffrey Huggins	Peter Bennett	Dave Duncan	John Simpson
Phil Mead	Nigel Keedy	Luca Bianchi (reserve)	David Wells	Mario Miccoli
Richard Fifield		Michael Houghton	John Liddle	Derek Crombie
Trevor Organ				

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

# A Serving of Sneakles

## **S**NEAKLES RACES AGAINST THE TIDE TO WIN THE MATCH



## Did you know....?

....that the coronet that was designed for Prince Charles' investiture as Prince of Wales on July 1<sup>st</sup>, in 1969 conceals a table tennis ball. Bet you can't spot where!

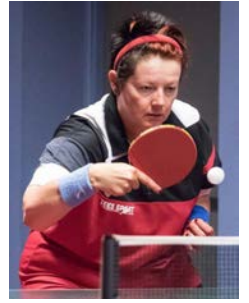
The coronet was designed by Louis Osman of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths. Structurally, it is an epoxy resin frame coated with two shades of gold. When Osman unveiled the coronet in London, he described it as "something that is modern". It is 24 carat gold, with the 4 Crosses Patées and the 4 fleur-de-Lys made from a nugget of Welsh gold, reinforced with platinum and decorated with diamonds and emeralds. The orb mounted on the top of the arch was engraved by Malcolm Appleby with The Prince of Wales's insignia. This is surrounded by 13 diamonds arranged as the constellation of Scorpio, The Prince of Wales's star sign. The diamonds set horizontally represent the 7 Gifts of God on one side and the 7 deadly sins on the other. The total cost was £3,600.





# And Finally....

I've been on lots of table tennis training camps around the country this year and each one has been great, but one thing that really stands out in my mind is in regards to service, but it can be applied during the rally as well.



Often in training sessions we practice set types of service and receive patterns, for example, aggressively pushing the ball long from a short backspin serve, but at one camp that I went to the task was set for the receiver to try and give the server “the return that they least want”. It really made me think about trying to put the ball back in different places to prevent the server from setting up their third ball attack and it made a huge difference once I started to get the hang of it.

## Red or Blue?

A recent training camp that I attended included some elements of sports psychology, and specifically on the mindset of the player. Throughout the camp we were given various challenges and encouraged to become aware of our mindset before and during the exercises and matches. After the exercise we reviewed the session and reflected on whether our mindset was in the red or in the blue:

### Red (negative) mindset

Results focused  
Loser  
Gives in  
Focuses on others  
Loses control  
Leaves to chance  
Makes excuses  
Blames others  
Hot headed

### Blue (positive) mindset

In the moment  
Winner  
Never gives in  
Takes ownership  
Self control  
Sets goals  
No Excuses  
Focused on self  
Cool headed



For most people the mindset moved between red and blue throughout a match, but recognizing when we are moving into the red can help get us back on track and give us an advantage – I think it's worth a try!

## Table Tennis England 2015/16 Honours:

Congratulations to our Chairman and Treasurer, Colin Dyke, who became a Vice President of Table Tennis England this year. Colin was recognized for his service as National Councillor and for all his work in Berkshire.

And to our Club Secretary, Peter Bradley who was made an honorary life member for his service as Deputy Chairman and Vice-Chairman (Competitions), for VETTS and for ITTF as well as in Berkshire.

I hope you have enjoyed this edition of Kingfisher news and that you're looking forward to the new season as much as I am. See you at the club soon!

Gwynne

### Useful Links:

#### Kingfisher Web Site:

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

#### Kingfisher Facebook Page:

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

#### Kingfisher on Instagram

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#### Kingfisher on Twitter

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#### Table Diary:

[https://www.tabletennis365.com/Kingfisher/Pages/Table\\_diary](https://www.tabletennis365.com/Kingfisher/Pages/Table_diary)

#### Club Shirts:

[https://www.tabletennis365.com/Kingfisher/Pages/Club\\_T\\_shirt](https://www.tabletennis365.com/Kingfisher/Pages/Club_T_shirt)

#### Related Sites:

#### Table Tennis England Web Site:

<http://tabletennisengland.co.uk>

#### Reading League Web Site:

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

#### Bracknell League Web Site:

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

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### What do you think?

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Please send any articles that you

