

# **CROWBOROUGH TABLE TENNIS CLUB**

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## **NEWSLETTER No.53 – MAY 2018**

### **EDITOR'S COMMENTS**

Apologies for the delay in this issue and let's hope that the better weather stays with us this time!

Below you can read about our season in the East Grinstead League (well done to our team) and there's news on our forthcoming AGM.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This is to let you know that the Club's AGM will take place at the Jarvis Brook Hall on Monday, 4 June commencing at 8pm.

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.

The Agenda for the Meeting is sent with this Newsletter.

### **EAST GRINSTEAD LEAGUE**

Following the demise of the Wealden League, it was decided that the Club would enter a team in the East Grinstead League for the 2017/2018 season. Although Crowborough had finished the Wealden League as champions for the last 5 years, our expectations in the East Grinstead League were set at a lower level, as there were more teams competing,

and at a higher standard. Our main priority was to try for a top 4 finish.

The season started well with early victories which put us in 4th place in the table and following further wins over the teams above us, we finished the first half of the season by moving up to second. Our successes continued into the second half, when we began to realise that there was a possibility of winning the League, and we came to our last 2 matches, both against top teams, with a 100% record and needing just a draw in our penultimate match to finish as champions. In fact, we won this 7 -3 to top the League with a match to spare. Unfortunately we lost our last match, to dent our 100% winning record but, nevertheless, finished the season having won 23 of our 24 games. A great achievement given the standard of the opposition.

The playing team of Michael Gaughan, Nick Dawson, Steve Hickey, Paul Roberts, Greg Savva, and Mick Derbyshire each played a full part in the Club's success, with all posting an average win rate of more than 65%, and Nick finishing with 95%. A most enjoyable and successful season for the Club in the new League, exceeding our most ambitious hopes.

### **CLUB NIGHTS**

These continue at the present time on Fridays, 8pm, as usual. Now that the League season is over, Mondays are also available for practice.

This subject will be discussed at the AGM and, if there are any changes, members will receive due notice.

## **MEDIA SNIPPET 1**

It's great that table tennis has attracted Royal interest. Prince William and Prince Harry have officially opened the Greenhouse Centre in North West London and also enjoyed a game after the ribbon was cut.

The Greenhouse Centre is the new home of Greenhouse Sports, a London-based charity that uses sport to engage young people and improve their life chances. Table tennis tables have replaced wooden pews but the stained-glass windows and columns remain at Christ Church Cosway Street, a Grade II\* listed deconsecrated church.

The refurbishment of the old church was aided by a grant of £100,000 from Table Tennis England.

## **MEDIA SNIPPET 2**

The British Para Table Tennis Team starts an important two weeks in preparation for the World Championships later this year.

This gives me yet another opportunity to mention Will Bayley!! Yes, he is included in the squad and is playing in warm-up Open Tournaments taking place this May in both Slovenia and Slovakia - yes they are different places!

This is seen as a great preparation for the World event.

## **FROM THE PAST**

1991/92 Season:

Club Auditor Manny Godfrey achieved a 43.13% average in Division Three of the TW League.

Scorecard 22/11/2010:

In a 'C' v 'A' clash in the Wealden League, current players John Neal and Nick Dawson had an epic battle which John won by 9-11, 9-11, 11-5, 11-3, 11-9.

In the Handicap Singles event of the 2007 Club Tournament, John Wilson beat John Neal over 3 sets by 21-16, 15-21, 21-13.

Newsletter No. 1 came out in August 2007. Can't believe it!

Scorecard 13/10/1987:

The Editor had a hard fought 23-21, 18-21, 21-10 success against Tim Hanford in an all-Crowborough match in the Tunbridge Wells League.

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