



Kingfisher Table Tennis Club

KINGFISHER NEWS

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Advanced Premier Club



Reading League and Cup Winners and Maidenhead League Winners 2009/10

Editor's Comments

I don't know whether its just me but we seem to have too many ailing members at the moment competing for the number of walking sticks they carry. It seemed to start with Sharon Mitchell who I believe is recovering from an operation (no stick). We now have Allan Bruton with 2 walking sticks following knee surgery and Dave Duncan sporting 1 walking stick after over a week in hospital having undergone drastic surgery to reduce weight (removal of gallbladder). Bringing up the rear, (no pun intended) we have Peter Goatley who has had parts of his body moved to another! I believe he is also of the no stick variety.

I'm sure you will all join me in wishing them well and a speedy recovery. I know Dave would like to thank everyone for the card and numerous phone calls. He is also still recovering from a shock he had when in hospital. He was having a bad dream about pimples and table tennis and then this long haired figure appeared from nowhere looming over him. He then realised he had woken up and it was Trevor Organ who had popped in to see how he was! Nice one Trevor.

Chris Pusey,
Editor

BRITISH LEAGUE 2009-2010 Division 1 South and Midlands

By Colin Dyke Team Manager

KINGFISHER RELEGATED BY SLENDER MARGIN

Sadly our team was relegated to Division 2 by the smallest of margins possible on the last day of the season. Due to unavailability of many of our top players, we were very much under strength but the stand-ins fought like tigers right to the end in this very high standard of competition and just failed by one game to preserve our status. We finished level on points with Cippenham II but unfortunately won one game less. It was that close. To rub salt in to the wound, two matches were lost 3-5 when a draw would have saved us and in one of those matches it could have easily been 5-3 to us if we had not lost individual sets at 12 in the fifth and nine in the fifth respectively. How much closer can you get. And to rub it in further, Cippenham were 4-2 down in their last match on the adjoining table only to snatch the last two and get the precious point they needed to draw level with us. They then watched anxiously whilst we concluded our last match losing 2-6 when we needed a 3-5.

A big plus was the great form of Lloyd Gregory who will have improved his English ranking quite substantially with his wins.

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THE SEASON'S OVER BUT THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF "TT" AT KINGFISHER

The season may be over but there is no reason to put your feet up at Kingfisher this Summer - there is plenty going on. The Grand Prix on Monday is already under way and ends on 2 August. There is also a new Super League pilot competition which runs on a Wednesday starting on 11 August for 5 weeks. This looks like it will be an interesting format so get your name down. Both of these competitions are advertised later in the Newsletter but please also look at our Club Notice Board for full details.

There is a Grouping Tournament (cost £2) limited to the first 16 players to enter that will enable you to sharpen your table tennis just before the new season starts. This competition runs over two days during the week before the season gets under way. Watch out for the entry form later in the year.

As well as these club competitions there are also Club Nights on Thursdays. Players enter their name on the board and play the winner of the match being played. Winners stay on the table for one more match only. Just enter your name on the board to take part. If you happen to have free time during the day there is also Tuesday Morning Club (10am to 12am) where you play all players on a rotating basis.

If you still have energy left for more table tennis, you can come along anytime you like but watch out for any pre-booked events, coaching and school use during the day. Consult our website (kingfisherttc.co.uk) for full details.



Success for Kingfisher's Juniors by Jenny Andrews

We don't like to blow our own noses (well we do really), but our Juniors have been pulled off some great performances over the season and Kingfisher now have 4 juniors ranked in the top 10 of the England Ranking list this month. Our juniors have performed well for Kingfisher in local leagues, at County and national level as well as in numerous 4* events.

The Premier County Team for Berkshire on their last round of Matches consisted of ALL Kingfisher players.

- No. 1 Richard Andrews
- No. 2 Dave Barr (senior)
- No. 3 Hari Gehlot (senior)
- No. 4 Megan Knowles
- No. 5 Maria Tsaptsinos

The whole team performed well and finished 6th. Both girls performed exceptionally well, considering they were playing Premier Senior County for the first time.

As the season comes to an end I feel all the juniors have done remarkably well this year. It just shows that hard work and determination does pay off.

My personal thanks goes to Peter Charters and Brian Halliday who work closely with individuals and to Allan Bruton for time, effort and hard work that he does with all of his juniors, these coaches do this purely voluntarily and for this they should be commended. Also a big thank you to Gareth Herbert who works individually with Richard, Charleigh, JJ, Megan and Maria and to Terry Young and Gareth for their work and support with Richard. Finally to Graham Outtrim who is working very closely with our new batch of juniors.

Here are some of their individual successes:-

Megan Knowles

Megan won the Derby 4* junior banded event and the Cheltenham 4* cadet banded event. She was also a semi-finalist of the open event. Megan is now ranked no 9 on the England cadet ranking list and regularly attends England Youth Development camps.

She has also achieved 3 maximums for Kingfisher "G" and has shown great improvement as the season has progressed.

Richard Andrews

Runner up in the Derby 4*, came 3rd in the Junior Masters and is now ranked no. 4 Junior and 21 Senior on England ranking list.

Richard reached the quarter finals of the ranked tournament in the Swedish Open representing England and has also representing England in the Spanish junior youth open from May 5th to 9th May.

Regularly attends international training camps at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield.

Liam McTiernan

Liam has won 5 2* tournaments and has reached 3 semi-finals of 4* tournaments. He is now ranked No. 7 on the England Cadet ranking list and attends England Youth Development camps.

Liam has also achieved a 100% record playing for Kingfisher in the Maidenhead Leagues Premier Division.

Charleigh Kirby

Charleigh is now ranked no 6 on cadet England Ranking list and regularly attends International Youth Camps at the EIS centre in Sheffield.

She has represented England in the cadet 6 Nations winning silver in the team event and bronze in the individual.

JJ Knowles

JJ reached the quarter finals of the Derby 4* junior event (beaten by Richard) and reached the semi-final of the Cheltenham 4* cadet event. JJ is now ranked no 10 in the England Juniors and attends England Youth Development camps. He has also had 4 maximums for Kingfisher "B" in Readings top division.

Maria Tsaptsinos

Maria Tsaptsinos won a number of 1 Star and 2 Star tournaments, reached the semi-final stage of a National Championship Under 12s and the quarter-final in the Under 13s. She won the ladies doubles title with Megan Knowles at the Berkshire County Championships, and was the winner of the Under 13, Under 15, and Under 18 titles at the Reading Closed Championships. She also won the Ladies Singles and the Ladies Doubles, as well as being the runner up in the Mixed Doubles. This is the first time that a junior has carried off five trophies, which included 2 senior trophies, since Jimmy Stokes did it many years ago.



KINGFISHER TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Clubhouse: The Bulmershe School, Chequers Way, Woodley,
Reading, Berkshire. Clubhouse: 0118 926 6825

Kingfisher Table Tennis Club is proud to present the

KINGFISHER SUPER LEAGUE

An individual league for Kingfisher TTC players with weekly promotion and relegation.

Divisions of 5 players, possibility of team entry (see rules)

Played over 5 Wednesday evenings, starting on 11 August.

Entry fee: 2 pounds, to be paid on 11 August

Entries at: ericvanlooy@hotmail.co.uk or 07847 355 510

Final entry date: 4 August 2010

The rules of the Kingfisher Super League will be available shortly.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

by Colin Dyke, Chairman

By the time you receive this newsletter we shall be in to a new club year. How time flies. I hope you all enjoyed your season and met with some success. If you didn't meet with any success but fully enjoyed your table tennis then you are 90% of the way there anyway. That's what it is mainly about. The priority of securing our new lease (see below) and then finding out if we still qualify for the grant for our new roof has been foremost in our minds and taking up a lot of time, as well as keeping the water out in the first place. My continued thanks go to Allen Pack and his team of workers for a good job on the temporary roofworks and also the upgrading works to the electrics. The coaching initiative with Mandy Sainsbury didn't get off the ground, not for want of trying. This is an area a new committee will have to give a lot more attention to in the coming season.

As a Premier Club we have finalised the situation for all members of our Club, Playing and otherwise, to be Individual Members of the ETTA and you will find out with your renewal notice what the situation is. The good news is that for players playing in local leagues there should be little cost difference as, what you will pay to be a member of the ETTA will be offset by a saving in what you have to pay for your league fee. In fact those of you who play in more than one league should benefit more so, because you only have to pay ETTA membership fees once. For those who don't play in leagues for the Club, the cost is moderate to be an Associate Member. Notwithstanding all of this, if you are an ETTA member through your association with some other organisation then all we will need is confirmation and that's it.

Finally I hope many of you will support Eric's new internal Super League which follows immediately after the Grand Prix. It will be a wonderful chance to get in some practice before the season starts. It's a prototype but I hope it may become a permanent fixture.

If you have any questions or ideas to make the Club a better place, I trust you won't hesitate to contact me either by email colindyke@waitrose.com or by phone 0118 9783770.

CLUB ROOF AND LEASE UPDATE

by Colin Dyke, Chairman

Thanks to some hard work and lots of hours put in by Chris Pusey, Peter Charters and myself I am delighted to report that on 11th May 2010 we signed the new 6 year lease with Wokingham Borough Council. We are currently awaiting the Council to sign and complete the documents.

We have kept the Foundation for Sports and the Arts fully informed throughout on our progress and hope we have done sufficient to secure the awarded grant of £29,427 towards replacing the Club roof. Hopefully my next report will be concentrating on the progress of the new roof rather than the lease.

CLUB GRIPE!

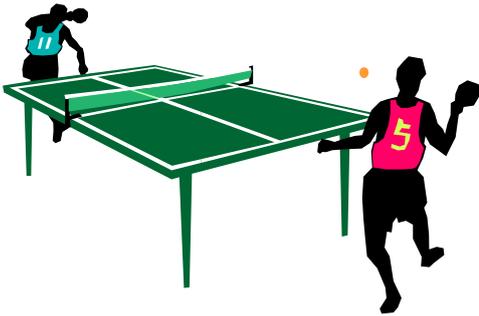
Nobody likes cleaning up other peoples mess but unfortunately that is what has been necessary all too frequently.

PLEEEEESE..... clean up after you. If you made yourself a cup of tea or decided to eat a yoghurt to replenish your energy, use the bins provided and wash and dry your cup up! I am sure there are only a few transgressors who maybe because of there exciting session of TT just forget. The club would soon look like a rubbish tip if everybody left their drinks cup or sweet wrapper lying around.



So please remember to clean up after yourself and the club will be better for every member.

ROGER'S RAMBLINGS : Hello again everyone!!



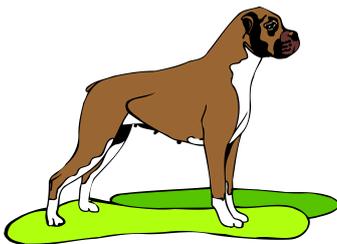
HOWDY, y'all (my Texan friend is stopping by this summer, so I'm just getting in a bit of practice)...
 These will be my last *Ramblings* whilst wearing my Membership Secretary hat. Good old Eric van Looy has volunteered to take over this latter mantle and, provided you lot vote him in, I shall dash off madly in all directions, shouting "Yippee!" as I go.
 But, being serious, I am very grateful to Eric for allowing me some rest and relaxation in my declining years and I wish him every success in his new post. He will be very good, of that I am confident.



THE playing season is now over and there has been the usual array of triumphs and disappointments. My own Reading team has triumphed (though with little help from me) and is on its way back to Division 1. But most members of our squad hardly qualify as teenagers any more and it will be interesting to see how they fare against the new band of youngsters that, quite rightly, is making such remarkable headway into the top tiers of our sport. Cliff Putterford or Eric van Looy against Daniel Moses or Liam McTiernan, for example? It should be interesting!



As an aside, I see that 16-year-old Liam Pitchford, weighing in at seven stones something-or-other and having recently beaten Paul Drinkhall, is now ranked at Number 2 in the England Senior list. At seven stones, his weight is probably much the same as that of Ramesh's left leg and, from a skill point of view, I think that vastly more experienced players such as John Morris, Colin Dyke or Yours Truly would probably struggle against



NIALL McGrane, I am reliably informed, has just purchased a very young male boxer dog and this little animal is the darling of the family. However, Niall, at first, though that perhaps the doggie was a little cowardly. Whenever someone knocked on the door, he would run off and sit somewhere in the far recesses of the front room. Niall consulted a qualified dog trainer, who told him not to worry. "It's quite normal," said the expert. "He's a boxer. Whenever the bell rings he goes straight to his corner."



A **SALES** rep, an administration clerk, and their manager are walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie pops out. The Genie says, "I'll give each of you just one wish."
 "Me first! Me first!" cries the admin clerk. "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world." Puff! She's gone.
 "Me next! Me next!" says the sales rep. "I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of Pina Coladas and the love of my life." Puff! He's gone.
 "OK, it's just you now," the Genie says to the manager. "What is your wish?"



The manager says, "I want those two back in the office straight after lunch."

Moral of the story: *Always let your boss have the first say.*



IN most league matches, certainly at our level, after the players have had a couple of minutes' knock, the umpire will ask if they are happy to start. Dave Duncan is different.

Dave and I were in the middle of such a knock when he suddenly caught the ball and put it, and his bat, on the table. He stared at the umpire.

"Are you ready?" asked Dave.



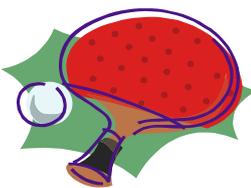
COLIN Dyke sent me the following e-mail: "Hi Rodge. I just noticed, on checking the Welsh TTA ranking lists that there is a Gareth Evans from Swansea at No 77 in the Senior Men and 70 in the Veterans. It couldn't be, could it? Or is this just another John Smith type anomaly? Might be worth a rambling if it were true."

Well, I think it's worth a rambling whether it's true or not! For the benefit of readers who do not remember him, ex-Kingfisher member Gareth Evans retired a few years ago and shoved off back to his native Cymru, taking wifey Mairwen and doggie Oscar with him. Gareth, along with Charlie Goddard, Geoff Civil and me, formed Christine Basden's original Reading team. We used to go up and down between Division 2 and Division 1 like a pair of... well, I'm sure you know the simile.

We are now just on Christmas card terms but, when the time comes, I shall ask Gareth if he is indeed one of the rising young Welsh table tennis stars.



IN the recent Berkshire inter-town series of competitions, for reasons that I don't quite understand, I managed to represent Bracknell Veterans. This was Bracknell's misfortune, of course. In one match, while we were in the process of being absolutely stuffed, Peter Goatly pulled out all the stops and defeated John Goodyear 11-9 in the fifth end.



"Well done!" enthused skipper Allan Bruton. "You'll never know which of the other teams that win will have helped."



WHEN he submitted his Kingfisher subscription, Syd Montgomery sent me the following little "billy-doo": "Hello mate! Sending in my subscription but also to tell you that I am still alive and kicking and haven't 'popped my clogs' just yet and intend to renew my subscription for a few years yet. Table tennis is a fantastic sport and also a great outlet. I can't think of anything better. Oh yes, maybe one thing, but we won't go into that. But I will give you a clue: it has three letters and no, Roger, I don't mean a cup of 'TEA'. Take care, from Syd-With-A-Why."



I have no idea what he is talking about...



BEFORE I shoved off on a recent trip to Russia's Nishny Novgorod to play table tennis for the British Shunters' and Wheel-tappers squad (as El Supremo would say) in the Railway World Championships, my team captain Dave Fox rang me up.

"You've got to change your voice, Roger," he said. "You rang me about ten minutes ago and asked if you could speak to David Fox."

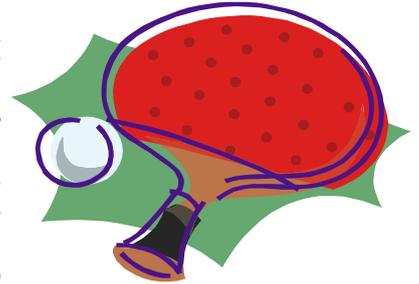
Before I could deny this or even interject, Dave carried on, "Having a laugh, I replied, 'Sorry, he's in Russia.' You asked, 'When will he be back, please?' I then said, 'Stop effin' about Roger. Have you spoken to Keith?"

"Then you said, 'I've never heard of any Keith and my name is certainly not Roger. This is Andy Cameron, your new bank manager.'"

Oops...



IT'S usually fun to take the wee-wee but, as the following story will show, there can sometimes be exceptions. Because of my work commitments, I asked Geoff Civil if he would kindly take my place in a match at the Berks Sports Club in Sonning. When the event was over (and my team, without me, had won, of course), Geoff sent me the following e-mail:



“Roger. I was happy to stand in for you until I realised that their venue is a freezing cold, draughty squash court with a slow table, strobe-effect lighting and no loos unless you trek halfway across Sonning to their clubhouse! “Having said that, the standard of the matches between the German chap Frank and both Cliff and Eric was outstanding. We said at the time that we didn’t think Eric had played better all season when he was the first to defeat Frank. This was followed soon after by Cliff also producing one of his best displays. There were some superb rallies.

“I had my moments, too... At one point I disappeared round the back of the squash courts (where it was pitch dark) for a sneaky pee. It was so dark I couldn’t see what I was doing (or, more specifically, where I was aiming). Upon returning to the brightly-lit entrance to the courts, I realised that I had wee-weed all down my track suit trousers, and had to spend the rest of the evening (and the drive home) with my knees hanging out. Rest assured the track suit has been through the washing machine today, so should not be too smelly (no more than usual anyway) next week.

“Cheers, Geoff.”



ON a serious note, did you remember to attend the AGM on Thursday 20th May? Kingfisher is YOUR Club; it is a truly WONDERFUL Club and this is a golden opportunity for you to have some input, no matter how modest, into its running.

Also, please be reminded that the *Grand Prix* sessions are currently under way. For the trifling sum of 30p each Monday session, you can enjoy many a great evening of summer competitive table tennis. Have fun!



AT the moment, we are enjoying a record level of membership. As I write this, we have 161 members, no less! Amazing! This is good, of course, and probably due to a variety of reasons. One of these is the undeniable fact that we now have a sliding scale of membership fees and new members can now join in (say) February for a pittance compared to the full yearly fee. This has encouraged such people to join and, of course, a good proportion of them will rejoin, along with the rest of us, for the new season. Onwards and upwards, as they say...



FINALLY, as always, on behalf of the general membership, I should like to welcome the following people who have joined our ranks since the last *Newsletter* was published: CONOR HOLLINGSWORTH, GARETH BIRD, PETER EVANS, SARAH KNOWLES (Special Non-Playing Member), MARTIN KNOWLES (Special Non-Playing Member), DAVID SMITH, CAMERON SMITH, THOMAS SMITH, GEORGE ZAAYMAN, ROGER ROLFE and ELLIOT ROLFE.

Great to have you with us, one and all!

Roger

BRITISH LEAGUE by Colin Dyke, Team Manager (continued from page 1)

DIVISION 1 SOUTH AND MIDLANDS

FINAL SERIES – DAY 1 – TOUGH START

Fusion II 5 Kingfisher 3

Mark Banks came so close to giving us a great start when he led Simon Philipz in the first game only to be pipped at deuce. He levelled at 1-1 but then Simon went up a gear. Lloyd Gregory had two great wins over Philipz and Tom Hughes and Mark went on to comfortably beat Miki Sinanan three straight. Andrew Smith played exceptionally well against David Williams but went down 3-1 in tight games.

Match details:

Mark Banks lost to Simon Philipz -12 8 -5 -3
 Lloyd Gregory beat Tom Hughes 4 -10 9 -7 7
 Paul Beck lost to Miki Sinanan 4 7 5
 Andrew Smith lost to David Williams -5 9 -9 -10
 Lloyd Gregory beat Simon Philipz 4 4 -6 8
 Mark Banks beat Miki Sinanan 7 7 8
 Andrew Smith lost to Tom Hughes -2 -10 -6
 Paul Beck lost to David Williams -5 -5 -10

Man of the match Lloyd Gregory

Kingfisher 0 OLOP Impact 8

We could make no 'impact' on this very strong team. Lloyd suffered his only one sided defeat against Chris Bush's short pimples but played a blinder against David Barr, going 2-1 up before losing out at one in the fifth. That may sound a one sided last game but every point was won after a magnificently fought rally with Dave chopping each ball harder than the last one. Lloyd said that he had never played so well and at the same time lost 11-1! Mark also got off to a great start against Dave but fell away a little quicker.

Match details:

Lloyd Gregory lost to Chris Bush -8 -7 -4
 Mark Banks lost to David Barr 6 -5 -8 -5
 Andrew Smith lost to Hari Gehlot -4 -4 -7
 Paul Beck lost to Stephen Gertson -5 -7 -5
 Lloyd Gregory lost to David Barr -7 10 8 -7 -1
 Andrew Smith lost to Chris Bush -5 -2 -5
 Mark Banks lost to Stephen Gertson -6 -2 -7
 Paul Beck lost to Hari Gehlot -2 -4 -1

Man of the match Chris Bush

FINAL SERIES – DAY 2 – A FRUSTRATING DAY

Brighton City 5 Kingfisher 3

This was notable mainly for Lloyd's two great wins over higher rated players Scrivani and Ioannou. He got better and better. Paul Beck added a three straight win over youngster Leonardo Assisi. At 3-2 up we looked as though we might get that elusive point but it was not to be. Andrew played a cracking match against Chinese penhold player Wen Wei Xu losing it 14-12 in the fifth after being 10-8 up. Then in the last Eric played his socks off but lost out 9 in the fifth to the youngster.

Match details:

Andrew Smith lost to Alexandrus Ioannou -5 -5 -6
 Lloyd Gregory beat Cedric Scrivani 9 6 7
 Eric van Looy lost to Wen Wei Xu -3 -7 -2
 Paul Beck beat Leonardo Assisi 5 8 10
 Lloyd Gregory beat Alexandrus Ioannou 7 8 -5 7
 Andrew Smith lost to Wen Wei Xu 5 -11 8 -3 -12
 Paul Beck lost to Cedric Scrivani -7 -8 -9
 Eric Van Looy lost to Leonardo Assisi -5 7 -7 9 -9

Man of the match Lloyd Gregory

Kingfisher 2 Mossford 6

Needing three to have a chance of staving off relegation, this was a nail biter. Lloyd got us off to a good start with a good win against higher rated Didier Ngoma but found class defender Euan Liddle a bit too good in the end, despite a good start. We were soon 5-1 down, needing the last two against the odds. Andrew then produced his best set of the weekend beating Matthew Spero, ranked some 170 places above him, in five. However, no matter how Eric tried against Keith Lesser he could not break him down and we were on our way down.

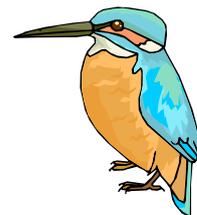
Match details:

Lloyd Gregory beat Didier Ngoma 7 -7 5 8
 Andrew Smith lost to Euan Liddle -9 -2 -9
 Paul Beck lost to Keith Lesser -8 2 -3 -8
 Eric van Looy lost to Matthew spero -4 -9 9 -8
 Lloyd Gregory lost to Euan Liddle -13 -7 10 -2
 Paul Beck lost to Didier Ngoma -9 5 -5 -11
 Andrew Smith beat Matthew Spero -10 -9 4 5 9
 Eric Van Looy lost to Keith Lesser -2 -9 -8

Man of the match Euan Liddle

KINGFISHER TTC

2010 GRAND PRIX



Once again this ever popular Summer Tournament will be run this year on Monday nights from

10th MAY to 2nd AUGUST
(except 31st May – Spring Bank Holiday)

As you now know, as well as a money prize for the winner at the end of the 12 competitions, there is also

A
'Grand Trophy'

Registration must be no later than 7.30pm each Monday in order to ensure a 7.40pm start and a reasonably timed finish. These times must be strictly adhered to.

Put the dates in your diary

NOW !

And come along and enjoy the friendly rivalry of the

KINGFISHER TTC GRAND PRIX



BRITISH LEAGUE

Division 1 South and Midlands - Season's Stats

PLAYER STATS

	<u>W</u>	<u>P</u>
Aled Howell	9	11
Alan Monks	2	3
Tom Maynard	5	8
Lloyd Gregory	12	28
Mark Banks	5	20
Andrew Smith	7	28
Paul Beck	1	8
Eric Van Looy	0	4

FINAL TABLE

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>
TTK Greenhouse	14	12	0	2	76	36	24
OLOP Impact I	14	11	0	3	76	36	22
Mossford I	14	8	2	4	63	49	18
Brighton City I	14	5	2	7	49	63	12
Fusion II	14	4	3	7	50	62	11
Sportingbet Guernsey	14	2	5	7	47	65	9
Cippenham II	14	3	2	9	44	68	8
Kingfisher	14	3	2	9	43	69	8

We are hoping that we may qualify to get our place back next season if there is a vacancy. We can only hope. We shall have a second team also next season which will give us more back up if there are unavailabilities.

Despite the disappointment of coming last there has been some wonderful table tennis and lots of plusses. Hopefully a few more members will add their support next season – it's well worth it. Give me a ring if you want to know more (0118 9783770)

CELEBRITIES PLAYING TABLE TENNIS

Some old - some not so old. Can you put a name to the twelve pictures? Answers in the next issue or if one or two are bugging you, e-mail me on chris.pusey@ukgateway.net





MID SEASON TEAM REPORTS



Bracknell and Wokingham League (contact Peter Goatly on 0118 9782632)

Kingfisher "A" - Premier Division



Allan Bruton
(Capt.)

With A number of injury problems throughout the season the team have a commendable 3rd place finish thanks to Geoff in the main but with able assistance by all team members. My thanks chaps.

J. Willcocks; R. Woolven-Allen; J. Morris; G. Civil; M Harris

Kingfisher "B" - Premier Division



Peter Goatly
(Capt.)

As I predicted, our team of Trevor Organ, Peter Bennett, Colin Dyke, Sharon Mitchell and me were in a mid-table place (5th) at the end of the season. This is the normal area of the divisional table for us to finish up at, although we've had a tougher season than usual and have had close matches against all of the teams at the lower end of the table.

T. Organ; P. Bennett; C. Dyke; S. Mitchell

Kingfisher "C" - Premier Division



Chris Pusey
(Capt.)

Our team must be feeling like a Yo Yo at the moment with our to-ing and fro-ing between Division 1 and the Premier Division. Despite the great efforts of Richard Fifield who achieved a commendable average of 56% for the season, we finished bottom and are returning to Division 1.

D. Duncan; J. Creighton; R Fifield; M. Dorrington

Kingfisher "D" - First Division

I think we have just about managed to stay in Division 1, but we still have one game to play next monday and the League tables are not quite up to date. Thanks team for your loyal support throughout the season and thanks Nigel for taking over while I was away.

S. Bruton (Capt.); J. Huggins; A. Pack; K.Robb; N. Lynch

Kingfisher "E" - Second Division

Finished 3rd only 7 "games" behind 2nd spot - so near yet so far! Maybe next season.....

Editor

D. Crombie (Capt.);
G. Bennett;
D. Taylor; P. Cunnington;
D. Spicer.

Maidenhead League (contact C. Dyke on 0118 9783770)

Kingfisher "A" - Premier Division

The Kingfisher Maidenhead team have been crowned Premier Division Champions yet again. The team had mathematical security of their title already four weeks before the end of the season.

Hari Gehlot and Liam have been flawless all season, but also Ramesh, Nick, Alan, Colin and myself have contributed well to the end result, and all players can be found high up the individual ranking list.

The Maidenhead League needs fresh players, so please get in touch with Eric Van Looy to discuss joining/entering a team for next season.

E. Van Looy (capt.); R. Gehlot; A. Cummings; H. Gehlot; N Heaps; L. McTiernan;

Reading League (contact Sylvia Bruton 0118 901 9119)

Kingfisher "A" - First Division

Champions (again!) Won the league by a clear 6 pints without losing a match and only dropping 1 point the whole season. Games for 187 against 33. Fantastic. Editor.

H. Gehlot (Capt); B. Hegedus; R. Gehlot; M. Banks; S. Munson

Kingfisher "B" - First Division

Finished 5th but with a better doubles average (only 33% 2nd lowest in the division) could have been higher. Still a good result to nbe proud of. Editor.

A. Cummings (Capt.); S. Williams; J. J. Knowles; D. Bishop; T. Griffiths

Kingfisher "C" Second Division

G. Civil (Capt.); C. Putterford; E. Van Looy; C. Dyke; R. Woolven-Allen

This was a highly successful campaign and we were declared Divisional Champs with a couple of weeks to go. I had anticipated we would be pushed harder than we were, but Cliff and Eric were consistently on good form, and were ably supported by Colin, Roger and myself. Cliff deserves special mention, losing only once all season (to the mercurial Phil (Hg) Mead from Kingfisher F).

As a team, we were unbeaten, although a very strong Kingfisher E pushed us to a draw right at the end of the season in a rearranged match. We also did extremely well in the doubles. We played Cliff and Eric whenever possible, and lost only two doubles all season, both to our bogey doubles team, Post Office A.

So it's back up to the rarified atmosphere of Div 1 next season - that's something to look forward to!

Reading League (contact Sylvia Bruton 0118 901 9119)

Kingfisher "D" - Second Division

No report. Finished 3rd just 3 points away from the promotion spot. Ivor and Trevor both with averages well above 60%.

Editor

I. Hardman (Capt.); T. Organ; D. Gostelow; J. Morris

Kingfisher "E" - Second Division



N. McGraine
(Capt.);

No report. Finished 5th from bottom but only 3 points away from the "D" team in 3rd spot. A very tight division apart from the bottom two clubs who were miles away from everybody else.

Editor

C. Chard; S. Mitchell; L. Bosley; G Outrim

Kingfisher "F" - Second Division



for your support.

Not the most consistent series of matches we have played as a team, once again not being able on occasion to compete all together but having said that an overall 5th position and that position only 1point behind joint 3rd place. So a superb effort chaps thanks again

A. Bruton (Capt.); P. Goatly; P. Bennett; P. Mead

Kingfisher "G" - Third Division

No report. Finished 3rd just 4 points from the top two clubs. Richard Fifield with a commendable 86% average with Eric not far behind. The results indicate that Megan improved as the season progressed and by the end was nearly equalling Richard and Eric's results which is no mean achievement. Someone to watch out for next season.

Editor

S Knowles Capt.); R. Fifield; E. Holmes; M. Dorrington; M Knowles

Kingfisher "H" - Third Division



Chris Pusey
(Capt.)

A very difficult season ending with us scraping 3rd from bottom spot by 14 games being equal on points with 2nd from bottom. We were plagued by injury what with Dave's (ex) gallbladder and Johns back - it was a good thing that Allen and myself remained fit although I only managed a measly 35% average. Sorry guys, I WILL do better next season.

My thanks go to all the team for their support and making the season an enjoyable one despite our end result!

D. Duncan; A. Pack; J. Creighton

Kingfisher "I" - Fourth Division

Well we made it, into the lower division I mean. Unfortunately Ken, Diane and myself (Sylvia) were just not good enough for Division 4. Steve was the only one who deserved his place and hopefully he will be able to find a place with another team in another Division as he is much too good for Division 5 where the rest of us are headed.

Thanks team for you loyal support and I wish you a better time in Division Five next year.

S. Bruton (Capt.); K. Robb; S. Woolnough; D. Taylor

Kingfisher "J" - Fifth Division

Finished 4th from bottom but 8 points clear of relegation. The doubles average was 60% which helped a great deal as did Andrew Talga's 47% average. All to play for next season.

D. Crombie (Capt.); D. Spicer; A. Talaga; P. Cunnington

Kingfisher "K" - Sixth Division

No report. Finished mid table. Jaouin and Didier both achieved good averages of 52% and 47% respectively.

Editor

D. Garcon (Capt.); S Mitchell; G. Bennett; N. Randall; J. Sabater

Kingfisher "L" - Sixth Division

D. Reynolds (Non Playing Capt.); C. Manley; L. Long; M. Houghton; J. Cummings; G. Dodd

Kingfisher L finished 3rd in the league and I was personally very pleased with this result. The boys have worked hard and their efforts have paid off, but I strongly endorse what Duncan Groves suggested about the lads going up to a higher division. They would benefit greatly from this experience and have played well for such a young team achieving the top spot in the doubles with 86%.

Four of the boys all finished on high averages. Well done lads, you have done me proud!

Unfortunately I will not be able to continue with the captaincy, but I think we can overcome this problem.

I've enjoyed seeing the boys improve and settle, and wish them good luck for the next season, hopefully in Division 5.



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NATIONAL VETERAN'S LEAGUE by Colin Dyke

Squad: Alan Cummings, Colin Dyke, Ivor Hardman and Eric Holmes

The second half of the Bribar Veterans National League took place in Swindon at the end of January with the team doing five times as well as in the first half. Not that they won any matches but did take 5 sets from tough opponents as against the one in the first half. Alan Cummings, Colin Dyke and Eric Holmes were our team this time and all had some success.

Results and details:

Lost to Lillington (Earl Sweeney, Pat McCabe, Phil Paine) 0-6. Only Eric took games in this match taking both Paine and McCabe to 4.

Lost to OLOP Merrow (Andy Meads, Bippin Majithia, John Millward) 2-4. Both Eric and Colin beat John Millward whilst Alan only just lost to Andy Meads at 9 in the fifth, which had he won could have given us our first point.

Lost to Scunthorpe (Clive Mitchell, Andy Kelly, Paul Rowson) 1-5. Alan took the only one in this match having a good win over Andy Kelly in four.

Lost to Redlands Bats 2 (Steven Walker, Steve Fox, David Gascoyne) 2-4. A determined effort in this match saw us come within a whisker of a draw. Both Colin and Alan beat Steve Fox to level the scores at 2-2, Eric put up a good fight before losing to Dave Gascoyne to make it 2-3 and then Colin lost to Mick Bell at 13-11 in the fifth. So near but so far. Earlier Eric had taken Bell to five.

Lost to Colebridge (Graham Hoskin, Roy Prosser, Jeff Craighill) 0-6. Half the matches lost in the fifth shows that it wasn't as one sided as the match score suggests. Eric went to five with both Prosser and Hoskin whilst Alan did likewise with Hoskin.

Three tired vets then made their way home after a hard weekend's play.. Anyone fancying their chances in this tough competition next season should contact me to find out more (01189 783770). We could do with a few younger vets.



The Kingfisher Table Tennis Club

The Kingfisher Club was inaugurated on 19th March 1987.

The Club is an accredited **ADVANCED PREMIER CLUB** bringing great benefits to the Club and its members. We also have **SPORT ENGLAND CLUBMARK** status. More information can be obtained from Sylvia Bruton on 0118 901 9119.

The Club aims to cater for all standards of play but actively encourages and trains younger players and has good links with Bulmershe School where the clubhouse is situated. Any information regarding coaching at the Club can be obtained from Jenny Andrews on 0118 989 1209.

The playing Membership of the club currently stands at over 130.

Teams are entered for all local leagues (Reading, Bracknell and Maidenhead Leagues) as well as National Junior and Senior Leagues. League play starts in September and ends late April.

During off season (late April to early September) various events are organised. These include:

- the Grand Prix held on every Monday night from May to early August over 12 weeks the results of each being published in the local press (30p to enter - prizes for the top 3 performers). Starts 7.30pm.
- the Club Knockout Tournament held in early May
- a pre-season group tournament limited to the first 16 players who enter
- Club night every Thursday evening from 7.30 - just add you name to the board and play whoever comes next

Articles, ideas, views, etc. can be published in this Newsletter by contacting Chris Pusey on 0118 966 4947. Any amusing information or stories in connection with the Club would be appreciated by Roger Woolven-Allen on 0118 947 8833.

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