

CROWBOROUGH TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Welcome to the May edition of the Newsletter and, dare I say it, Summer has nearly arrived.

Our teams have now completed their fixtures in the League (see separate report), the Club Tournament has taken place (again see below) and the AGM of the Club takes place early June (makes a hat-trick of read more!!).

It has been good to get a few new members along recently, as a result of our 'Courier' advertising, and I hope they're enjoying their playing.

Look forward to seeing some of you at the Club's AGM and, whatever you're doing over the summer period, enjoy yourselves.

WEALDEN LEAGUE

The final games in the Wealden League for the 2015/2016 season have just been played, with the Crowborough teams finishing 1st and 3rd. The competition for the top spots was much closer this season, with Broad Oak 'A', Crowborough 'B' and Crowborough 'A' each heading the League Table at various times during the season. In the end, it all came down to the last matches, between the two Crowborough and Broad Oak teams, with Broad Oak 'A' needing to beat our 'B' team, and

Crowborough 'A' needing to secure 14 points against the Broad Oak 'B' team. Victories for both Crowborough teams ensured that Crowborough 'A' retained the Championship for the 4th consecutive year.

The overall standard of play in the Wealden League continues to improve, evidenced by the fact that our 'A' team were beaten on 3 occasions, having gone unbeaten for the 3 previous seasons. The 'B' team lost only 5 of their matches, and led the Table for a long period during the first half of the season, finally just missing out on 2nd place to Broad Oak 'A' by only 18 points. Their games with our 'A' team were all very close, with the 'A' team just managing to come out on top by a small margin each time.

With a relatively small squad of players compared to most other clubs, Crowborough has performed consistently well to finish with 2 teams in the top 3 positions for the last 2 seasons, and we are hopeful that this can be maintained for next season.

CLUB NIGHTS

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

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ANNUAL CLUB TOURNAMENT

This has taken place this month over two Friday evenings, replacing the usual Club Nights. Whilst the entry was quite low in numbers, it was great to have four social members competing.

The first week saw the Handicap events for both Singles and Doubles take place. The Singles was played in two groups with the top two in each progressing to the semi-finals. Steve Hickey and Nick Dawson, on a handicap of 1, both lost one match but progressed to the semi-finals. There was a good win by Bob Pepper (6) over Steve (1). In the other group, Mick Derbyshire and Michael Gaughan made it through. The semi-finals saw some close fought matches with Mick having a hard fought 2-1 win over Steve by 17-15, 9-11, 11-5 and Michael edging out Nick by 14-12, 12-10. The final was equally close and resulted in another 3 set game with Michael claiming the trophy by 11-9, 11-13, 11-4.

Four pairings contested the Handicap Doubles with Bob Pepper/Greg Savva (5) and Nick Dawson/Steve Hickey (1) making it to the Final. This saw Nick/Steve overcome the handicap to win by 12-10, 11-7 in another good game.

The Open Singles was played on the second week. Michael Gaughan, Steve Hickey, Nick Dawson and Mick Derbyshire progressed to the semi-finals where two extremely hard fought games took place with Mick and Steve taking their places in the final, both by 11-8 in the fifth set. The final produced another good game and, for the first time in five years, a different

engraving will appear on the Cup (but Michael did win the Handicap Singles!!). Despite Mick taking the first set, Steve came back strongly to take the next three and win by 11-13, 11-5, 11-6, 11-6.

MEDIA SNIPPET

Following his recent gold medal at the Slovenia Open, Paralympic star Will Bayley, from Groombridge, won a bronze medal in the singles men's class seven at the Slovakia Open.

In the semi-final, Bayley lost out to Mykhaylo Popov of Ukraine 3-1, whom he had previously beaten in the Slovenian event.

However, in total the British team took six medals.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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. It would be good to have some of our newer members there. Separate details will be issued nearer the time.

We aim to get through the business side of the evening quickly, so there should be time for a game or two afterwards.

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