

CROWBOROUGH TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Welcome to the July issue of the Newsletter and, also, to Summer at last.

Imagine my surprise to come across a table tennis table in a recreation ground in the small village of Horning, whilst away in Norfolk a couple of weeks ago. Having managed to get rid of most of the dents in the ball, we had a pretty decent game. So the moral of the story is 'wherever you are keep a look out for a table'! (ED. See also Media Snippet 1 below.)

Whatever you're doing this summer - enjoy!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This took place at the Jarvis Brook Hall on Monday, 8 June, and once again there was a disappointingly low attendance from members.

Nevertheless, the usual AGM business was conducted satisfactorily. The meeting approved a small increase in subscriptions in an attempt to halt the losses, which the Club has incurred over the last couple of years.

MEDIA SNIPPET 1

Ping! is the free street ping pong festival which sees table tennis tables popping up in remarkable and surprising places nationwide during the summer. A record 19 towns and cities are hosting the Ping! festival this year, with 1000 tables appearing in a variety of places including railway stations, shopping centres, cathedrals, beaches and even Exeter Castle!

The ping pong extravaganza is just too tempting to resist; to join in the fun, simply grab a bat from the side of the table and play - absolutely free of charge! To find your nearest Ping! Table visit <http://www.pingengland.co.uk/>

MATCHES V NUTLEY

We have made contact with the Nutley Club over recent times.

This has resulted in a couple of friendly matches being played in May, one in Crowborough and the other at Nutley's venue.

We hope this will continue and be beneficial to both Clubs.

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WEALDEN LEAGUE

The AGM of the League took place at the end of May.

The main point from the meeting was that the League was likely to remain unchanged with the 7 teams playing each other 3 times.

Obviously, from a playing point of view, it would be beneficial to have more teams and, therefore, more variety of players. Hopefully our links with Hailsham and, now Nutley, will encourage teams from those Clubs to join the League.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

A reminder that these are now due from both those playing in the League and Friday social players.

The Membership Form was sent with the minutes of the AGM on 20 June and subs can be paid directly to Phil Wilmowski or on Friday nights.

Prompt payment helps with our cash flow as the rent for the hire of the playing venue has to be paid in advance. Thanks for your help with this.

CLUB NIGHTS

These continue throughout the summer period on Friday nights between 8pm and 10pm.

Just turn up to play at the Jarvis Brook Guides HQ.

MEDIA SNIPPET 2

Will Bayley

Will, from Groombridge, has regained the men's class seven world number one position in the ITTF Para Table Tennis rankings, overtaking Maksym Nikolenko, from Ukraine, whom he beat to win the world title in China last year.

The 27 year-old, who currently trains full time with the GB team at the EIS, Sheffield, is now getting ready for the European Championships, in Denmark, in October where he is hoping to regain the title he won in 2011.

Bayley commented: 'It's been two years since I've been world number one, so it's nice to be there again, although my main aim is winning medals at major championships'.

LEAGUE PLAYERS WANTED!

We're always looking for players to compete for the Club in the Wealden League.

Are there any social or Friday night players who would be interested in stepping up to play for one of the Club's teams? You could start as a reserve to try it out.

Please get in touch with me (details below) or any League player on Club Nights.

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