

CROWBOROUGH TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

What an exciting couple of months we've had with both the Olympics and Paralympics taking place and it seems quite strange now that it's all over. Well not quite, as Andy Murray has just won the US Open! Whatever you've been doing over the Summer months, whether watching the Games on TV or going to the Olympic Stadium or other venues, or even going on holiday to get away from it, I hope you've enjoyed yourself.

In the last issue of the Newsletter, I mentioned an 'Open Evening' which was to have been held on Friday, 7 September. Your Committee has decided to put this 'on-hold' for the time being.

We're hoping that the Club might get some new members following the publicity from the Games. If you know anyone who's interested, then do bring them along to a Club Evening.

Don't forget that contributions to the Newsletter are always welcome or any other ideas on topics for inclusion - I'll be happy to hear from you.

Happy playing!

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

A reminder that annual subscriptions are now due and outstanding - the Membership year commenced on 1 July. We have now got to pay team and individual registration fees to the Wealden League, so it would be appreciated if 'those who haven't' could please send in their subs to either Phil Wilmowski or myself - many thanks.

OLYMPIC GAMES

As was to be expected Table Tennis did not win one of the 29 Gold Medals that Team GB achieved at the 2012 Olympics as, once again, it was China that dominated.

Paul Drinkhall did, however, have two singles wins in the Individual event before going out in the 3rd Round to the German, Ovtcharov, who went through to win the Bronze Medal. For the ladies, Joanna Parker got through to the second round, whilst Britain exited both team events at the first stage. Nevertheless, there was good exposure with large crowds at the events and TV coverage.

China won Golds in both individual and team events and the men's and women's individual finals were all-Chinese affairs.

PARALYMPICS

Team GB had greater success in table tennis at the Paralympics where Will Bayley (former Club Member from Groombridge) reached the final of the Class 7 men's singles.

I was fortunate to be at the Excel Centre to see him play his final against the German, Jochen Woolmert. As usual the support from the crowd was tremendous and Will responded by levelling the match at one set all. However he couldn't maintain his standard of play and was defeated by 3-1 to win the Silver Medal, which was a great achievement. Well done Will!

CLUB NIGHTS

A reminder that the Club Room continues to be available for play on Monday evenings, in addition to the regular Friday night sessions. This will continue until the league season commences in the first or second week of October.

WEALDEN LEAGUE 2012/13

As mentioned above, the Wealden Season will begin in October. We had hoped to be able to field three teams this year, but it now seems likely that it will remain at two.

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

www.wttl2009.leaguerepublic.com

MATCHES V HAILSHAM

Hailsham brought two teams to Crowborough in early July and two enjoyable matches took place, both of which resulted in Crowborough wins.

Return matches are taking place at Hailsham on September 17 before the new League Season commences.

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.

END PIECE

I had to laugh at a letter in the Courier a few weeks ago about table tennis.

It came from a man who played some years ago when the Tunbridge Wells League had six divisions of 12 teams (ED. I do remember that!). Anyway, apparently table tennis is now available at the TW Football Club and this chap decided to get his old bat out and give it a go.

He was in for a shock when he discovered that not only had the scoring system changed along with the the size of the balls but all bats are covered with sponge rubber and his bat with sandpaper-covered blades is now banned!

At least TT is getting publicity!

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