

CROWBOROUGH TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

As you are aware our membership numbers are fairly low, but we have been fortunate lately to have had a long run of entries in the Crowborough Community News section of the Courier seeking new members. We also got a feature in the January/February edition of the Crowborough Directory, complete with picture, followed by a similar article in the Courier's 'Your Group' piece. Let's hope that this free advertising produces some interest in the Club.

There's a report on the Wealden Tournament, an update on our team's results in the League and some diary dates for you to note.

So enjoy the slightly longer evenings, the hour alteration to our clocks at the end of month, the arrival of Spring and, of course, your interest in table tennis.

WEALDEN LEAGUE

As the League Season reaches its final month, our 'A' team finds itself back at the top of the standings after three wins, by 29-9 over Broad Oak 'A', 24-11 over our 'B' side and by 30-4 against Broad Oak 'B' and now has 160 points from 16 matches played. In second place is Broad Oak 'A' who have scored 125 points from the same number of games.

The 'B' team currently has 71 points and is in third place, but has played three fewer games than the teams above. They had a close win by 20-17 over Ridgewood 'B', for whom Michael Williams played and won all his games.

It looks likely that our 'A' side will win the League Championship again this season.

MEDIA SNIPPET 1

Will Bayley, from Groombridge, took part in the Lignano Master Open in Italy at the end of February.

Unfortunately Bayley was a little below par and was knocked out in the quarter-finals of the singles by the experience Spaniard, Jordi Morales by 3-1.

He met a similar fate in the team competition doubles, paired with Billy Shilton, losing out on a semi-final place on count back.

VISIT TO IRELAND 2016

Just to report that there was no interest from members in a possible trip to play the Greystones Club in Ireland.

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WEALDEN TOURNAMENT

As usual this took place over three evenings in January at the Broad Oak Village Hall and the Club had mixed success.

Congratulations to our Club Chairman, Mick Derbyshire, on again winning the Veterans Event, this time with a win over Herstmonceux's Pam Winter.

Unfortunately the Club didn't have so much success this year, but Steve Hickey reached the final of the Open event losing to David Rayment from Broad Oak.

Overall 175 matches were played over the three nights in the four competitions. We had no finalists in the Doubles or First Round Losers events.

FROM THE PAST

In the 1987/88 Season of the Tunbridge Wells Table Tennis League, the Chairman and the Editor formed part of the Crowborough 'C' team playing in Division Three.

They had a pretty successful time, winning 14 of the 20 matches played. Mick Derbyshire finished with a 59.26% average and John Sidey with 63.16%. (ED. Don't think that would happen now!)

CLUB NIGHTS

These continue every Friday night between 8pm and 10pm and it would be good to see a bigger attendance.

DIARY DATES

May 13 and May 20:

The annual Club Tournament will be played on the above two Friday evenings. This event is open to both league and social members and there will be, as usual, handicap singles and double events as well as the open singles.

June 6:

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held at 8pm on Monday 6th June at Jarvis Brook. This is your chance to hear what the Club is doing and to contribute your views. Further details will be issued nearer the time.

Please make a note of the above dates.

MEDIA SNIPPET 2

England Men's Team made history at the World Team Championships, held in Malaysia end February/Early March, when they reached the semi-final stage for the first time with a dramatic win by Paul Drinkhall at deuce in the final game.

They were then beaten by Japan in the semi-finals, who themselves lost out to China, who took the gold medal in the final.

The England team was Alan Cooke, Paul Drinkhall, Liam Pitchford and Sam Walker.

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