

CROWBOROUGH TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Welcome to the December issue of the Club Newsletter.

Below you can read of our season so far in the East Grinstead League, the first for many years now, and I'm pleased to report that both teams are doing really well.

Also 'From the Past' makes a return which, hopefully, will bring back memories to some members. It seems to have taken over this edition!

And, finally, an early Happy Christmas to members and friends alike.

EAST GRINSTEAD LEAGUE

The Club has two teams competing in the East Grinstead League, which began early October.

This season there are two Divisions of 8 teams with our 'A' side playing in Division 1 and the 'B' team in Division 2. The 'A' team is Michael Gaughan, Steve Hickey and Nick Dawson and the 'B' side has 5 players, Mick Derbyshire, Greg Savva, Paul Roberts, Megan Hickey and a warm welcome to Steve Wright.

The 'A' team is currently 2nd with 69 points from 9 matches played only 2 behind the leaders WHASPS 'A' on the

same number of games. The 'B' side is also in 2nd position with 56 points from 8 played, although 11 points behind the leaders Ridgewood 'A'.

Individually Paul Roberts has an average of 93.33%, Nick Dawson 87.50%, Steve Wright 81.82%, Greg Savva 73.91%, Michael Gaughan 70.37% and Steve Hickey 66.67%. Mick Derbyshire has played in both Divisions with 100% in Division 1 (but from only 6 games played) and 72.73% in Division 2.

Keep up the good work Chaps!

CLUB NIGHTS

These continue on Fridays for the usual Club Nights from 8 pm at the Jarvis Brook Guide Hall.

CLUB TOURNAMENT

The Club Tournament took place on Monday, 17 September with Singles Events, Open and Handicap being played.

Congratulations to Nick Dawson who had a double(in the Singles!) success beating Michael Gaughan in the Open Singles and Steve Hickey in the Handicap.

FROM THE PAST (1)

(With thanks to our Club president Hazel MacDonald, who has recently come across some old papers) PTO

March 1999 Club News:

This was edited by Roger Bacon and it was interesting to see what the Club was doing then - a Club Dinner was held annually, matches were played against Crowborough's Twin Town of Montargis and regular Quiz Nights were held at the Winston Manor Hotel long since gone.

The Year 2000:

Our Membership then was 23 Seniors, 21 Juniors, 11 Social - total 55! And we were playing in the East Grinstead League - but also in the Tunbridge Wells and Wealden Leagues as well. Times change!

Amongst the entrants in the Club Tournament then were Mick Derbyshire, Roger Bacon, Peter MacDonald, John Wilson, Manny Godfrey, Phil Wilmowski, Hazel MacDonald and Michael Gaughan. Handicaps in the singles ranged from 1 to 14 (Playing to 21 then). Mick was 1 and Hazel 14.

And I noted from the Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on 31/3/2000 that both Phil W and myself still hold our respective offices of Secretary and Treasurer!

The Year 1998:

It was the turn of Montargis to visit Crowborough in 1998 and Crowborough won back the trophy with a 17-13 win. Mick and Michael were members of the 'B' team winning their section 8-2 with Mick winning all his matches without dropping a game. The match comprised Junior and 'A' and 'B' teams. The headline of the article in the Courier

was '12th International Match'. Very grand!

FROM THE PAST (2)**The Year 2006:**

Sorting out some old paperwork and I came upon these, all from the 2006 Club Tournament Handicap Singles Event.

There were 12 entries and the Event was staged in 3 groups of 4.

Some interesting results, and (sorry to mention this Nick), Nick Dawson lost all his matches in Pool 'C' to Chris Buck, Jackie Hollins & John Wilson! John came out top of the Group.

Other Pool winners were John Neal and Bill Abbott. The eventual finalists were the two Johns with John Neal winning a close final by 21-17, 21-19.

Do you remember playing games to 21 points!

The Year 2007:

A report in the Kent & Sussex Courier dated 25th July 2007 on the 2007 Tournament showed that the Editor had a good year for a change winning the Handicap Doubles partnered by John Neal by 14-21, 21-17, 21-16 over Bill Abbott & Jackie Hollins and then reaching the semi-finals of the Singles where he was beaten by Clive Chatfield. At least Clive won the event as the Courier Headline said 'Chatfield seals victory'.

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