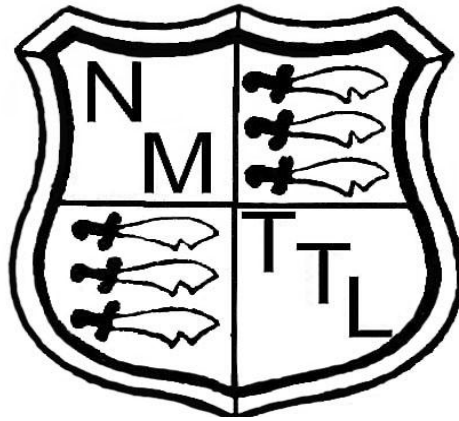


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INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS NEWS

As you may have read on the home page of our website, by next season we will have individual rankings displayed. Based on the system used for national rankings, it will cover all League players and will take account of each player's results at national, county and league level (in all leagues that they play in) and also in tournaments, including League tournaments if organisers have added those results into the system.

It is anticipated that these rankings will help us in setting handicaps for tournament events and cup matches and that they will also encourage people to strive to improve their rankings. The best way to improve your ranking is to play against and beat players who are higher ranked than yourself, so some of you may be keen to play in the highest division available to you or to make yourselves available for a few play-ups to gain those extra ranking points.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEAGUE

As will be reported at the AGM, the flood of volunteers who responded to our appeal for help in developing the League was notable only for its absence! Not one single person came forward to offer their assistance or support to those few of us who give up countless hours in keeping the League running from day to day as well as attempting to do something to attract new clubs, teams and players to the League so that you will actually have someone to play against in the future. There have certainly been those in the past who have attended the AGM to complain about what the Committee may or may not have done during the season but those same people rarely offer to actually come forward and do something to help.

My wife and I have served on various League committees since the 1970s, when still in our 20s, as well as being involved in helping to run our own clubs, including Bounds Green TTC (not the same one currently in the League) and Mayfield TTC. I know that there are others who have been doing the same, some for even longer than us. The current Executive Committee contains not one person under retirement age and there are only two under that age on standing or sub-committees. If we do not find a few people under pension age to start taking a hand in running the league (and to some extent the clubs too) then we are likely to be in a very difficult situation in a few years from now. The more people we have who are willing to do their bit for the league, the less the burden on each individual.

Obviously we would like to find people who can make a regular commitment but even if all you can offer is a few hours as a one-off to visit a potential new club or to man a stand somewhere then that would help.

If you think you may be able to help, or if you wish to discuss the kind of tasks that you might be able to carry out, then please contact Peter or Joan Bayman, John Fitzgerald, Ian Allen or Harold Webb and we can arrange to have a chat about opportunities that exist for you to help your league.

Thank you

Peter Bayman

NORTH MIDDLESEX LEAGUE ANNUAL TOURNAMENT REPORT

The NMTTL Annual Tournament was held at Ellenborough Table Tennis Club over three days, Sunday 3rd April and the weekend of 16th/17th April 2016.

Sunday 3rd April

Open to all Junior Doubles (U18): Unfortunately, due to only having three entrants the event was cancelled.

Open to all Junior Singles (U18): There were just three entrants, Fraser Donnelly, Jacee Chan and Arron Fox. After a round robin group Fraser came out as the winner with Jacee as runner up.

Open to all Handicap Singles: There was an entry of 22 players. The first round saw twelve players take part in round-robin groups to progress to the knockout stage alongside the seeded players. Throughout this event there were some excellent matches. At the last 16 stage, current champion Lukasz Lewandowski took on Andrei Capo, giving 8 points. Andrei took the first set 21-15 and looked to be winning the second game before Lucasz produced a typically determined fight back to take the 2nd game 21-19. Lucasz had the same uphill task in the final game but, against the odds, he came from a long way back to win 21-20. Lucasz then beat Frazer Donnelly before coming up against Jacee Chan in the semi-final. Jacee had an 8 point start and looked to be running away with it before Lucasz summoned up all his ability to level the match at 1-1. Jacee then built up a big lead in the final game before Lucasz somehow managed to get in front to lead 15-14. However, Jacee stormed back with his all-court attacking game to win the third game 21-16 and book his place in the final. Sometimes players come to a tournament playing at their absolute top form - on the other side of the draw, Sal Ahmed got through to the final with excellent victories over Atanas Shalev in three long sets, followed by Casey Cross and then Rhyan Nelson in the semi-final, both in straight sets, to come face to face with Jacee Chan in the final. The players started level on 0-0, but Sal's fine form and experience held off the challenge from Jacee to help him win 21-13, 21-16.

Open to All Hard Bat Doubles: Eight pairs entered this new event. Lucasz Lewandowski & Laikram Persuad are very good exponents of the hard bat and duly won through to the final where they met Sal Ahmed & Sami Idowu. Mark Bevan umpired the final. Semi and Sal lost the first game but surprised their opponents by winning the second game and then getting themselves a good lead in the final game. However, Laikram and Lucasz began to play at their best and soon ran out winners in four games. Many of the matches in this event were well contested, producing some fine hard bat play.

Open to All Hard Bat Singles: there were 18 entrants. After the first round groups, the quarter finals looked very competitive. The standard of hard bat play was again very high from all players, with many long rallies. The same pair as last year, Lucasz & Laikram, got through to the final but it was a different match this time with Laikram focussed more on his defensive play, which forced Lucasz to attack. As you can see from the scores below it was a long and very tense final with the match swinging both ways before Laikram finally won 14-12, 7-11, 10-12, 12-10, 11-9.

Saturday 16th April

Division 3/4 Singles: Only 4 players took part, Peter Bayman, Gill Toumbas, John DeWitt and Jethro Denahy. They formed one group of 4. Peter came top of the group with Gill finishing as runner up.

Open Doubles: 12 pairs entered and played in 4 groups of 3. Players from all divisions entered and as expected it was the more experienced Premiership players who got through to the knock-out stage of the quarter finals. It was the young pairing of Quentin Kwan & Kevin Fang who got through to the final. They met the experienced Laikram Persaud & Lucasz Lewandowski, who won in straight sets.

Division 2, 3, & 4 Handicap Singles: There were 11 entrants for this event. They were divided into 2 groups of four and 1 three player group. Six players progressed into the next round to play in two further groups of three. John De Witt and Joan Bayman won through from group 1, Marcus Long and Haresh Barber came through from the very close fought group 2, with Lech Bogdanowicz

and Stephen Cumberbatch winning through from group 3. The winners from these groups played in the final. These were Marcus Long and Haresh Barber who had also played each other in the first round groups. Marcus proved too strong for Haresh who had a 5 point lead, to win in straight games.

Sunday 17th April

Over 50s Singles: This event started at 10am. Unfortunately some of the entrants did not turn up, which meant that we had to adjust the previous draw to suit. Eight players progressed to the quarter-final stage, from which Semi Idowu and Laikram Persaud won through to the final. This is the second year running that the pair have played each other in this event. The final was again an exciting match to watch with Semi, who is a fine all-round attacking player, going back away from the table most of the time and lofting his sidespin returns. This forced Laikram to adjust his mainly defensive game to come in and attack. He did this well enough to win in straight games 11-3, 11-5, and 11-6.

Ladies Singles: Three ladies entered this event; Gill Toumbas, Joan Bayman and Soo Yazdari competed in a round robin group. Soo and Joan played first with Soo winning in four games. Then Gill played Soo and won in straight games. Gill won her match against Joan to become Ladies Champion with Soo the runner up.

Open Singles: 24 players took part in this event. With many of the top players in the league present, the standard of play was very high. We had the older and more experienced players up against the younger generation coming through. Added to that were players from division 2, 3 and 4. In round 1 they were divided into groups of 4. At the quarter final stage the line-up was: Fraser Donnelly v Andrei Capo, Lucasz Lewandowski v Mike Wood, Laikram Persaud v Quentin Kwan and Kevin Fang v Akash Shah. The first of these, between Fraser & Andrei, was one of the best matches of the tournament. Fraser won a titanic struggle in the first game by 17-15 but Andrei then won the next two games before Fraser regained his composure to win: 17-15, 1-11, 6-11, 11-9, 11-7. Kevin against Akash was also a very closely fought match with Kevin winning in 5 games: 11-5, 8-11, 11-3, 11-13, 11-6. In the semi-finals, Kevin met Laikram and Lucasz met Fraser. Despite much determination, Kevin was not able to cope with the variation of Laikram's game, losing in straight games. Laikram uses a defensive plus blade covered with conventional spin rubber on one side and anti-spin on the other. It takes an exceptionally good player to play with this type of bat and win matches against the all-out attacking style players. In the other semi-final, Lucasz got off to a great start by winning the first two games. Fraser's game went up a notch with some excellent attacking play to win the match by 8-11, 6-11, 11-9, 11-8 and 11-9. In the final, the young Fraser took on the might of Laikram. It is a credit to Fraser that he came back from losing the first game to win the second. Then, in the third game, Laikram played superbly to regain the lead. The fourth and final game was won more comfortably by Laikram for him to win 11-4, 11-13, 13-11, 11-4 and so become the NMTTL Open Singles Champion for 2016.

On behalf of the NMTTL I would like to thank all those people who gave up their time to help organise the tournament and to help with setting up the hall the night before the tournament, opening up the club in the morning, loaning equipment, umpiring, etc., etc. In addition our thanks go to all those players who took part, most of the time behaving in a friendly and sporting manner throughout the tournament, for producing some excellent table tennis and for again supporting the League Tournament. We would like to also thank Ellenborough TTC for once again providing an excellent venue and facilities for the tournament.

John Fitzgerald

HANDICAP CUP RESULTS AND WINNERS

Results of Quarter-Finals:

3Es 1 with Casey Cross, Lucasz Lewendowski and Sal Ahmed beat Tottenham 1 with John Fitzgerald, Marcus Long and Robin Smythe by 5-4.

Ellenborough 10 with Ron Smith, Charlie Izatt and Arnold Desouza beat Bush Hill Park 1 with Geoff Woodend, Ron Sear and Steve May by 5-1.

Winchmore Hill 2 with Paul Cooper, Liv Thomas and Lag Antoniades beat Ellenborough 7 with Louis Loizia, Peter Brown and Helen Stone by 5-3.

St John's Deaf 1 received a walkover from Winchmore Hill 1.

Results of Semi-Finals:

3Es 1 with Casey Cross, Lucasz Lewendowski and Sal Ahmed beat St John's 1 with Alireza Kamrani-Masoolah, Jorg Striesow and Keith James by 5-3.

Winchmore Hill 2 with Paul Cooper, Liv Thomas and Lag Antonides beat Ellenborough 10 with Ron Smith, Sureyya Aydin and Steve Harris by 5-4. This was some match with Winchmore Hill 2 going 4-0 up only for Ellenborough 10 to level at 4-4. The last set went to three with a 21-19 finish.

Final

This was played at Ellenborough on 13th April.

3Es 1 beat Winchmore Hill 2 by 5-3. Both teams fielded their usual players and 3Es 1 were able to pull back handicaps of between 11 and 15 to win.

Congratulations to everyone who took part for providing some excellent and competitive matches.

Harold Webb

100 PLUS CLUB DRAW RESULTS

The most recent draw was made at the North Middlesex League Tournament on Saturday 16th April. Semi Idowu drew out the numbers and I checked the names of the winners.

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| First Prize £75: | Number 100 | Pat Hall | A member for many years. |
| Second Prize £15: | Number 49 | Joan Tunnell | Wife of the much missed Doug Tunnell. |
| Third Prize £7.50: | Number 138 | Alan Drake | Am still trying to coax him back to play! |
| Fourth Prize £7.50: | Number 36 | Eddie Howerd | A good supporter even though living in Lincolnshire. |
| Fifth Prize £7.50: | Number 32 | Harold Webb | Still going strong. (Fix! cried the crowd) |
| Special Prize £7.50 | Number 72 | Howard Taylor | Not seen around recently but still supports us. |

Well done to the winners and thanks to everyone for their support.

More members wanted.

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PREMIER DIVISION REPORT – Divisional Secretary Chris Michael

| POS | TEAM | P | W | L | F | A | PTS. |
|-----|-----------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|------|
| 1 | 3 Es 1 | 18 | 16 | 2 | 127 | 35 | 143 |
| 2 | WOODSIDE PARK 1 | 18 | 15 | 3 | 101 | 61 | 116 |
| 3 | ELLENBOROUGH 1 | 18 | 13 | 5 | 102 | 60 | 115 |
| 4 | MAYFIELD 1 | 18 | 12 | 6 | 88 | 74 | 100 |
| 5 | ELLENBOROUGH 2 | 18 | 9 | 9 | 86 | 76 | 95 |
| 6 | ELLENBOROUGH 3 | 18 | 9 | 9 | 81 | 81 | 90 |
| 7 | MAYFIELD 2 | 18 | 8 | 10 | 75 | 87 | 83 |
| 8 | ELLENBOROUGH 4 | 18 | 4 | 14 | 63 | 99 | 67 |
| 9 | ELLENBOROUGH 5 | 18 | 4 | 14 | 54 | 108 | 58 |
| 10 | ELLENBOROUGH 6 | 18 | 0 | 18 | 33 | 129 | 33 |

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

| PLAYER | TEAM | PL. | W | L | % |
|---------------|-----------------|-----|----|----|-------|
| L.LEWANDOWSKI | 3 Es 1 | 27 | 26 | 1 | 96.30 |
| T.GRITTON | WOODSIDE PARK 1 | 30 | 27 | 3 | 90.00 |
| J.LENNON | MAYFIELD 2 | 39 | 33 | 6 | 84.62 |
| K.FANG | ELLENBOROUGH 3 | 36 | 30 | 6 | 83.33 |
| J.PROFFITT | ELLENBOROUGH 2 | 30 | 25 | 5 | 83.33 |
| S.IDOWU | ELLENBOROUGH 2 | 54 | 41 | 13 | 75.93 |
| C.CROSS | 3 Es 1 | 39 | 29 | 10 | 74.36 |
| A.SHAH | WOODSIDE PARK 1 | 36 | 25 | 11 | 69.44 |
| J.HOBLEY | ELLENBOROUGH 3 | 29 | 20 | 9 | 68.97 |
| M.WELLS | MAYFIELD 1 | 51 | 33 | 18 | 64.71 |
| A.SHALEV | ELLENBOROUGH 1 | 36 | 23 | 13 | 63.89 |
| M.WOOD | 3 Es 1 | 30 | 19 | 11 | 63.33 |

Greetings everybody, and welcome to the last North Middlesex Premier Division report of the 2015-2016 season. Sadly this will also be my last report as Secretary of the Premier Division, after 3 very enjoyable years. I've decided to stand down as my time is getting more limited of late. I would like to say that it has been a real pleasure performing the role of Premier Division Secretary these last 3 years, and I really hope that you all help my successor to bed himself in as you all did to me 3 years ago and made my job very easy...

So, for the entirety of my tenure as Divisional Secretary the champions of the Premier Division have been 'The 3E's'. Congratulations to them again this season for a magnificent effort, in which they stormed the league and lost just twice. This, of course, is now tinged with sadness at the news of their eminent closure and, at the time of writing, I still believe this to be the case. I do hope something can be done to change this situation and keep them in the League as the yardstick against which all the other teams are measured and the standing to which they can aspire. Second this season were Woodside Park, who had the immense talents of Tommy Gritton and also drafted in promising newcomer Quentin Kwan to add to their already strong team. Ellenborough 1 finished in third, one point behind, driven on as always by the inimitable Semi Idowu, who always plays the game with a smile on his face.

Mayfield 1 put up their usual strong showing to finish in fourth place and with Martin Wells, Gary List and Mark Hanrahan they have the most consistently turned out team in the entire league. Those three hardly ever miss a game as a team so well done to them.

The bottom team this season were Ellenborough 6, who found the going very tough and, even though David Wilson will not thank me for saying this, did not manage to win a single match all season. Second from bottom were Ellenborough 5, who seemed somewhat hampered by team selection, especially in the second half of the season.

The player averages were topped off by Lukasz Lewandowski of the 3E's, with a 96.3% tally, which meant only one loss, followed by his team mate Laikram Persaud with 91.7% and only two losses (*Laikram failed by 1 match to play enough to appear in the official averages. Ed.*)

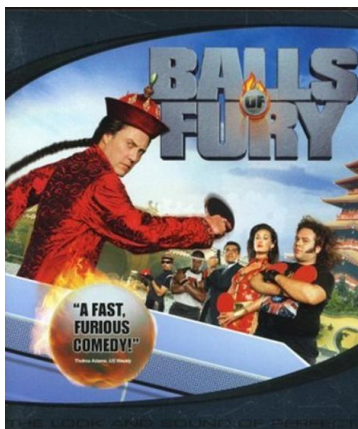
Tommy Gritton was third, John Lennon fourth, and in fifth place in the averages was Kevin Fang, who seemed to get better as the season went on and it can only be a matter of time before Kevin, Tommy, Quentin and the like are fighting to top the averages every season.

I really do hope that as many of you as possible continue to play and support the League and other leagues like this. It has been sad to see the demise of several clubs over the seasons that I have been performing this role and it pains me greatly to see that we may even lose our champions of the past 3 season. The current and future generations need places to play and compete in sports such as ours and I want to see as much as possible done to facilitate the continuing availability of these facilities.

Good luck to you all.

Chris Michael

Table tennis films to watch:



Balls of Fury (2007)

Certainly not a serious film about table tennis but any film with Christopher Walken in it can't be that bad and there are certainly some very funny scenes and characters in it.

Worth a watch for a bit of a laugh.



DIVISION 2 REPORT – Divisional Secretary Michael Miller

| POS | TEAM | P | W | L | F | A | PTS. |
|-----|------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|------|
| 1 | MAYFIELD 3 | 18 | 16 | 2 | 111 | 51 | 127 |
| 2 | ELLENBOROUGH 7 | 18 | 12 | 6 | 97 | 65 | 109 |
| 3 | TOTTENHAM 1 | 18 | 12 | 6 | 92 | 70 | 104 |
| 4 | BOUNDS GREEN 1 | 18 | 10 | 8 | 83 | 79 | 93 |
| 5 | WINCHMORE HILL 1 | 18 | 7 | 11 | 81 | 81 | 88 |
| 6 | MAYFIELD 4 | 18 | 8 | 10 | 78 | 84 | 86 |
| 7 | ST. JOHNS 1 | 18 | 8 | 10 | 74 | 88 | 82 |
| 8 | ELLENBOROUGH 8 | 18 | 8 | 10 | 71 | 91 | 79 |
| 9 | BOUNDS GREEN 2 | 18 | 6 | 12 | 63 | 99 | 69 |
| 10 | COOLHURST 1 | 18 | 3 | 15 | 60 | 102 | 63 |

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

| PLAYER | TEAM | PL. | W | L | % |
|-------------------|------------------|-----|----|----|-------|
| J.CLARKE-WILLIAMS | ELLENBOROUGH 7 | 39 | 34 | 5 | 87.18 |
| D.KHAN | BOUNDS GREEN 1 | 48 | 40 | 8 | 83.33 |
| J.FITZGERALD | TOTTENHAM 1 | 47 | 39 | 8 | 82.98 |
| E.EVANS | MAYFIELD 3 | 45 | 37 | 8 | 82.22 |
| L.BOGDANOWICZ | ELLENBOROUGH 8 | 33 | 27 | 6 | 81.82 |
| A.MASOOLEH | ST.JOHNS 1 | 39 | 30 | 9 | 76.92 |
| M.DANANI | MAYFIELD 3 | 39 | 30 | 9 | 76.92 |
| P.SHAH | MAYFIELD 4 | 39 | 29 | 10 | 74.36 |
| G.ESPOSITO Jnr. | COOLHURST 1 | 37 | 27 | 10 | 72.97 |
| D.MIDDLETON | MAYFIELD 3 | 36 | 24 | 12 | 66.67 |
| F.BURDETT | WINCHMORE HILL 1 | 51 | 32 | 19 | 62.75 |
| L.LOIZIA | ELLENBOROUGH 7 | 42 | 26 | 16 | 61.90 |

Another season is over and I would like to take the time to thank all for your efforts to send me your results as soon as you can and for ensuring that matches have been played on time with as few postponements as possible. There have been a couple this season, most crucially the one between Ellenborough 7 and St Johns 1, where St Johns were unable to agree a date for the rematch before the 22nd April deadline resulting in Ellenborough 7 being awarded a walkover and sending Ellenborough 7 into the runners up position. Admittedly, Ellenborough 7 only needed a win against St Johns to ensure their promotion and, going by both teams' recent performances, I would have highly favoured Ellenborough 7 to achieve the win anyway. If a lesson ought to be learnt from this then it is to try at all times to play matches on the proper date wherever possible, if necessary draw on players in lower teams – you never know when you may run out of time and lose all the points you possibly would have gained by just playing with a weaker team.

However, let me congratulate Mayfield 3 for their win of the division, they started out strongly after their demotion from the premier division and their victory was predicted from the very first report. Congratulations to Errol, Mitesh and Dave who all made the averages. I wish them all success for their return to the Premier Division next season.

Ellenborough 7, as we know, were the season runners up. They played with consistency and their result for the season was largely helped by Jeremy Clarke-Williams, who ended up coming top of

the averages at 87.18%, and Louis Loizia at 61.90%. I am sure the Premier Division will be a valuable experience for the team next season so my best wishes to them.

Tottenham 1 fought hard from the start and were unlucky not to be the runners-up but John Fitzgerald ought to be very pleased with the contributions he made towards his team's results. Bounds Green 1 placed 4th and their results were largely thanks to Dawud Khan and Simon Jameson. However, the team only had 3 main members to rely on and when they weren't available their results suffered. Perhaps with one or two extra strong players in the team next season this team may be able to challenge for the title?

Winchmore Hill 1 were lucky to finish up 5th, having won fewer games than the 3 teams below them. The walkover they were awarded may have helped their position but, nonetheless, it has been a fairly good season for the team.

Mayfield 4 came in 5th, largely thanks to Paras Shah who finished with a 74.36% average. The team got better results in the first half of the season (just) with 5 out of their 8 wins being achieved then.

St Johns, in contrast to Mayfield 4, had a much better second half of the season than first half with 5 out of their 8 wins being achieved in the second half of the season. Alireza proved the team's greatest player, although Keith James wouldn't have been far behind if he had played in a few more games.

Ellenborough 8 finished 8th and were the last of the three teams on 8 wins. Congratulations to Lech Bogdanowicz, who finished in the averages on 81.82%.

Bounds Green 2 had a poor start to the season and struggled to recover from it. In the first half they only managed to get 29 points and in the second half 40. If they had had the performances in the first half of the season, the team would have come in mid table. However, it wasn't to be. Time should be taken over the summer to recuperate and come back fighting next season from the very start.

Coolhurst 1 were unfortunate to be plagued with injuries and they had to rely on lower division players to help them fulfil their games for half of the season. Geno Esposito played well all season and finished in the averages. However, his efforts were not enough to prevent the team finishing bottom.

Players who averaged over 50% but did not quite make the top 12 were:

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|---------------|------------------|----|----|---------|
| Simon Jameson | Bounds Green 1 | 45 | 26 | 57.78 % |
| Clive French | Winchmore Hill 1 | 39 | 21 | 53.85 % |

That finishes up the season nicely. I hope you all have a good summer and I look forward to seeing you next season. In case you are looking for something to read, I recently read "Bounce" by Matthew Syed and I can thoroughly recommend it as an inspiration to the hours of dedicated practise we have all most certainly put in.

Michael Miller

"Table tennis is a simple game – all you have to do is win the last point!"

DIVISION 3 REPORT - Divisional Secretary Gordon Greenfield

| POS | TEAM | P | W | L | F | A | PTS. |
|-----|---------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|------|
| 1 | MAYFIELD 5 | 18 | 18 | 0 | 131 | 31 | 149 |
| 2 | P.BAR FREE CHURCH 1 | 18 | 12 | 6 | 112 | 50 | 124 |
| 3 | WINCHMORE HILL 2 | 18 | 12 | 6 | 107 | 55 | 119 |
| 5 | ELLENBOROUGH 9 | 18 | 11 | 7 | 89 | 73 | 100 |
| 4 | COOLHURST 2 | 18 | 9 | 9 | 81 | 81 | 90 |
| 7 | WINCHMORE HILL 3 | 18 | 8 | 10 | 70 | 92 | 78 |
| 6 | BUSH HILL PARK 1 | 18 | 7 | 11 | 68 | 94 | 75 |
| 8 | TOTTENHAM 2 | 18 | 6 | 12 | 59 | 103 | 65 |
| 9 | SPS 1 | 18 | 5 | 13 | 56 | 106 | 61 |
| 10 | ELLENBOROUGH 10 | 18 | 2 | 16 | 37 | 125 | 39 |

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

| PLAYER | TEAM | PL. | W | L | % |
|-------------|---------------------|-----|----|----|-------|
| B.PAYNE | MAYFIELD 5 | 41 | 40 | 1 | 97.56 |
| C.HESS | COOLHURST 2 | 30 | 27 | 3 | 90.00 |
| A.BOAST | P.BAR FREE CHURCH 1 | 45 | 39 | 6 | 86.67 |
| C.CALLAN | MAYFIELD 5 | 53 | 44 | 9 | 83.02 |
| S.SHAH | COOLHURST 2 | 36 | 28 | 8 | 77.78 |
| P.BAYMAN | ELLENBOROUGH 9 | 26 | 20 | 6 | 76.92 |
| G.TOUMBAS | ELLENBOROUGH 9 | 27 | 20 | 7 | 74.07 |
| L.THOMAS | WINCHMORE HILL 2 | 30 | 22 | 8 | 73.33 |
| P.COOPER | WINCHMORE HILL 2 | 51 | 35 | 16 | 68.63 |
| R.CHEEK | P.BAR FREE CHURCH 1 | 45 | 30 | 15 | 66.67 |
| L.COUPPIS | P.BAR FREE CHURCH 1 | 33 | 21 | 12 | 63.64 |
| GAVRIELIDES | MAYFIELD 5 | 44 | 26 | 18 | 59.09 |

You are all to be congratulated for once again being the first division to complete all fixtures. My thanks to you all for your co-operation over postponements and getting matches played on time.

We must acknowledge the achievement of the Mayfield 5 team. Yes, they have been the team to beat, but no other team has managed to do so. It is not easy to go through a complete season undefeated regardless of playing an overall superior standard and so congratulations to Ben and his team on their well-deserved title.

The runners up were in doubt right up to the end. Winchmore Hill 2 needed to win 9-0 against Ellenborough 9 to finish in a promotion slot but that match proved to be too much of a challenge for them and they lost a close one 4-5.

At the bottom, SPS just failed to save their place in the division and will re-join their club colleagues next season in Div 4 together with the Ellenborough 10 side who really have been a little out of their depth.

Peter Bayman usually publishes the top 12 in the averages but here are the others who finished with over 50%

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----|----|---------|
| <u>Colin Bateman</u> | <u>Winchmore Hill 3</u> | 45 | 26 | 57.78 % |
| <u>Lag Antoniadis</u> | <u>Winchmore Hill 2</u> | 42 | 24 | 57.14 % |
| <u>Paul Glyde</u> | <u>Potters Bar Free Church 1</u> | 39 | 22 | 56.41 % |
| <u>Gordon Greenfield</u> | <u>SPS 1</u> | 36 | 19 | 52.78 % |
| <u>Richard Graneau</u> | <u>Ellenborough 9</u> | 35 | 18 | 51.43 % |

Have a great summer and see you next season

Gordon Greenfield

Table tennis films to watch:



Ping Pong (2012)



A multi award winning documentary film about veteran table tennis players competing in their World Championships. Both touching and amusing, this really is well worth watching. If you ask Peter or Joan Bayman nicely they may even lend you their copy.

There is a signed poster for this film attached to the bar at the Ellenborough club, signed by the Director when the film was shown at Richmix in Shoreditch, a cinema, café and table tennis bar, amongst other things.

DIVISION 4 REPORT – Divisional Secretary Joan Bayman

| POS | TEAM | P | W | L | F | A | PTS. |
|-----|------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|------|
| 1 | S'GATE COMPTON 1 | 18 | 16 | 2 | 122 | 40 | 138 |
| 2 | 3 Es 2 | 18 | 17 | 1 | 117 | 45 | 134 |
| 3 | BOUNDS GREEN 3 | 18 | 14 | 4 | 115 | 47 | 129 |
| 4 | MAYFIELD 6 | 17 | 10 | 7 | 83 | 70 | 93 |
| 5 | ELLENBOROUGH 11 | 18 | 10 | 8 | 82 | 80 | 92 |
| 7 | TOTTENHAM 3 | 18 | 9 | 9 | 75 | 87 | 84 |
| 6 | SPS 2 | 18 | 6 | 12 | 70 | 92 | 76 |
| 8 | WINCHMORE HILL 4 | 18 | 4 | 14 | 54 | 108 | 58 |
| 9 | SPS 3 | 18 | 3 | 15 | 52 | 110 | 55 |
| 10 | WINCHMORE HILL 5 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 31 | 122 | 31 |

MAYFIELD 6 v WINCHMORE HILL 5 - VOID MATCH

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

| PLAYER | TEAM | PL. | W | L | % |
|---------------|---------------------|-----|----|----|-------|
| P.RADWELL | SOUTHGATE COMPTON 1 | 44 | 41 | 3 | 93.18 |
| S.CUMBERBATCH | 3 Es 2 | 41 | 38 | 3 | 92.68 |
| L.DEVONISH | 3 Es 2 | 38 | 31 | 7 | 81.58 |
| C.VITHANI | BOUNDS GREEN 3 | 32 | 26 | 6 | 81.25 |
| L.COUTINHO | MAYFIELD 6 | 36 | 29 | 7 | 80.56 |
| M.JOZWIAK | BOUNDS GREEN 3 | 44 | 33 | 11 | 75.00 |
| J.JONES | SOUTHGATE COMPTON 1 | 35 | 26 | 9 | 74.29 |
| M.CHARVONIA | BOUNDS GREEN 3 | 30 | 22 | 8 | 73.33 |
| J.BERMAN | SPS 3 | 39 | 27 | 12 | 69.23 |
| S.YAZDANI | ELLENBOROUGH 11 | 41 | 27 | 14 | 65.85 |
| J.DE WITT | TOTTENHAM 3 | 50 | 31 | 19 | 62.00 |
| D.CHOUGHAN | MAYFIELD 6 | 35 | 21 | 14 | 60.00 |

Well, with all that smashing, looping, pushing and tactical play we have come to the end of another season with Southgate Compton retaining their title from 2014/15 as winners on 138 points. Following closely behind is 3Es 2 on 134 points (an improvement on last season's 4th place). In 3rd position on 129 points is Bounds Green 3 (relegated from Division 3 last season). As you can see from the above tables, most of the players from these 3 clubs have averages of over 50%.

Peter Radwell's clean record from last season has now been broken by 3 players: Soodabeth (Soo) Yazdani of Ellenborough 11, Steven Cumberbatch and Lewis Devonish, both from 3Es 2.

The other noteworthy players on averages just below the 50% mark are: Dom Philp (WH5) 45%; Rosetta Delisle (Ellenb 11) 45%; John Ginn (Southgate C) 45%; Adrian Pini 45% (Mayf 6); Stephen Lesley 43% (SPS2); Nigel Kingsley 42% (SPS2); Harold Webb 41% (WH4) and Angelica Landry 40% (Mayfield 6).

Yusuf Naeem played in all the WH4 matches, 54 sets, followed closely by Tottenham 3's John De Witt who played 50 sets. With 56 players in this division, 32 managed to play over half of the matches.

Well done to our leading lady, Jackie Berman (SPS 3), who finished on 69% followed by Soo Yazdani (Ellenborough 11) on 66% - a good result for her first season.

I shall close this short report by congratulating Southgate Compton on their victory and 'well done' to the runners up, 3Es 2. It was a close chase in the end, with 3Es only 4 points away from taking the winning spot, having won more matches than Southgate Compton! With another season under their belts and the improvements shown in their play, the 3Es team could very well have taken the title next time around so it's a shame to learn that this is their last season. I wish their players 'good luck and all the best' in finding another suitable club to join.

Best wishes to you all including those players I've not had a chance to mention.

Enjoy your summer.

Joan Bayman

Contributions to the Journal are always welcomed and will be included if space permits and if they are considered suitable. Just email them to: webnorthmid@gmail.com or post to my address as per the handbook and the contacts list on our website.

Thank you
Peter Bayman, Press & Publicity Officer

Table tennis films to watch:



Ping Pong Playa (2007)

This film centres around an aspiring basketball player who is forced to take over his mother's ping pong classes when she is injured in a car accident. We have not seen this film but it looks pretty funny judging from the official trailer.



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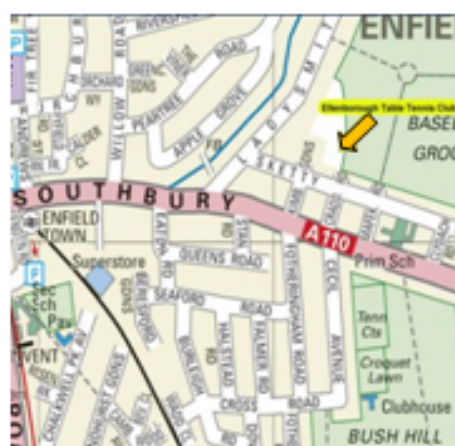
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