

CROWBOROUGH TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Once again we have some of our usual features, together with a report on the Club AGM and we have a Silent Auction in aid of Help for Heroes, a very worthy cause which we hope you'll support.

Now is also the time to think about whether you want to play in the Wealden League next season - I know it's a long way off, but we need to know by the end of July latest. Membership Forms are attached with this Newsletter or being posted, so please indicate your playing preferences and return the form with your membership subscription as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Thanks also to Tim Hanford for agreeing to appear in the Player Profile feature this time. Tim played for Crowborough quite a while ago and now lives in Hailsham.

Club Nights continue every Friday from 8pm-10pm in Jarvis Brook, although these have been less well supported of late. Why not come along again? The session fee, from July 1, will be £3 for all categories of player.

NEW CLUB SHIRTS

There are STILL SOME FOR SALE if you missed the original order. We have five polos available in both Medium and Large sizes, costing £9 and two fleeces in large size at £18.50. Contact John Sidey, details below, if you would like one.

HELP for HEROES - SILENT AUCTION



Some of you may remember that the cost of entry to the last Annual Club Tournament included a donation to Help for Heroes. The Club would like to support this Charity to an even greater extent and we have been fortunate to receive various donated items, which we would like to offer in a silent auction.

The items are listed below, with a stated reserve price, and if you would like to bid for any item/s please send details of the item/s plus your bid amount at, or above, the reserve price. The highest bids received by 18 July will WIN the items.

Please ring on number below or send to john@sidey.net

ITEM	RESERVE
Help for Heroes Fleece (size XL)	£10
Help for Heroes Teddy Bear	£5
Trolley Travel Case	£15
Grey H for H Tee-Shirt (Size M)	£3
Navy H for H Polo Shirt (Size M)	£4
4 White H for H T-Shirts (Size M)	£3
White H for H T-Shirt (Size S)	£3

PLAYER PROFILE

TIM HANFORD

How and when did you start playing?

In a Youth Club around 1968 and continued playing at NPI when I started work there in 1970.

What leagues have you played in?

Tunbridge Wells in the 70s and 80s for NPI, Southborough Working Men's Club and Crowborough. Then, after a 20 year competitive break, the Eastbourne League from 2008 playing for Hailsham.

What has been your best individual win?

Probably 1987/8 season overall when I was top of the Tunbridge Wells Division Four averages with an over 90% win rate.

Any TT "honours"?

Winning Division Five, in the Eastbourne League 2010/11, as captain of Hailsham "C". (ED. Tim has promised to sort a pre-season match against a Crowborough Team).

Your best moment in TT?

Any good win. I remember a 32-30 set to win a Tunbridge Wells League game.

Your worst moment in TT?

Haven't really got one!

Interests outside TT?

My work – gardening. Playing outdoor bowls in the Summer and spending time with grandchildren. I also enjoy good holidays – Mexico, South Africa & Kenya, Switzerland.

Anything else of interest?

Main sport was running through the 60s to 80s. I won two Kent county titles at 1 mile and 1500 metres. I jogged the first

London Marathon in 3 hours 20 minutes (ED. I hardly call that jogging!).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Club AGM took place on 23 May and, once again, the attendance was low. Nevertheless the usual business took place and the highlights included Hazel MacDonald being elected as President of the Club and Paul Roberts to the Committee, bringing much needed 'new blood'. An increase in annual subscriptions was approved and comes into effect at the start of the new Club year on 1 July. (ED. Members will find the Minutes attached with the Newsletter).

"50" CLUB

Many thanks to all those who have joined the "50" Club this year. It's not too late to join though – Forms are on the notice board in Jarvis Brook.

The first draws have now taken place and the winning numbers were:

MAY No. 13 £20
JUNE No. 19 £20

MEDIA SNIPPET

Will Bayley, who played for the Club a few years back, will be playing for GB at table tennis in the Paralympics next year.

Will is one of 20 Paralympic athletes to be featured on Channel 4's 'Olympic Dreams' and 'That Paralympic Show' program in the run up to the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

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