

CROWBOROUGH TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Welcome to this first edition of the re-launched Club Newsletter. We hope to issue this four-times a year to keep members and friends informed of what's happening in the Club.

This issue is being produced as hard copy. How would you like to receive the Newsletter? By hard copy, by email or included in a web-site (see below)?

We would welcome your comments with any ideas for articles and contributions, which should be sent to the Editor.

WEALDEN LEAGUE

Our three teams had mixed results in the 2006/7 season. The "A" team of Mick Derbyshire, Clive Chatfield, John Neal & Dean Chipperfield won the League for the second successive year, losing only two matches during the season. They finished on 504 points and thanks are due to those "B" team players who filled in on several occasions. Congratulations!

John Wilson, Mike Stringer, Chris Buck & John Sidey made up the "B" side and they finished in mid-table, winning eight matches & drawing one out of 20, with 336 points.

The "C" team – Tim Mann, Phil Boghurst, Jackie Hollins & Ray Potheary battled hard all season for only two wins but, despite finishing bottom of the league, put up some good performances.

NEW TABLE

The Club has recently purchased another new rollaway table – a Tibhar Super Compact with a 28mm top. This is in line with our policy of updating our equipment at regular intervals and we now have four top quality match tables.

CLUB TOURNAMENT

The Annual Club Tournament took place over 3 nights in May and comprised Open Singles, Handicap Singles and Handicap Doubles Events.

The Open Singles was keenly contested and, after the group matches, the two semi-finals both went to close 3-2 score-lines with Chris Buck victorious over John Neal and Clive Chatfield getting the better of John Sidey. In the final Clive Chatfield took the Ewen Cup with an 11-5, 11-9, 14-12 win.

The Oliver Challenge Cup, for the Handicap Singles, has been played for since 1950 and the winners of the four groups – Tim Mann (10), John Wilson (8), Mick Derbyshire (0) & John Neal (4) – made it through to the semi-finals. In the first, John Neal proved too steady for Tim Mann winning 21-17, 21-19 whilst, in the other, Mick Derbyshire found his scratch handicap just too much losing out to John Wilson by 13-21, 21-19, 15-21. The final, which was a repeat of the 2006 event, saw a reversal of fortune with John Wilson beating John Neal this time over 3 sets by 21-16, 15-21, 21-13.

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The holders of the Handicap Doubles Cup, Bill Abbott & Jackie Hollins (7), defended their trophy and again made it through to the final by way of a win over Philip Boghurst & Tim Mann (7) at the semi-final stage by 2 sets to nil. The other semi produced an evenly contested match with John Neal/John Sidey (0) just edging out the Phil Wilmowski/Mick Derbyshire (2) pairing by 21-19, 18-21, 21-16. The final was again very close with John Neal/John Sidey coming from behind to win by 14-21, 21-17, 21-16.

CLUB NIGHTS

A reminder that Club Nights are held each Monday & Friday from 8pm-10pm at the Scout & Guide HQ in Jarvis Brook. The Monday sessions will stop once the new Wealden League Season starts. This is scheduled for Monday, September 10. Meanwhile all are welcome on both nights.

NEW MEMBERS

Our membership has probably declined slightly over recent years, despite various spells of advertising in the local papers and shop windows. We are disappointed that our Saturday Junior sessions have had to stop due to lack of numbers.

We are about to start a new advertising campaign and hope that will be able to pick up some new members, including juniors.

Why not encourage a friend or family member to try table tennis and bring them to a Club Night?

WEB-SITE

Your committee is currently looking into the possibility of setting up a Crowborough Table Tennis Club web-site. We will keep you updated on the progress being made.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2007/8

A reminder to those who have yet to return the Membership Form and subscription for the current year. Please send to Phil Wilmowski a.s.a.p. and help ease the Club's cash flow - thanks.

CLUB SHIRTS

We still have three club shirts for sale @ £8.50 each - royal blue polos with club logo - sizes 36", 38" & 42/44". Contact Phil or John Sidey.

LEAGUE REPUBLIC

Don't forget that you can keep up-to-date with Wealden League news, league fixtures and results by logging on to the League Republic web-site.

The address is:

www.wealdentabletennisleague.leaguerepublic.com

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Winners:

May No. 11 Tim Hanford

June No. 7 Bill Abbott

July No. 15 Robin Streatfield

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