

# CROWBOROUGH TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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### EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Welcome to this, the 24<sup>th</sup> issue of the Newsletter, since it was re-launched in August 2007.

Looking back to that first Newsletter, it's a case of *deja vu* for the 'A' side who also won the League in 2006/7 (see below) and Mick Derbyshire and John Neal are still regulars this year. We had three teams then and Phil Boghurst was in the 'C' side and is the only other member from then playing regularly now.

It's good to receive contributions this edition from the Team Captains on their respective seasons in the League and, if anyone else has anything that might be included in future editions, then please get in touch.

Finally, best wishes to Phil Wilmowski as he recovers at home from his recent operation in Maidstone Hospital.

### "50 CLUB"

The first draw in the 2012 '50 Club' will take place at the beginning of May.

Thanks to those who have already sent in their entries and **a reminder, to those who haven't, to please let me (details below) have them as soon as possible and by end April at the very latest. Many thanks.**

### CLUB SHIRTS

There are still a few FOR SALE if you missed the original order. We have two polos available, costing £9 and two fleeces in large size at £18.50. Contact John Sidey, details below, if you would like one.

### CLUB NIGHTS

Now that the League Season has finished, the Club Room at Jarvis Brook is available for play on Monday evenings, in addition to the regular Friday night sessions. We hope to see you there!

### MEDIA SNIPPET 1

The Team GB Table Tennis squad for the 2012 Olympics will be finally decided in May. Meanwhile the ETTA has announced a short-list of 10 from which the final six (three men and three women) will be selected.

They are Paul Drinkhall, Liam Pitchford, Darius Knight, Andrew Baggaley, Gavin Rungay, Danny Reed, Kelly Sibley, Joanna Parker, Naomi Owens and Na Liu.

### MEDIA SNIPPET 2

Students at the College of West Anglia in Wisbech can have a smashing time this summer playing table tennis thanks to a new initiative.

The project 'game, set and match', has received National Lottery funding through Sport England's Innovation Fund and has seen outdoor table tennis tables installed on the college campus.

The aim of the initiative is to get students to take up more exercise. The tables are free to use with the aim that students play table tennis and those who wish to progress, or take it up more seriously, are directed to local clubs.

The project is run by students for students, with student leaders being put through an England Table Tennis Level 1 coaching qualification.

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## WEALDEN LEAGUE 2011/12

The season has now finished, although there is still one outstanding match to be played. Many congratulations are due to our 'A' Team who finished top of the division with just one defeat in 14 matches and a total of 390 points. On the other hand our 'B' side had just two wins, but battled well throughout the season with a relatively new team.

### **The following are brief reports from the respective captains:**

The Crowborough 'A' team of Michael Gaughan, John Neal, Mick Derbyshire and Paul Roberts, recently completed a successful season by winning the Wealden League and regaining the Championship from Broad Oak 'A'.

The team lost only 1 match throughout the season, when Broad Oak 'A' avenged an earlier 30-1 home defeat by taking the return match at Crowborough by 1 point in a 23-22 victory. This was a thrilling match with 6 of the 10 games going to 5 sets, and the match evenly poised at 20-20 going into the doubles, with Broad Oak eventually prevailing 3-2 in the final game.

Overall, Crowborough 'A' managed to clinch the League title with 3 matches still remaining, and they finished with a total of 390 points, and a winning margin of at least 78 points (Herstmonceux still have 1 match to play and could finish second with a total of 312). In fact Crowborough achieved the maximum available score of 30 points in 9 of the 14 matches played, and their lowest score was the 22 gained in the defeat by Broad Oak 'A'. This gave them an average match score of 27.86 points out of a possible 30.

Individually, across the whole season, Paul lost just 2 of his matches, Michael lost 3, Mick 4, and John 6, and the individual averages at the end of the season were:- Michael & Mick on 8.50, Paul on 8.33 and John 7.92. Remarkable averages on a team basis, considering the maximum possible is 9.0.

The challenge now will be to retain the title next season, with the overall standard of play in the league improving each year, and the 'A' team players getting ever older!

'A' Team Capt. Mick D

'B' Team:

This playing season has seen the need to streamline our sides to just two. Lost therefore is the old C team that did so well last time. In its wake now is a new B team, the make up of this four man squad is myself, Steve Hickey, Greg Savva and Julian Liu. The "newness" of our team would have to face case hardened sides which suggested a very uphill struggle. Indeed we finished in last place but with two match wins and made some teams work harder than they expected.

Both new players' games are on the up. Julian with his quick fire smash surprised many and Steve in his first league season has impressed with continual improvement. In fact he achieved a 50% average for the second half. I made a modest gain with just over 50% for the whole season, strange as I was playing at my heaviest ever weight, but now back under control. Greg had to pull out half way with a persistent back problem but we were just able to complete without reserves.

Finally, our efforts did not go entirely unnoticed and Broad Oak were kind enough to bestow the accolade that we were the most improved side in the league.

'B' team Capt Phil B

As always results and other information can be seen on the website:

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