

CROWBOROUGH TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Can't believe it's November already, but I know it is because this is the November issue of the Club Newsletter!

The Wealden Season is now underway and we've continued to meet up with the Hailsham Club for pre-season friendlies. You can read about both below.

Club nights still run every Friday evening and all are welcome. I hope you continue to enjoy your table tennis.

WAITROSE COMMUNITY SCHEME

Just to let you know that the Club purchased two new Net & Post sets with the money we received from the above scheme.

FRIENDLY MATCH v HAILSHAM

In September Crowborough played a pre-season friendly against Hailsham, who play in the first division of Eastbourne League. Unfortunately we had to field a slightly weakened team as two of our 'A' team players were unavailable, which put us at a disadvantage against a strong Hailsham side.

There were 4 players in each team, with Mick Derbyshire, Paul Roberts, Nick Dawson and Julian Liu turning out for Crowborough. Each club formed 2 teams of two players, giving a total of 4 matches of 5 games.

In the first round of matches Hailsham A beat Crowborough by 4 - 1 (or 13 - 6 using the Wealden League scoring method of the total number of sets won), with Mick winning the solitary victory for Crowborough. Hailsham B v Crowborough B ended in a 5 - 0 (or 15 - 6) victory for Hailsham, although 2 of the

matches went to five sets, with Crowborough just losing out each time.

In the reverse fixtures, Crowborough A were pipped 3 - 2 (or 12 - 10) by Hailsham B, with Mick winning both his singles, whilst Paul was unlucky to lose in five sets and Mick and Paul also lost a five setter in the doubles.

Crowborough B did well to take a match off Hailsham A before going down 4 - 1 (13 - 7), with Nick winning one of his singles, whilst Julian managed to take a set in each of his singles. The 2 then teamed up to take a set in the doubles.

The final match result ended in a 16 - 4 (52 - 29) deserved victory for Hailsham, but with a weakened team against a formidable Hailsham side, Crowborough put up a spirited display, with some very close matches, which will have helped to prepare the players for the forthcoming season in the Wealden League.

WEALDEN LEAGUE 2013/14

The Wealden season got underway in the week beginning 14 October with just seven teams, which is the lowest entry since the Club joined the league many years ago now. There are two teams each from Broad Oak, Ridgewood and ourselves and Herstmonceux have fielded one.

Our 'A' side has started well with three wins: by 23-14 versus Broad Oak 'A', 27-10 against Ridgewood 'B' and 30-3 v Broad Oak 'B' whilst the 'B' team has suffered three defeats. Two of those, however, have been close matches with the 'B's going down by 17-21 versus Ridgewood 'A' and by 18-20 against Broad Oak 'A'. In their other game they could only field two players and lost 13-24 v Ridgewood 'B'.

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