

CROWBOROUGH TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Club's Newsletter - I think the weather only just about matches up to the description!

As the League Season comes to an end, we have the Annual Club Tournament to look forward to and, obviously, the continuation of our Friday Club Nights.

Happy Easter and enjoy your table tennis.

ANNUAL CLUB TOURNAMENT

This will take place on two Friday nights, instead of the usual Club Nights. The dates are APRIL 24 and MAY 1, so please make a note in your diary.

As last year, the events will be:

Open Singles
Handicap Singles
Handicap Doubles

By having the two Handicap Events, we hope that many Social Members will take part as the purpose of these events is to give everyone, regardless of experience, an equal chance of success.

Just turn up on the nights - if you can only make one don't worry as each event will be played to conclusion each week.

The cost of these evenings will increase temporarily to £6 each night, which will cover the Club's expenditure on trophies and engraving as well as the hire of the hall.

We look forward to as many of you as possible taking part and to see you on, hopefully, both Fridays.

FROM THE PAST

Scorecard 1976/77 Season:

Playing in Division Four of the Tunbridge Wells League, Mick Denness (Vice-President) achieved an average of 66.67% and Bill Abbott 58.33%.

2001 Club Tournament:

Michael Gaughan/Chris Reynolds were victorious in the Doubles Event with a close 22-20, 21-18 win over the Mick Derbyshire/Mike Gorman pairing.

Scorecard TW League 17/1/78:

Robin Streatfield (Club Vice-President) beat John Sidey by 21-12, 21-19 also in a Crowborough v Grieveson Grant match.

1976/77 Season:

The Editor, playing for Grieveson Grant then, won the Division Five Average Award in the TW League with 90.74% - if only now!

WEALDEN LEAGUE

We are now right at the end of the Wealden League season with just a few outstanding games still to play.

Our 'A' team has again gone through the season undefeated, with just one game still to play. They have 442 points from 20 matches played and are assured of the Championship.

The 'B' side, who have improved vastly this year, are likely to finish in second place. Their points total so far is 341 from 19 games.

Congratulations are due to both our teams for splendid performances this year.

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CLUB NIGHTS

Club Nights continue to be held every Friday evening from 8pm at the Jarvis Brook Guide HQ. Just turn up and play. Everyone is welcome.

MEDIA SNIPPET(1)

Will Bayley (from Groombridge, who played briefly for the Club several years ago now.)

The GB Para Table Tennis Team begins the vital qualification season for the 2016 Paralympic Games with seven players competing in the Hungarian Open.

March was a busy month for Bayley who along with six elite GB players has competed in the Butterfly Michael Hawkesworth Championships (BTTAD National Championships) in Bristol before heading out to Italy for the first factor 40 tournament of the season, the Lignano Master Open.

Bayley (class 7) was joined in Bristol by women's class 4 world silver medalist Sue Gilroy, defending National Open champion Kim Daybell (class 10), Paralympic bronze medalists Jane Campbell and Sara Head (class 3) and Liverpool teenager Jack Hunter-Spivey (class 5), while the GB team for Hungary includes Paralympic medalists Ross Wilson and Aaron McKibbin (class 8), fellow Paralympian Paul Karabardak (class 7), Ashley Facey Thompson (class 9), Megan Shackleton (class 4) and Pathway Squad members, Billy Shilton (class 7) and Tom Matthews (class 1).

Now based in Sheffield, Bayley from Groombridge, won the men's class 7 world title in China last September but has certainly not been resting on his laurels. "We've had a great few months' training," he said, "including a week in Slovakia training against their top Olympic players which was amazing. I've been working a lot on my fitness and speed around the table and trying to get a bit more power into my backhand and I hope that will show this year.

"I don't think I feel any different going into this season as world champion - it's a new season and everyone wants to beat each other. I don't want to think about the past - although it is nice to say I'm world champion it is on to the next major championship, which is the Europeans at the end of this season. That's my next big target now".

MEDIA SNIPPET(2)

Paul Drinkhall is the England No.1 and ranked 45th in the World Rankings.

Paul Drinkhall's defence of his Spanish Open title ended in the last 32 as he was beaten in six sets by Dmitrij Prokopcov of the Czech Republic. Drinkhall, who beat his opponent on the way to winning the title as 23rd seed last year, saw the tables turned in Almeria. Seeded eighth this year, Drinkhall came from 3-0 down to pull back to 3-2 before succumbing to the world No 83 4-2 (7-11, 5-11, 10-12, 11-9, 11-8, 5-11). He had earlier beaten France's world No 121 Quentin Robinot in four straight in the first round (12-10, 11-4, 11-8, 11-6).

David McBeath was eliminated in the group stage, losing 4-1 (9-11, 4-11, 13-15, 14-12, 7-11) to Julian Mohr of Germany and 4-0 (9-11, 11-13, 9-11, 6-11) to Kwan Kit Ho of Hong Kong.

Drinkhall and McBeath paired up with success in the doubles, reaching the quarter-finals. They started with a routine 3-0 victory (11-4, 11-3, 11-4) against Hungarian pair Tamas Lakatos & Adam Pattantyus and followed up by beating Egyptians Khalid & Omar Assar 3-1 (11-9, 5-11, 11-8, 11-6). Their last-16 clash saw another 3-0 victory - 11-7, 11-6, 11-0 over Russia's Viacheslav Burov & Alexey Liventsov - to earn a crack at fourth seeds Fedor Kuzmin & Grigory Vlasov, also of Russia. But that was where their run ended, beaten 3-1 (9-11, 6-11, 11-6, 12-14).

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