



Middlesex Table Tennis Association

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Senior National Championships were held recently in Sheffield.

So how did our County players fare?

Unfortunately none of our players got through the group matches in the Under 21 Men's event.

In the Women's under -21 tin-Tin Ho finished 2nd in her group losing to Chloe Whyte and did not qualify for the knock-out phase.

In the Veteran Men's, Costas Papantoniou won his group, whilst Jojo Senorin finished 3rd. Costas played the top seed Lorestas Trumpauskas and lost in 5 sets.

In the Veteran Men's Doubles Costas partnered Jimmy Walsh and won

their 1st match against Lightowler & Pugh from Yorkshire and lost their semi-final match against top seeds Bartram & Trott.

In the Men's Singles Jojo Senorin and Tom Cutler finished 2nd in their groups whilst Neil Charles won his group and proceeded to the knock-out stages where he lost to David Meads in the 1st round.

In the Women's Singles Tin-Tin Ho finished 2nd in her group.

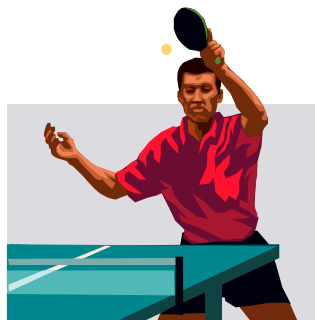
In the Women's Doubles, Tin-Tin teamed up with Yolanda King from Sussex and won their 1st round match beating Pei & Bucks from Surrey. They lost their next match in a close encounter after leading 2-1, -7 in the final set, to

Hicks and Reynolds.

Tin-Tin partnered her brother Ping Ho in the Mixed Doubles where they lost in round 1 to Lewis Gray & Yolanda King.

Paul Drinkall of Cleveland won the Men's Singles, whilst Kelly Sibley of Warwickshire won the Women's Singles. For all other results visit the ETTA Website.

Ed.



REGIONAL QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

The ETTA London Regional qualifications were held on 5th & 6th February.

From Middlesex the players to qualify were U11 Boys—Alex Rabhani, Branislav Zivkovic, & Zaiim Premji. U12 Boys—Omar Khassal, Jamie Dig-

num, Kester Pardoe, & Marcus Hensher. U13 Boys—Omar Khassal, Jamie Dignum, & Charlie Rabhani. U14 boys—Vincent Stacey, Daniel Wright, Zachary Bull, & Senyo Owusa. U12 Girls—Denise Payet, & Jasmin Chan. Unfortunately I do

not have names of the girls who entered U11, U13 & U14 as due to a lack of numbers these girls were given automatic entries to the finals.

Well Done to all those who qualified

- Paul Drinkall—English Champion once again
- Kelly Sibley regains Women's crown.

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Sponsors Wanted!!

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Middlesex Highlights

- **9 yr old Branislav Zivkovic & 8 yr old Zaiim Premji will participate in the Nationals**



The late Alan Harwood

ORBITUARY—ALAN HARWOOD INTERNATIONAL UMPIRE

Alan died of cancer in University College Hospital on 19th December 2010. The funeral was in Swansea on 5th January with a memorial service at his church in Muswell Hill on 5th February.

Alan qualified as a County Umpire over 20 years ago and like many others worked his way through the ranks until he became an International Umpire. He was one of a group of Middlesex Umpires, Jack Randall, Jack Melnick, Dave Perry and me, who travelled the country from Perth to Plymouth

to umpire.

He often worked abroad for long periods. Once when he was working in Denmark he decided to fly home for the Wiltshire Open. On arrival in England the snow came and we were unable to travel to Swindon, so he flew back again. I travelled with him to Italy for the European Youth Championships where someone stole his International badge.

He was a member of the National Umpires and Referees Committee as a selector and used his expertise to

help support other umpires. When the Association of English Table Tennis Umpires was formed in 2004, Alan was one of the first to join. As an umpire there were few better, as a friend one couldn't wish for better.

Derek Sherratt and I visited Alan in hospital in December, just before he died. It was a painful experience but I am glad I went. He had been on the umpiring scene for nearly 30 years and will be sorely missed. Rest in peace Alan.

George Tyler I.U

"His devotion to our sport is unquestionable and his record of achievement is superb."

ETTA CLUB, COACH AND VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2010

The ETTA presented awards during the English Open held in January.

Jason Sugrue, head coach at DHS G London Progress was the recipient of the High performance Coach award. Below is an extract of his citation.

"Jason has made an outstanding contribution to

coaching in London and works at all levels starting players off at school and developing them to county, regional and national level.

He is the head coach at the ETTA High performance Centre based at the London West Academy and trains the best nationally ranked youth players in the area

twice a week. His devotion to our sport is unquestionable and his record of achievement is superb.



The Inter-League matches (Sr Men) for the Victor Barna Trophy were held at Ellenborough TTC on 19th March.

On 20th March the Inter-League matches (Veterans) for the Ted Connell Trophy were held at Ellenborough TTC.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS—SENIOR, JUNIOR & CADETS

The County Senior 1st team have won their 1st 3 matches in the Premier Division.

The County 2nd team won 3, drew 1 and lost 3 in the Division 1b of the County Championships.

The Junior 1st team won 2 and drew 1 of their 3 matches played in the Junior Premier Division. The Junior 2nd team lost all 3 of

their matches played so far in Division 1b.

Congratulations to the Cadet team comprising of Igor Moraes, Tyrone Wells, Vincent Stacey, Tin-Tin Ho & Eda Aydin who won all of their matches in the Cadet Premier Division, beating Warwickshire 10-0, 9-1 wins against Kent, Worcestershire & Glamorgan, 8-2 against

Yorkshire & Surrey and their toughest match 6-4 against Sussex. This is their 5th consecutive title. Well done.!!!

George Walsh

WEMBLEY & HARROW CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS –JUNIORS

The Wembley & Harrow TT League had their closed Championships in February. The most interesting bit was that there was an increase in the number of Junior entries, thanks to their coaches, Gary Morgan, Ashley Stokes, Radovan Zivkovic & George Walsh. The disappointing aspect was that the entries for the girls events was still low.

The standard of play was good, players to note for their performance were: Zaiim Premji a 9 year old

participating in his 1st championships and reached the quarter-finals of the Cadet Boys and last 16 of the Junior Boys. Branislav Zivkovic a 8 year old who had the misfortune of meeting Abdi Ahmed in both the Cadet Boys and Junior Boys events losing in the quarters of the former and last 16 of the latter. Jamie Forbes who played very well in the one event he entered to reach the

semi-final of the Cadet Boys where he lost to Abdi Ahmed. Alex Rai who got to the semi-finals of the Cadet Boys where he lost to Lucas Papantoniou. Timur Hashimi who got to the Junior Boys Semi-Finals and lost a closely fought match against Mikael Papantoniou 9-11 in the final set and the quarter-finals of the Cadet Boys where he lost to Abdi Ahmed.

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ELI BARATY—
MEN'S
SINGLES

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS—VETS

In the Vets over-60's County Championships the Middlesex team finished runners-Up in Division 1b. The team comprising of Dave Crowley, Paolo Cheng, Ian Mabblin, Alan Boyle & Lorna Slifkin won 4, drew 1 and lost 1. They had two 9-1 against Essex 2 & Kent 2, one 8-2 against Berks 2, one 7-3 win against HERTS 2, a 5 all draw against Hampshire and the loss was to Surrey.

Well done!!

The County 1st team—we are still awaiting results from team captain Farhat Rasul.

The 2nd team have one match remaining having won one of their matches and drawn 1.

The 3rd team played Glamorgan and Kent 3 on 12th February. They beat Glamorgan 6-4 and lost to Kent

3 3-7. It must be noted that the Kent team fielded Sule Olayeye who in my view should have been playing in their 1st team considering he is a former world ranked player and has recently won the VETTS Hereford Masters.

The 4th team have 2 matches to play on 2nd April having won 3 out of the earlier 4.

Russell Sutcliffe, who is the MTTA's Umpires Secretary has been selected to umpire at the Individual World Championships in Rotterdam in May. Congratulations !!!

GREATER LONDON TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Greater London Championships 2010-2011 will be held at 2 venues this year.

The Senior Event (including Under 18) will be held at the Fusion Table Tennis Club, HAKA Sports Complex, Launcelot Road Bromley, Kent, BR1 5EB.

Entries are invited from competitors with Greater London qualifi-

cations. Entries close on Saturday 16th April 2011.

For entry forms please contact the editor.

The Juniors event will be held at the West London Academy, Bengarth Road, Northolt, UB5 5LQ on Saturday 21st May 2011.

Entries are invited from competitors with Greater London qualifications. Entries close on Thursday 5th May 2011.

For entry forms please contact the editor.

Doreen Stannard

The Inter-League matches (Juniors) for the Russell Grant Trophy were held at Twickenham Brunswick on 20th March.





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County Ranking list (Top 5 based on ETTA ratings)

Sr Men.

- 1 ZAK ZILESNIK
- 2 TOM CUTLER
- 3 NEIL CHARLES
- 4 DANIEL BASTERFIELD
- 5 IGOR MORAIS

Jr Boys

- 1 ZAK ZILESNIK
- 2 IGOR MORAIS
- 3 PING HO
- 4 RYAN MAYNARD
- 5 WILLIAM MORAIS

Cadet Boys

- 1 IGOR MORAIS
- 2 TYRONE WELLS
- 3 VINCENT STACEY
- 4 GABRIEL ACHAMPONG
- 5 SENYO OWUSU

Sr Women

- 1 EGLE ADOMELYTE
- 2 KLAUDIA SZADKOWSKA
- 3 TIN-TIN HO
- 4 SARAH HORSNELL
- 5 BARBARA IZYK

Jr Girls

- 1 TIN-TIN HO
- 2 CHARLEIGH KIRBY
- 3 MAJADA YASMIN
- 4 SALLY HOANG
- 5 SAYEEDA MIAH

Cadet Girls

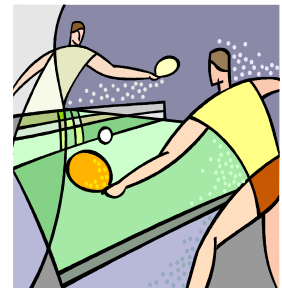
- 1 TIN-TIN HO
- 2 EDA AYDIN
- 3 SAMANTHA LAI
- 4 DENISE PAYET
- 5 RAYNA BAGCHI

Veteran Men

- 1 C PAPANTONIOU
- 2 F RASUL
- 3 J SENORIN
- 4 L MIDDLETON
- 5 C PICKARD

Veteran Women

- 1 RACHEL SMITH
- 2 SUE PLAISTOW
- 3 SUE WILLSON
- 4 LORNA SLIFKIN



WEMBLEY & HARROW CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS—JUNIORS

Abdi Ahmed was another player who kept going in both events and doubles; he lost to the younger Papantoniou (Lucas) in another close contest 9-11 in the final set of the Junior Boys semi-final, but gained revenge in the finals of the Cadet Boys where he beat Lucas 3-2. Partnering Kieran Kerr, played against Mikael & Lucas Papantoniou in the Junior Doubles final, the latter pair winning in 3 straight sets. Finally mention should be made of Aaron Zolnai-Lucas who lost a thrilling match to Lucas Papantoniou in the Junior Boys quarter-finals 11-9 in the final set. It has been very heartening to see the enthusiasm, keenness and abilities of these youngsters. We look forward to hearing more of their exploits in the months and years to come. For some of these players perhaps, County & International honours beckon.

A special mention should also be made of all the parents who attended. Their efforts in encouraging their children and tremendous support have helped nurture these youngsters.



LUCAS PAPAN-
TONIOU—CADET
BOYS RUNNERS-UP



MIKAEL PAPAN-
TONIOU—JR
BOYS WINNER



LUCAS PAPAN-
TONIOU & MI-
KAEL PAPAN-
TONIOU—JR
DOUBLES WINNERS



ABDI AHMED—
CADET BOYS
WINNER



ABDI AHMED & KEIRAN
KERR—JR DOUBLES RUN-
NERS-UP