

CROWBOROUGH TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

A very belated 'Happy New Year' to you all and an enjoyable table tennis one.

I know there's a lot of sports to be enjoyed in this Olympic Year, but let's hope that there is an increased interest in table tennis and, who knows, we may get more members!

WEALDEN LEAGUE 2011/12

The season has now reached the half-way stage and below are the current positions of our two sides.

'A' team, P7 W7, points 192, position 1st
'B' team, P7 W1, points 75, position 8th

But the 'B' team has now had it's first success of the season, beating Ridgewood 'B' by 23-15.

The second-half begins on 6 February and results and fixtures can be seen on the website

www.wttl2009.leaguerepublic.com

"50 CLUB"

The lucky winner of the December draw in the 2011 '50 Club' was number 5, which was for £40. Congratulations!

Thanks again to everyone who participated last year and look out for entry forms for the 2012 'Club' coming soon,

MEDIA SNIPPET 1

Spotted in the Saturday Times on December 31, a full page advertisement for Barclaycard with a chance to win tickets for the 2012

Olympics and, guess what, it featured table tennis!

ANNUAL CLUB TOURNAMENT

The 2011 Club Tournament took place over two Friday evenings in December and was well supported.

The first week saw the Handicap Singles event contested with 10 entries and handicaps ranging from 0 to 24. One set was played to 31 points and from the two groups, the top two in each progressed to the semi-finals. Ellie Stringer (19) won all four matches in group 'A' and Jack Marsh (24) narrowly edged out Phil Boghurst to make the semi-finals. In the other group Nick Dawson (4) and Mick Derbyshire (0) each won three matches.

The semi-finals saw both lower handicap players fight hard to make up their deficits and progress to the final, where Mick Derbyshire reversed the result in the group stage by claiming the Oliver Challenge Cup, with a 31-24 success over Nick Dawson.

The second week saw eight entries for both the Open Singles and Handicap Doubles events. Nick Dawson, Michael Gaughan, Bob Fordham and Mick Derbyshire won through from the group stage to the Open semi-finals, where Nick and Michael both won to make it into the final, Michael with a close 3-2 success over Mick.

The final saw a very close battle and Michael Gaughan took the 'Ewen Trophy' for the seventh time beating Nick Dawson 11-6, 11-5, 6-11, 11-13, 11-5 in an entertaining encounter.

The Handicap Doubles was won by the Bob Fordham/Mick Derbyshire (6) pairing who beat Michael Gaughan/Nick Dawson (3) by 31-22.

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WEALDEN LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

This was due to take place over three Wednesday evenings in January, but unfortunately had to be cancelled due to a lack of entries.

I know the Club sometimes struggles with numbers, but you would have thought the whole League would have supported this better.

I believe it may take place later in the year, if there is more interest.

MEDIA SNIPPET 2

Will Bayley, from Groombridge, has been selected for the table tennis squad to represent Great Britain in the London Paralympics this summer.

In October 2011 Bayley returned from the European Championships in Split, Croatia with a gold medal in the singles and silver in the team event. He finished the year by being voted the European Players' Player of the Year 2011 and was subsequently announced as the world number 1. Let's hope he does well in August.

Just noticed that there's a five minute feature on Will on Channel Four this Wednesday (8 February) evening at 7.55.

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