Six Nations Veterans Table Tennis Tournament 5th-8th September 2019 held in Perth Scotland. Wales Delegate report.

The Wales team of: Neil Wright, Steve Green, Jane Reeks, Natasha Hurd, Mark Simon, Mark Farrow, Tony Collins, David Lloyd, Mark Edmunds, John Paine, Lesley Keast, Christina Wright, Ray Goulding, John Hook, Gareth Dommett, Helen Levy, Peter Gordon, Colin Price, Barrie Russ, William Haddon, Harold Furber, Dennis Bromage, Tony Bartram and Roger Thomas competed for Wales at this highly competitive tournament. Each year the tournament is played at either Scotland, Ireland, Jersey, Isle of Man, Guernsey, Wales or England. Teams competing in their respective age groups of over 40, over, 50, over 60, over 70 and over 75 played on the Thursday to Saturday with singles taking place on the Sunday.

This year it was played at the Belles Sport Centre in Perth, Scotland, over 4 days.

In the team event the pairing of Jane Reeks and Natasha Hurd in the over 40s ladies won the blue-ribbon Gold medal. Jane and Natasha then went on to win the over 40s ladies doubles gold medal on the Saturday, a clean sweep. This was truly a historical moment for Welsh Veterans Table Tennis, see photograph 1.



Photograph 1: Natasha Hurd on the left and Jane Reeks on the right collecting their clean sweep of Gold medals at the presentation dinner.

In the over 75s team event, the team of Dennis Brommage, Roger Thomas and Tony Bartram won the team Silver medal. This was a fantastic achievement and maintains Wales high ranking in this highly competitive age group, see photograph 2. A special

mention goes to Dennis who stepped into the Wales Delegate role at the last moment, due to the absence of myself, thank you Dennis.



Photograph 2: Dennis Brommage, Roger Thomas and Tony Bartram collecting the team Silver medal at the presentation dinner.

In the singles event that took place on the Sunday, Lesley Keast won the ladies 50s singles main event, this was a tremendous achievement retaining her title from 2018, see photograph 3.



Photograph 3: Lesley Keast on the left with the over 50s Ladies singles championship trophy.

Other significant achievements were Peter Gordon who won the over 60s consolation Gold, Tony Bartram won the over 70s consolation Gold, Mark Edmunds won the over 50s consolation Gold and William Haddon won the over 70s consolation silver.

Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the comradeship that our wonderful game brings. Onwards to Ireland now in 2020.

Lastly, a special mention for Tony Collins who has served Welsh Veterans for many years winning numerous honours in the 40s and 50s. This was his last year in the 50s and moves onto the 60s.

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