



YET MORE SPIN!

A review of the 2017-18 season

Chairman's Welcome.....

Welcome to the 2018 edition of the BDTTA newsletter.



I would like to start by extending, once again, my thanks to the Officers and Committee members, without whose efforts, there would be no Presentation evening, Individual Tournaments, T&D or League competition. Gordon White, Ian Brown, Mark Butler and Sheena Feltham, with the support of the rest of the Committee have, once again, delivered a wonderful season to our members.

This season has had new challenges as we were faced with the reality of reduced team numbers. The idea of divisions 4 and 5 playing 3 times was driven by us wanting to give as much warning as possible that the number of divisions will probably have to contract. This was a far from ideal situation but did, at least, give some warning of likely changes ahead.

During the course of the season the BDTTA was approached by the organisers of the Dorset Pairs (formally the Poole Pairs) for help running the competition. It is a two man team competition, with all matches held on the same night and at one venue. Our proposal is that the BDTTA will include this competition IN ADDITION to our traditional 3 man team event, with our members able to play in either or both leagues. If this concept is approved at our AGM (Friday June 22nd at Winton YMCA), we will finalise competition details with the aim of being up and running for the 2019-2020 season.

I should also make mention of the new Data Protection laws that come in to force on the 25th May. We will be making sure that our systems and records will have the required adjustments so that we are compliant with the law. We have been given some guidance form TTE which we have passed on to your clubs as they, in turn, are required to comply.

Finally, thank you all for continuing to play and support the BDTTA.

Phil Hadley

VIEW FROM THE BOTTOM



In accepting that organising the league, so that in some divisions teams played each other twice and some three times, was not necessarily the best answer to the overall lack of team numbers this year, generally the season went without too many hitches. Much of the credit is due to those officers, Ian Brown in particular, who were willing and able to sort out minor hiccups which occurred as a result of this arrangement. The Committee agonised over the problem of declining numbers, both in the number of teams registered as well as player numbers, to a point where it was deemed necessary to write to all Club Secretaries pointing out that, should next season show a similar fall in numbers, it would have to seriously consider reducing the divisions by one. If that does happen, and there is every reason to believe it will, then the promotion/demotion rule of two teams up and two teams down, may have to be waived.

One of the causes for lack of numbers is that there are fewer juniors playing in the league. For instance, last year at the Individuals the Under 13 competition was not staged, because there was just one junior league member who could qualify by age. This year the competition was again not run as there were no juniors of that age playing in the league. This season, there were just 21 juniors/cadets registered, compared to double that number just two years ago.

A year and a half ago, in November 2016, the Committees of the Associations of Poole and Bournemouth met to discuss the problem of declining junior members and agreed to set up a joint sub-committee to see how it should act to overcome this problem. In January of last year the first meeting was held, which also included representations from the Dorset Table Tennis Centre, and a plan to start a monthly Junior league competition was agreed which would be open to all young people between the age of 8 to 15. Information announcing the formation of the league was sent out to 60 schools located within the Boroughs of Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch. It was agreed that all players would be ranked according to their ability and, dependant on numbers registering, placed in one of five or six divisions. We have yet to complete the first season, which is played during term times only, but are already approaching 40 registrations. The league is grateful for the sponsorship provided by Joola, which it has recently confirmed will run for a further two years. Reports on the Joola Junior Table Tennis League (JJTTL) league tables now appear regularly on the BDTTA Website.

Our aim is to reach the maximum of 60 players by this time next year. Matt Ware is the mainspring of this initiative, with help from both Peter White and me (no relation!). If you know of anyone who has a child within the age group who you think would like to join the league please get them to contact me directly.

These children may not develop into full blown league players but, just bringing youth into table tennis must be of paramount importance.

GORDON WHITE

BDTTA League Review 2017-2018

In general getting results in and tables updated went well, with the majority now sending cards electronically, so I decided to sell my shares in Royal Mail half-way through the season.

In looking back through previous Results Secretary reports there is a theme of 'banging on' about teams playing with 2-man teams and conceding matches. This was brought home in a way through personal reflection on the potential effect on my team, as we were in the 'drop zone' for most of the season.

On this note I have to report that the situation with these "offences" was much worse compared to the previous season, with 36 matches with a 2-man team (26) and 7 total concessions (4) during the season. This comparison is made even worse when you consider that due to the structure of the league there were 476 matches across the divisions, 44 fewer than the previous season.

The influence of these matches, especially towards the end of the season could become more dramatic as there is less time to come back. Looking at the teams 'giving away' points due to these matches it does not seem that they themselves were adversely affected but an analysis on other teams is beyond this writers skills. It is noted that 11 of the 2-man teams were in the last 3 weeks of the season, so was there a feeling of 'end of season blues' with nothing much to play for?

Last season it was noted that there were a number of injuries/illness to players and is one major reason for not turning out a full team, especially if something occurs with little time prior to a match as other members of a team may have been 'stood down'. This is something the Results Secretary gets to hear about with various requests for dispensation during the season, mainly to allow more 'play-ups' to ensure fixtures get played. This was also a feature this season and again one club seemed to be suffering more than most, although without the efforts of that Clubs' secretary 'encouraging' members of lower teams to turn out, there would have been a very large number of 2-man teams. A consequence of the ageing of the table-tennis playing populace methinks.

In last year's report I looked at the situation with the top and bottom teams at the half-way stage compared to the final tables and found little change. This season in all of the divisions the teams in bottom places remained there at the end of the season with the exception being Division 3 (and technically Lynwood A being above their B team by virtues of alphabetical order!), some divisions had one team (or in some cases two) too strong for the rest and like in most sports at any level teams promoted from the previous season can find life tough in the higher division.

A number of teams dropped out of the league in divisions 4 and 5 and a decision was made for these divisions to play a 3-round system but within the 10-team fixture format. This was partly due to the time available between receiving team entries and the start of the season but also having to consider that teams have to play on same home nights as others at the same club for hall availability.

This did have some undesirable consequences: that the season did not finish in the same week for all divisions; some teams had a mismatch of home to away fixtures; and there were sometimes a number of weeks between league fixtures especially around the weeks reserved for T&D matches.

Division 5

Bmth Sports N were the stand-out team in this division, starting with a 4-point win in week 1 and were at the top for the whole season, shooting themselves slightly in the foot by only being able to field two players in week 7, resulting in the draw that spoilt a perfect win record.

The runners-up position was a very tight affair, going down to the last match of the season.

At the half-way point it was a battle between the two Merton teams with an 8-point gap to New Milton L. After their match week 14 in defeating the New Milton team, Merton J were still favourites but neither of the Merton teams would get another win, whilst the New Milton side powered past them to take the runners-up place by one point, to complete an amazing turnaround.

At the other end, having come into league play for the first time last season, Bmth Sports P had a much improved season and can be seen to be getting the hang of it, with 5 wins and 4 draws.

In the averages Will Sherlock (Bmth Sports N) was top winning all but 2 of the 41 singles played, with Sam Taylor (Merton K) and Maggie White (Bmth Sports M) also high, Maggie only missing one match during the season, only bettered by Luke Crisp (Bmth Sports P) who is in his 2nd season and played every match with an improving average over 50%.

Division 5

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GAMES	PTS
Bmth Sports N	17	16	1	0	118-52	54
New Milton L	18	9	1	8	94-86	39
Merton J	18	9	3	6	94-86	38
Merton K	18	7	3	8	92-88	36
Bmth Sports M	18	5	4	9	81-99	31
Bmth Sports P	17	5	4	8	77-93	29
New Milton M	18	1	4	13	64-116	21



Division 5 winners Rajas More, James Simmonds, Will Sherlock, Frank Berman

Division 4

By the half-way point (in matches) this division had settled into a 2-way race between Merton H and the team promoted as dominant champions from division 5, Winton

F, both teams having met twice already with the Merton side ahead after a draw and a narrow 6-4 win. By the time the teams met for the 3rd time in week 18, Merton had a 5 point lead but Winton had 2 matches in hand due to the strange fixture arrangements previously described. At this stage of the season a weakened Merton team were no match for the Winton team who were in "Elect-trick" form and in a run that would see them win their last 8 matches for the loss of only 4 games, taking the their 2nd title in succession, in only their 3rd season of competitive play together by a margin of 11 points. Look out Division 3 ! The virtually 3-man Winton team occupied 1st (Michael Kominek), 2nd (Yarry Torshkley) and 5th (Pete Baggs) in the averages with Richard Stroud (Merton H) and Richard Rothwell (Shamrock A) keeping them apart, all over 80%. Yarry and Pete played every match, whilst Michael only missed one, as did Lee Tbailey for Bmth Sports L.

Division 4						
TEAM	P	W	D	L	GAMES	PTS
Winton YMCA F	18	16	1	1	152-28	64
Merton H	18	14	2	2	119-61	53
Shamrock A	18	10	2	6	113-67	47
Bmth Sports L	18	8	3	7	86-94	37
Winton YMCA E	18	4	5	9	72-108	26
New Milton K	18	1	2	15	54-126	15
Shamrock B	18	2	1	15	34-146	6



Division 4 winners and T&D Runners up, Winton F Peter Baggs, Yaroslav Troshchey, Michael Kominek

Division 3

As with the previous season this division was generally very close with the highest number of drawn matches and the biggest swings in form over the season.

At half-way, the team previously relegated, this time out named as New Milton G, had opened a small gap over 4 teams within one point of each other.

By week 16 the race was effectively down to 2 teams and the gap reduced to one point when Bmth Sports K narrowly beat the New Milton side, with the title decided in the last matches with the Bmth side winning by one point.

Down at the bottom things were equally tight in the 2nd relegation position. Ringwood C found it too hot this season with the gap growing every larger each week. The biggest swing though unfortunately happened to New Milton H, who were in the promotion battle at half-way, but seemed

to suffer an overwhelming reversal of form, winning only once more in the second half. Having already played in the last week of the season they would be awaiting the result of the match between the two teams below them, knowing Bmth Sports J only needed a draw to go ahead on games difference.

It was then a bit of a shock to receive a report that Ringwood were unable to field a team and would concede the match and 4 points to the team from Chapel Gate, this would send the New Milton team into relegation. When this was pointed out, both sides could see that this would be an unfair way to finish the season and both teams made extra effort to play to a conclusion (this being aided by the technical extension to the season afforded by the fixture schedule of divisions 4 and 5 !).

I again take this opportunity to thank the players of both Ringwood C and Bmth Sports J.

In the end the result was a win to the Bmth side who secured their place, but I am sure that everyone, especially the players of New Milton H were glad that it was decided by points on the table and not a forfeit.

The relative closeness of this division can be seen in that 6 of the top 7 players in the averages came from 6 different teams.

Howard Lewis (Bmth Sports K) kept ahead of Plamen Petrov (New Milton J) to top the averages, whilst Terry Jenvey and Gad Rubin were ever-present for their teams, with Will Sharpe, Gad Rubin and Michael Davies only missing once.

Division 3						
TEAM	P	W	D	L	GAMES	PTS
Bmth Sports K	18	14	1	3	120-60	54
New Milton G	18	15	0	3	118-62	53
Winton YMCA D	18	9	2	7	101-79	43
Merton G	18	7	5	6	101-79	42
New Milton J	18	11	0	7	92-88	40
Merton F	18	6	3	9	89-91	33
Winton YMCA C	18	7	1	10	85-95	31
Bmth Sports J	18	4	5	9	79-101	28
New Milton H	18	6	3	9	73-107	27
Ringwood C	18	0	2	16	42-138	9

Division Two

Half-way through the season and it was clear that Bmth Sports G were struggling.

At the top Winton B and Bmth Sports H were the teams setting the pace, with Breamore (who had nearly been relegated the previous season) putting up a fight to stay with them with Ringwood B not far behind.

In the second half a strengthened Bmth team stretched away eventually to a 10 point gap, whilst Breamore and Ringwood B fell away from the promotion chase and even a Breamore win over a weakened team could not stop the Winton side from claiming the runners-up spot.

At the other end previously promoted as division 3 champions, Broadstone D soon found themselves in the relegation zone but 'keeping pace' with Merton E all season. The last scheduled match found them playing out a draw meaning that the fate was in a weather-affected, re-scheduled derby, with lowly placed Broadstone C, but there were no favours on offer and Merton survived. Individually Nick Macey of Winton and Sam Perez-Haynes of Ringwood stood out with over 90% averages with 'evergreen' Eric Buckley not far behind and only missing one match, as did Paul Colledge for Winton.

Division 2						
TEAM	P	W	D	L	GAMES	PTS
Bmth Sports H	18	16	1	1	140-40	63
Winton YMCA B	18	13	1	4	129-51	53
Breamore	18	11	3	4	112-68	48
Ringwood B	18	12	1	5	105-75	44
New Milton F	18	10	1	7	94-86	40
New Milton E	18	7	2	9	80-100	31
Broadstone C	18	5	3	10	80-100	30
Merton E	18	5	3	10	64-116	24
Broadstone D	18	2	3	13	65-115	21
Bmth Sports G	18	0	0	18	31-149	-2

Division One

This division was dominated by one team, despite a couple of hiccups in the middle and at the end and also despite being the team most unable to field a full side. Whilst the letter may have been the same this was a revitalised Bmth Sports F team from that relegated the previous season with the remnants playing to a far superior level and being reinforced by promoted players. Having hit the top in week two they never looked likely to be knocked off.

At the bottom, the vastly experienced Merton D were (surprisingly) struggling and off the pace completely.

By half-way the division seemed to be split into two, with four teams vying for the runners-up position and the other four trying to stave off relegation, but there was a lot of topsy-turvy with the lower placed teams often beating whoever thought they might be up for promotion. In the end with the title and bottom placed decided early, the other places went to the final week of the season. In the end a strengthened Merton C took runners-up by one point, whilst at the bottom Lynwood A slipped away at the last.

In the full list of averages there is a lot of experience at the top, with Norman Swift (Merton C), having dropped into the division following the demise of Merton A and recovering from shoulder injury, still too good for everyone he played. Other stalwarts at the top included Louie La (Bmth Sports E), Dave Crossley (Lynwood B) and super-veteran Brian Bicklell. In amongst them was the under-utilised youth of Matt Stansfield (Bmth Sports F).

Jon Bissett played every match for Lynwood A (a great achievement given he was travelling from Weymouth for each match and the position his team was in). Shaun

Newcombe would have matched that feat, had he not had a prior engagement at a TTE function when the last match of the season was played.

Division 1						
TEAM	P	W	D	L	GAMES	PTS
Bmth Sports F	18	15	1	2	123-57	56
Merton C	18	10	3	5	102-78	45
Bmth Sports E	18	10	3	5	104-76	44
New Milton C	18	9	4	5	100-80	42
New Milton D	18	9	2	7	96-84	39
Bmth Sports D	18	9	3	6	95-85	39
Broadstone B	18	7	3	8	88-92	34
Lynwood B	18	4	3	11	80-100	29
Lynwood A	18	4	4	10	71-109	25
Merton D	18	0	0	18	41-139	7

Premier Division

The season did not get off to a very start (or maybe prequel) with the loss of Merton A due to serious injuries to two key players, meaning the team had to drop out without a ball being served.

At the end of week two, Ringwood A lost two players due to personal reasons for the rest of the season, which put them at a distinct disadvantage, having to call on less experienced players who were not always available. In retrospect that they only conceded two matches was in itself an achievement.

At the other end it was again a runaway, rampant Bmth Sports A display with Finn Morgan-Bayliss, Nathan Bingham and Hugo Pang leading the charge, ably supported by a returning Karl King and scarily able to call on 'bit parts' by Steve Foster and Zac Dowling.

The main battle was for runners-up and the second relegation spots and at half-way there were two mini-leagues, with New Milton B just ahead of Bmth Sports B and C in one and New Milton A, Broadstone A and Winton A trying to keep ahead of Merton B in the other.

At the end of the season Bmth Sports B just held off New Milton B for the runners-up place again, whilst Merton B were unable to close their gap to avoid the second relegation placing.

A feature of this division is the number of players and the number of games used in 'play-ups' In the case of New Milton A this was due to illness and injury to originally registered players and with Ringwood A due to the loss of players previously mentioned.

Premier						
TEAM	P	W	D	L	GAMES	PTS
Bmth Sports A	16	16	0	0	147-13	62
Bmth Sports B	16	12	1	3	117-43	45
New Milton B	16	11	1	4	104-56	43
New Milton A	16	6	2	8	71-89	29
Bmth Sports C	16	7	2	7	75-85	28
Broadstone A	16	6	1	9	67-93	26
Winton YMCA A	16	4	4	8	63-97	25
Merton B	16	4	1	11	55-105	19
Ringwood A	16	0	0	16	21-139	-5

Mike had to give away a +2 start to Michael who finished top of the Div 4 averages, and this match was the first match to go all the way to three sets. Mike won the first game against Micheal by taking the first set 21-16 but then seemed to lose his way to drop the next two 13-21, 11-21 for Winton to lead 2-1. In another three-setter, Plamen gave away a +4 start to Yaroslav, with Plamen losing the first set 16-21, but caught up at 8-8 in the second to eventually win it 21-17. The deciding set was a nail biter Yaroslav led 20-19 but Plamen won the next two points to level the match at 2-2.

In the fifth match, Mike took the first set off Peter (+1 start) 21-16. Mike went 18-12 down only to come back to win 21-20 to give Milton the lead 3-2. In their "scratch" match, Adam quickly seized the initiative beat Michael 21-12 in the first set but went on to lose the next two 16-21, 15-21 to make it 3-3.

Yaroslav beat Mike 21-10 in the first game. Mike recovered well to take the next set 21-19. It was nip and tuck throughout the decider but Yaroslav found his consistency again and won 21-15 for Winton to take the lead 4-3.

New Milton had to win the next match to avoid losing the match. The next match was between Plamen and Michael (Michael receiving a 3 start). Petrov really didn't get into his stride in the first game and lost 11-21. In the second game Michael had a championship point leading 20-19 but Plamen won the next two points to save the match. The deciding set was a different matter as a deflated Michael made more unforced errors, with Plamen winning comfortably 21-11 to set up a thrilling decider at 4-4.



Ian Brown



T&D Winners New Milton J
Plamen Petrov, Mike Roberts and Adam Titcombe

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TABLE TENNIS CUP GLORY FOR NEW MILTON "J"

In the Annual Times and Directory Handicap Cup Final, New Milton J represented by Mike Roberts (captain), Plamen Petrov and Adam Titcombe played against Winton YMCA F (Peter Baggs, Yaroslav Troshchey and Michael Kominek). In the Bournemouth & District league, the New Milton J team ended up comfortably mid-table in Division 3 while Winton (greatly improved from last year) were run away leaders of Division 4, so it was always going to be a very tight match.

Plamen literally got the ball rolling as he quickly overhauled Peter's +4 start to win the first match of the evening comfortably in two straight sets 21-12, 21-15. Next up was 14 year old Adam against Yaroslav who was second in the averages in Division 4. It was virtually a "scratch" match as Yaroslav had a +1 start and Adam did well to keep in touch during the first set albeit narrowly losing 18-21. The second set was a completely different matter as Troshchey kept catching the Milton youngster out of position to win 21-9 to make it 1-1.

Adam started well and finished in fine form by beating Peter in 2 straight games to give New Milton the tittle. All in all, a thrilling and entertaining Cup Final played in a very friendly, competitive and sporting manner, a brilliant advert for the sport of Table Tennis.

Plate Final Report

With the New Milton J team winning the Times and Directory Handicap Cup Final, New Milton Table Tennis Club were hoping for a Times and Directory double as their M team made it through to the Plate final.

New Milton M team were represented by Stuart Burton, Taki Hall and Maggie Brown took on the Bournemouth Sports M team of Maggie White, Marina Scott and Karen Kelly. Both teams coming from Division 5 in the league, the form book was with the Bournemouth Sports side as they had won their first two encounters 7-3 and drew their final clash 5-5 in early April.

New Milton got off to a promising start as Stuart, benefiting from a +7 start beat Maggie in two straight sets. Next up, Taki took on Marina Scott (+6 start) and really struggled

with Scott's strong forehand hitting and lost in two straight sets 13-21, 14-21. The third match saw Maggie Brown overcome a 7 deficit to win her first set against Karen, but lost the next two 12-21, 19-21 for the Bournemouth Sports to take the lead.

Bournemouth were clearly on a roll and won the next two matches, with Taki needing to beat Kelly to stay in the Plate. Once again, Taki was on the wrong side of the handicapping, this time giving away a +6 start to Karen. Karen used her start intelligently and won the first game 21-9. Taki did incredibly well to gradually eat away at the handicap in the second set, only to narrowly lose it 18-21. That was it, 5-1 to Bournemouth Sports M to get their hands on the Plate trophy.

An enjoyable game, congratulations to Bournemouth Sports M for a deserved victory.



T&D Plate Finalists Karen Kelly, Marina Scoot, Maggie White, Maggie Brown, Stuart Burton and Taki Hall



Mark Butler & Malcolm Floyd

INDIVIDUALS FINALS NIGHT REPORT

Friday 23rd March at The Grange saw the annual BDTTA Finals Night with 18 matches to be played.

There were representatives from 6 different clubs with the usual mix of age restricted events, divisional contests, singles and doubles. Entry numbers had ranged from just two for the Ladies Doubles, so an easy route into the final there, to 39 for the Handicap singles, and 34 for the Bournemouth closed which took some organisational magic on the part of Mark Butler with both events held on the same night.

Apart from the players themselves, there were a reasonable number of spectators who were treated to some close matches and top level table-tennis.

In the youngest age group held, the Under 15, saw Jack Trafford pip Matt Stanfield by the narrowest of margins 13-

11 in the 5th game. Of the 5 games played the biggest gap was 11-7 to Jack with the other 3 games scoring 11-9. Matt did not leave the evening empty handed, winning the Handicap cup. Playing Finn Morgan-Bayliss a 10 point start proved to be very generous against Matt's current form and Finn was unable to make sufficient inroads, losing 21-13, 21-12.



Finn was playing in 4 other finals, Mixed doubles with Katie Holt, Mens Doubles with Nathan Bingham, Premier Division and the Closed. The only games he lost were against Ali Malloch who took him all the way to a deciding 5th end.

At the other end of the age scale, Brian Bickell had a busy evening, having made the final in all

4 of the Veteran events. Two of the finals, over 60 and over 70 were against Ian Robertson. Unfortunately for Ian, the extra table time against Brian did not improve his fortunes and he lost both finals in straight games. Brian was bring to bear all of his experience and was showing no signs of fatigue as he continued his winning streak taking the Over 50's in 5 from Ian Brown and the Over 40's, also in 5, from Louie La.



Four of the finals involved team members playing against each other. All 4 of the Ladies doubles finalists from Bournemouth Sports

M, with Marina Scott and Maggie White overcoming Karen Kelly and Wendy Hall. Finn and Nathan in the Closed final from the all-conquering Bournemouth Sports A team and Ali Malloch against Jamie Blair from Bournemouth Sports C in the Under 18's with Ali taking that match in 4 games.

The last "teammate clash" was in the Division 4 final Yaroslav Troshchey and Michael Kominek from Winton F were first and second in the averages and the match was equally close with Yaroslav triumphing 11-8 in the 5th game with both players contributing to a first class match.

All credit to all the finalists for displaying great sportsmanship despite the high pressure of a BDTTA winner's medal being at stake! We are already looking forward to next year's event.

Phil Hadley

Finals Night Results

Junior U15

Jack Trafford (NM) bt Matthew Stanfield (B/S)
Win -9,7,9,-9,11

Junior U18

Ali Malloch (B/S) bt Jamie Blair (B/S)
Win 12,11,-4,9



This needs to be a good one at 10-11 down

Premier

Finn M-Baylis (B/S) bt Ali Malloch (B/S)
Win 9,5,-9,-7,6

Division 1

Louie La (B/S) bt Jacob Blackburn (B/S)
Win 3,4,-4,9

Division 2

Luke Hunt (Breamore) bt Adam Garraway (B/S)
Win 6,4,5

Division 3

Howard Lewis (B/S) bt Terry Jenvey (N/M)
Win 8,8,8

Division 4

Yaroslav Troshchey (W) bt Michael Kominek (W)
Win 3,-5,9,-11,8



Keeping it tight.

Division 5

Taki Hall (N/M) bt Marina Scott (B/S)
Win 5,-9,12,9

Ladies Singles

Katie Holt (B'th Sports) bt Chris Renaut (M)
Win 5,6,5

Ladies Doubles

Maggie White (B/S) bt Karen Kelly (B/S)
Marina Scott (B/S) bt Wendy Hall (B/S)
Win 6,6,6



Here come the girls!
Wendy Hall, Karen Kelly, Maggie White, Marina Scott

Mixed Doubles

Katie Holt (B/S) bt Zita Winter (B/S)
Finn M-Baylis (B/S) bt Andy Hartnell (B/S)
Win 8,6,8

Mens Doubles

Nathan Bingham (B/S) bt Adam Elcock (W)
Finn M-Baylis (B/S) bt Adam Thompson (W)
Win 5,9,8

VET 40+

Brian Bickell (NM) bt Louie La (B/S)
Win 7,-7,-5,11,6

VET 50+

Brian Bickell (NM) bt Ian Brown (Bs)
Win -5,5,9,-5,7

VET 60+

Brian Bickell (NM) bt Ian Robertson (M)
Win 8,7,5

VET 70+

Brian Bickell (NM) bt Ian Robertson (M)
Win 8,7,4



Just off I reckon!

Bournemouth Closed

Finn M-Bayliss (BSP) bt Nathan Bingham (B/S)

Win 9,7,8

Bournemouth Handicap

Matthew Stanfield (B/S) bt Finn Morgan-Bayliss (B/S)

Win 13,12



Finn winding up for a back-hand bullet

"In all, Bev has served New Milton Table Tennis Club and the sport faithfully for over 30 years. During his tenure as General Secretary, Bev has seen the club nearly double its membership from 35 to 65 members. Bev is also Volunteer Co-ordinator, Fixtures Secretary, Tournament Organiser, Team Captain, Team Player and General Factotum. Bev has also put in stints as Minutes Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. Bev has also been instrumental in nurturing youngsters and it is no exaggeration to say that he has dedicated a goodly part of his life to the sport.

Bev continued to work tirelessly for the club, even after losing devoted wife Valerie to a long and debilitating illness. In fact, he made it clear that continuing to involve himself was a welcome distraction.

Bev is a qualified First-Aider, Table Tennis England Tournament Organiser and County Umpire. In addition to captaining and playing in the local Bournemouth and District League, Bev plays in the Poole Pairs, Merton Summer Pairs, Ringwood Summer League, Annual Individual Tournaments and plays socially at the Wednesday Morning Club at Merton.

Bev is the face of New Milton Table Tennis Club, and it has often been said that they would need at least three different people to replace him, if he were ever to give up". Sir Trevor chuckled as he read out that bit, which was echoed warmly by those present.

After the ceremony, Bev said "I felt quite honoured and proud and it was a wonderful evening which went very well". Then it was quickly back to the grindstone the following day to organise the Club's Annual Tournaments.

Malcolm Floyd

Torch Trophy Trust Award for Outstanding Service to Sport Awarded to Bev Scott-Johns



New Milton Table Tennis Club's General Secretary Bev Scott-Johns was honoured with a prestigious Torch Trophy Trust Award for Outstanding Service to Sport, presented by HRH the Duke of Gloucester.

In presenting the awards, the Duke of Gloucester said "Volunteering is the lifeblood of the United Kingdom and it's an honour to reward people who give up so much of their time and their energy for others. I hope that they act as an inspiration to those people around them".

The awards were presented at the 55th Annual Torch Trophy Trust Awards ceremony at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, London.

The Torch Trophy Trust is a charity that rewards and supports volunteers in sport and recreation, and recognises the achievements of some of the UK's most outstanding volunteers in the annual *Torch Trophy Trust Awards*, presented by a member of the Royal Family. This year, the Trust recognised 21 outstanding volunteers across sport, so Bev was amongst a very select few.

England "great" Sir Bobby Charlton CBE, President of the Trust was also on hand at the ceremony and had much praise for the prize-winners. Bev's citation was read out by West Ham and England legend Sir Trevor Brooking CBE. Bev's abridged citation read:-

