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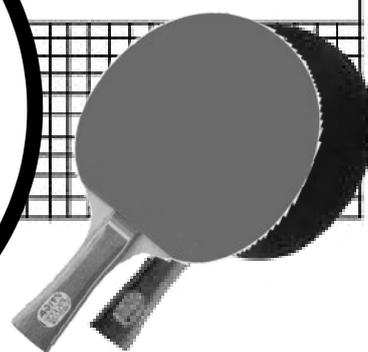
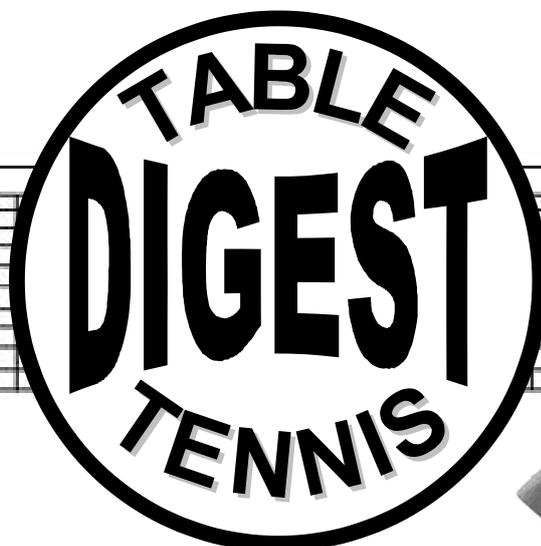
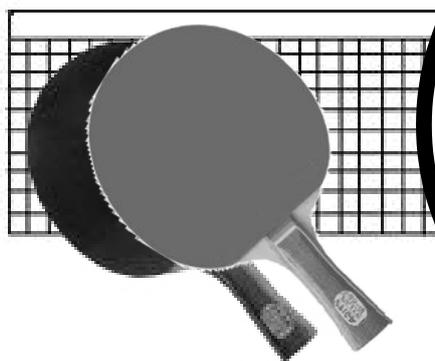
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Editorial

Well we're just about to start another season, 60 teams managing to keep five divisions going for a 36 week season, plenty of 'free' match weeks ahead, so with a bit of thought, no one should have fixture jams at the end.

Welcome to Tom Purcell for taking on the League Secretary job, and a big 'thanks' to retiring League Secretary Mike Power for a job really well done, Mike had given notice a couple of seasons ago, but carried on till a successor was found, (volunteer!), Mike isn't leaving altogether though as he's temporary Secretary for Cadwa, temporary!!!! Tom has already 'dived' into the job managing the recent end of season L&DTTL AGM, and prep work for the new season, so to all the players who just like to sit back and play, have a thought for the players who devote so much of their own time (for free) to the organising of Table Tennis, Tom Purcell, (M/side Police Club) and Stan Clarke, (Wavertree Labour Club) both receiving recognition from Table Tennis England for their contribution to the TTE National Council, and Maghull's Susie Hughes, (TTE Deputy Chairman). Closer to home is your own Mancom, members who still have to give up a lot of free time, in case you aren't aware who the names are look at the www.tabletennis365.com/Liverpool - under contacts / officers, a long list of what needs doing and who does it!!

We recently had the Annual AGM of our TTE Governing body, which should have decided if the members carried on supporting the running of national TT by our member subscriptions alone or with the £9mill sub from National Body Sport England, I'd have thought that the answer was a 'no brainer', but 25.07% disagreed and the Sport England funding was withdrawn, but after a recalled conference later, and after some wrangling, the vote to accept

Sport England proposals was 96.96%, not sure what the remaining 3% were holding out for, maybe the sign of the times, 'something for nothing'. The saga inside pages as it unfolded!

Another TT Grand Prix has come and gone, what!! Says 90% of L&DTTL members, yes, the first showpiece tournament of 2017-18 for all levels of player has come and gone, organised by TTE, but donkey work by L&DTTL volunteers, well done guys, (the modern term for all!).

The National School Games will have come and gone by the time you read this, competing UK areas, ours being the North West, a large area, but we have some great local youngsters appearing in the North West Team, Harry Watson, Connor Whitehead and Amirul Hussein, (a winner of the 16-17 Champion of Champions run by Wigan). Maybe our JDD will 'spawn' some future star

Before I forget, Thanks to all the Digest reporters for their time and effort, Ian, Brian, Ken, Pete (Jnr.) and Jimmy, who all kept you up on your Div's, sadly we have lost Pete and Jimmy to pressure of 'work', so another thanks to them, which brings me to the tricky bit, two volunteers please, Div. 1 and Dive 5, contact me on roly@ttdigest.co.uk or 0835242619 if interested, but you may get a request from me! Am I doing the right thing, warning in advance, budding reporters one pace forward PLEASE.

Hope you all enjoy your Table Tennis this season, age no restriction.

At present, only 7% of Table Tennis England's income comes from membership fees and **most of the rest from Sport England funding**. Opening up commercial revenue streams, such as the sponsorship deal signed with PG Mutual for the National Championships, alongside membership fee increases, will help us to be less dependent on public funding. The TTE are committed to making membership packages excellent value for money and will continue to keep members informed of additional benefits going forward.

T.T. England Affiliation Fees for Season 2017 - 2018
Player Membership: £14 for adults; £7 for cadets & juniors.
Player Licence: £36 for adults; £18 for cadets & juniors
Associate Membership: free of charge.

Player Membership is required for those who play regularly in local leagues or wish to compete in a 1* national competition; a Player Licence is required for all players who wish to compete in the British League or national tournaments which are 2* or above.

LIVERPOOL LEAGUE AGM - 2017

The AGM for the 2016-17 season in the LDTTTL took place at Wavertree TTC on the evening of Thursday 25th May 2017.

After dealing with all the usual matters at an AGM Mike Power, organising Secretary of the LDTTTL for the last 18 years, confirmed that he was standing down from the post. The management Committee of the LDTTTL nominated Tom Purcell (Police TTC) to take over the post of Organising Secretary. This was supported by members at the AGM. Mike was thanked for his 18yrs service as Organising Secretary and the Mancom nominated Mike for the award of Life Membership of the LDTTTL. This was supported by members at the AGM.

Cups and medals were presented to the League Divisional champions and runners-up.

Ken Armson was a long time secretary of Wavertree Labour and League Committee member before he died in 2008. After his death the Ken Armson Cup was donated to the league and is awarded periodically to an individual or to a group of individuals who have, in the opinion of the Management Committee, made an outstanding contribution to the game of Table Tennis.

At the AGM Mancom decided that the Ken Armson Cup should be awarded to Paul Gittins (Police TTC) and Graham Chellew (Waterloo TTC) for setting up and running the Junior Development Division which allows Cadet and Junior children, who have not previously played competitive table tennis, to start playing table tennis and ideally move into the senior league.

Tom Purcell later said that he was looking forward to taking on the role of Organising Secretary. He also said that the league Management Committee consisted of volunteers who managed the league on behalf of its members. New committee members would be welcome

I'd like to open my contribution to the 2017/18 season by thanking Mike Power for 23 years as a Management Committee member. Although I highlighted his tenure in the role at the AGM, it proved difficult as a friend and colleague to extol his virtues. These include a four year stint as Cup Competition Secretary, before replacing Tony Harris - who was moving to Scotland - as the League's General Secretary in 1999. Mike's reign, in my view has been the most trying I have witnessed since I became an MC member in 1970. He handled every situation calmly and in a well thought out manner which is how he is in his private life. Although he gave notice a couple of years ago of his intention to bow out when his wife Liz retired from work, he agreed to remain in post until a suitable incumbent was prepared to take on this onerous role. For those not at the 2016/17 A.G.M. Mike bowed out at the Wavertree Labour, season ending meeting. I



I thought we'd struggle to replace him since there wasn't a queue of volunteers willing to deal with more than one would expect of contentious issues together with those run of the mill very day matters which need to be addressed. He was one of the most respected members of the MC and his presence at MC meetings will be missed. That being said, the League is very fortunate to have installed an equally respected man in Tom Purcell who has given up some other TT duties so as to give most of his attention in becoming the ninth General Secretary since the League was formed in 1926. I should add, that three of those previous eight men held the post for just a single season while only John McKim (38 years) and Bill Stamp (20 years) in the job, served more than Mike who bows out after 19 years. Good luck Mike, I'm sure you'll find many things to do with all that spare time!

Browsing through a 70 years old League handbook while on a break from mowing the lawn, I read that the division one title from the previous season crossed the Mersey when Birkenhead YMCA edged

out Liverpool's leading club Balfour by one point. However, although I'm unlikely to have a member of the Birkenhead Civil Defence team on the phone chastising me for not mentioning that the title was won in 1944 also by a club from the peninsular when the C.D club in Birkenhead triumphed. Balfour and Birkenhead YMCA, finished on the same points, each losing one match with Balfour drawing one, the YMCA record showing P18 W17 L1 F 139 A 34 and Balfour's W16 D1 which saw YM' take the title. The Readman cup was put on ice during the war and wasn't contested from 1940 to 1944 and of the ten clubs which formed division one in 46/47, not one remains in the League today, the most recent departure being Rafters, who disbanded in the mid 1980's.

The ITTF recently claimed a significant achievement in that Table Tennis now boast the largest number of affiliated countries in which sport is played on a

competitive and organised basis. Their 226 member nations, outstrips football, Swimming, cycling, athletics, lawn tennis and basketball which will surprise many and it is great credit to the ITTF for the way they've financed certain countries in order to popularise the sport around the globe. Well done, to them and to all who play this fantastic sport.

By the time you read this, the League will have 'hosted' and played a key role in ensuring this famous G.P. was able to be contested. For the first time since the inaugural Merseyside Open 1929, the League haven't hosted and organised the event! Notwithstanding that last statement, we still unloaded the equipment from the Tees Sport van which consisted of 32 tables, barrier surrounds and umpires tables all carried out by League members together with a few loyal friends. The courts then had to be measured and erected which took all afternoon and on Sunday night, dismantled and loaded on to the van ready to return to the storage depot in the North East.

2017 Liverpool Grand Prix

Holders' of the Liverpool Grand Prix men's and Women's singles titles, rarely repeat the feat the following year but the England international pair of Chris Doran and Karina Le Fevre, justified their top billing, but not without some close calls on the way.

Miss Le Fevre, ranked at three in England, suffered a surprise defeat to Beth Richards (Wales) in her opening group match before negotiating her route to the knock out stage as runner-up. Struggling to get to grips with the event, she faced shock elimination at 2-0 down to Scotland's Rebecca Matthes but recovered well to take the next three games. She then faced 11 year old Wales' sensation, Anna Hursey who led 2-1, Le Fevre, though saved her blushes to win the next two games.

After dismissing Scotland's Rebecca Plaistow, who had ousted second seed Angharad Phillips, the top seed faced another crisis when she lined up in the final against Yorkshire's Gauri Duhan. Ranked at five Junior in England, the youngster was though, unable to pull off, what would have been sensational victory, LeFevre taking it 7, 4, 8. The long journey from an England training camp in Milan to Liverpool via Derby, proved worth the effort for the likable unassuming Cleveland girl, who took the title and a well earned £320.

In the Under 21 final, Miss Hursey faced Bolton's Beth Farnworth, who played in Liverpool last season for Maghull, the youngster, though, swept her aside to take the title, 9, 8, -10, 6.

In an intriguing men's final Doran took on Nigerian, Ismaila Akindiya who adopted an all out attacking strategy in which Doran soaked up most of the fierce forehand drives to clinch the opening game. After being pegged back in the next, Doran took the third and the pair continued to trade shot for shot which saw Akindiya, raining down forehands most of which though, Doran countered via backhand top spin returns which often produced an error from the bat of Akindiya. The fourth game was a tremendous affair in which Akindiya who held a point for the game, was unable to break down Doran's counter-hitting style who won 15-13, the title and a nice cheque for £320.

The Liverpool Ladies team finished as runners-up to Bolton after having been beaten 4-2 by them. However, when the playing records for the Bolton league were checked, they revealed that one player hadn't played a single match in the Bolton league while another was also ineligible to appear for them. The match score was subsequently adjusted to Liverpool 5 Bolton 1 which gave us the title with a 100% record, our sixteenth success having won the inaugural title in 1947. Clare Peers, Sue Hughes together with Mum and Daughter Janette and Amy Hutchings all did duty - Clare having the distinction of winning the Ladies division one title when playing for Wirral.

The men's team, all of whom have won the Closed Men's Singles title, took on the Halton trio of Michael and Ryan Lunn and Peter Findlater in the final of the Norman Cook Memorial Trophy. Keith Williams, Paul Hutchings and current holder Thomas Hadley, having to concede points to their opponents in each game, were beaten 5-0. As in the Ladies division debacle, records showed that all three Halton players hadn't conformed to Lancashire and Cheshire League Regulations and were declared ineligible, Liverpool taking the trophy for a record twelfth time, Williams and Hutchings have been on the winning side in a number of occasions including the team's first success in 1989.

Table Tennis -- Funding Who Pays??

At the recent TTE AGM in Nottingham, among the county and League officials from around the country receiving awards and honours, were Stan Clarke and Tom Purcell, Stan was made an Honorary Life Member while Tom became a Vice-President. Also honoured as a Vice-President was Matthew Syed, the British number one for almost a decade and the Commonwealth M/S champion on three occasions and the Senior National M/S champion four times and the Merseyside Grand Prix M/S champion in 2000. In addition to those achievements he is an award winning Journalist and the author of books which includes Bounce and Black Box Thinking while currently presents a Radio 5 Live radio show - Flintoff, Savage and the Ping Pong Guy. The AGM ended in near farce and will need to be re-run before October 31st and arguably, may be the most important in the history of the sport.

At the Table Tennis England AGM on July 8, the Board put forward a proposal so that table tennis would meet the standards of governance required by the Government and Sport England before they would allocate public funding to sports. That proposal needed 75 per cent of support from leagues and counties to be accepted. It received 74.93 per cent and therefore failed.

As a result, Table Tennis England is now in breach of its funding agreement with Sport England as it is not compliant with the mandatory provisions of the Government's Code for Sports Governance, which sets out how sports governing bodies such as Table Tennis England, must operate at Board level.

Our total funding from Sport England over the 2017-21 period was set at about £9million. We were due to receive the latest tranche of this funding from Sport England this month, provided we showed we were compliant with the Code. The vote against the Board's proposal means this funding has been suspended with immediate effect.

This will have obvious implications on Table Tennis England's ability to service you, our members. The Board met immediately on Saturday night and will do so again this week. We are also in close contact with Sport England, who have [issued their own statement here](#).

Please rest assured that every single one of you, our members, matter to us and we intend to work harder than ever to ensure you receive the service you deserve. However, non-committed spend is now on hold. All non-committed expenditure will be considered on a case by case basis.

Chairman Sandra Deaton said:

The Board had the only workable proposal on the table, together with a strong commitment that we would continue to work together to see if there were any improvements which could be made. Had this received the support of three-quarters of the counties and leagues, we would now be compliant and our future would have been secured with a guarantee of nearly £9 million.

Despite being told of the consequences, the action of a small number of the individuals, some with their own agendas, have meant that the Association is now in a suspended state of business.

Table tennis has become the first sport to fail to deliver on the Government's requirements for funding. This has put our future at risk, as well as every programme we operate.

The Board's absolute priority is to work with Sport England to agree a satisfactory plan of remedial action to see if we can get the immediate funding payment released. Then and only then can we consider the next steps to ensure full compliance with the Code which would secure the rest of the c £9m of 2017-21 funding.

Table Tennis England: our statement

A brief statement that outlines the reasons behind our decision to freeze funding for Tennis Table England

11 July 2017 [News](#)

We are disappointed by the news that at the Table Tennis England AGM on 8 July, their members voted against making changes that would enable the organisation to adhere to the [Code for Sports Governance](#).

Our policy is clear. Organisations that don't meet the Code for Sports Governance will not be eligible to receive public investment. Therefore no further investment can be made in Table Tennis England until changes are made.

The Code is [a set of world-leading standards](#), launched to ensure sports organisations are productive, sustainable and responsible to benefit everyone in England who takes part in sport.

Published in October 2016 by ourselves and UK Sport, the Code includes clear guidance to help organisations meet the requirements and raise standards, and we have undertaken a substantial amount of work with Table Tennis England to prepare them to deliver their package of governance reforms.

We note that members rejected the proposed changes by a narrow margin, so Table Tennis England will be working to make improvements, and hope that in the future they are able to meet the Code to be eligible for public funding again.

July Statement: EGM latest

Author:

Paul Stimpson

Publish date: July 27, 2017

Sports Minister Tracey Crouch has today released a statement praising the sports National Governing Bodies which have become compliant with the Government's new Code for Sports Governance.

In a release put out by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), in conjunction with Sport England and UK Sport, a total of 50 sports governing bodies are highlighted which have worked to ensure they will meet the requirements of the Code.

Two organisations – Table Tennis England and the British Mountaineering Council – are highlighted as not having an agreed plan for complying with the Code.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our members that Table Tennis England have called an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on August 12th to reconsider the Board's proposal on governance changes which was defeated by 0.07% of the vote at the AGM on July 8th.

The consequence of the AGM vote was that Sport England suspended our funding and the EGM was called as a response to the cashflow issue and reputational damage caused by that situation.

Table Tennis England has also given a commitment to undertake a thorough and wide-ranging review of all governance and Board structures that comply with the Code for Sports Governance to see whether there are changes that could be made to further represent the democratic voice of the membership.

Representatives from the Board are meeting with representatives of National Council next week to start the process of planning the review. More details will be released in due course.

EGM update: Fit for the future

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Sandra Deaton

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An update from Sandra Deaton, Chairman of Table Tennis England

I would like to update you with some positive developments since our funding from Sport England was suspended following the vote at the AGM on July 8. During that time we have been working with people who supported us throughout, as well as some of those who opposed us, to find a way forward which will provide table tennis with an Association which is 'fit for the future' and will secure our funding and restore our reputation.

Out of these difficult times came an opportunity to look closely at how we operate, what we do and the way we do it. We also recognised that we needed to include directly our members by having their input into how they are represented and the way their association is run – for their benefit.

I am pleased that we have reached consensus with a number of people to move forward in a way which will provide a great opportunity to develop and modernise our sport – and the way it is run. I am confident that we will emerge a better organisation for this – and will be 'fit for the future'.

We will be creating an independently-led, wide-ranging expert review of our governance, structure and operations which will then recommend improved

representation and better service for our members. We will be asking members to contribute fully at all stages of this process.

The review panel will make recommendations in a wholly open and transparent procedure, having listened to the views of the table tennis community. The Board of Table Tennis England is committed to this, and we are supported by a wide-range of diverse interests within the table tennis family.

We have an opportunity for everyone within the sport to work together for the benefit of table tennis and our membership to develop the blueprint for a 21st century organisation.

The journey of the past few weeks has been difficult and uncertain. But we now have a solution, which should appeal to everyone who cares about the future and the development of our sport.

1. The £9 million funding from Sport England will be restored with a positive vote at the EGM on August 12;
2. We will immediately create a wide-ranging, independently-led review of the governance, structure and operation of Table Tennis England to see how it can better serve our membership. The members will be invited and encouraged to be involved at every stage – and the process, the outcomes and the decisions will be wholly open and transparent.

The principles of this review were agreed as a positive way forward by all parties at a meeting in Grantham on July 31. They were representatives of the Board and National Councillors who had supported the Board, and also those who had opposed the original plans.

Those at the meeting who unanimously agreed that this was a positive way forward were: Sandra Deaton (Chairman), Susie Hughes (Deputy Chairman), Mike Smith (Board), Simon Griew (Board), Sara Sutcliffe (CEO), Phil Ashleigh (National Council), Chris Dangerfield (National Councillor), Neil Hurford (National Councillor), Alan Ransome (National Councillor), Jonathan Bruck (Head of Operations)

More details and a timetable will be announced immediately after acceptance by leagues and county representatives that this is the way forward at the vote at the EGM.

Following the meeting, the National Councillors who attended issued the following statements in support:

Chris Dangerfield:

I am delighted to be able to say that despite what it took to get here, we now have a significant result.

The review that is being proposed will be far reaching and in-depth; and this is going to take time. If there is a better way forward with regard to governance, the review will find it, members will have the opportunity to feed in their ideas and concerns on a whole range of issues, it's a great opportunity for our sport.

Given the wide-reaching scope, it is not feasible to do justice to this review before the October 31st Sport England deadline. In view of the commitment the Board have now made, I will be giving them my full support at the EGM and voting to accept the proposals being put forward and I would urge anyone who voted against at the AGM to seize this opportunity to secure this independent review, which I believe is the best way forward for our sport.

Alan Ransome:

I am pleased that we are finding a way forward. My sole aims from the start of this has been to retain the funding from Sport England, but at the same time to find the best way to ensure that democracy in the sport which has been in place since 1926 is retained.

I am very hopeful that this review will deliver a good result regarding this as well as having the opportunity to look at other aspects of the sport that are also ripe for review.

Phil Ashleigh and Neil Hurford:

Our sport is too valuable to risk losing. We took time to listen to all sides and make our minds up independently hence our involvement and backing for the board.

It has been hard work and at times tough but a great experience speaking with and hearing the views of a huge number of our fellow table tennis enthusiasts including those with different opinions.

The meeting at Grantham on Monday was massively positive and gives our sport the opportunity to set the standard for a National Governing Body to really engage and ensure grass roots involvement with a defined, independent and positive pathway for the future.

We have been working closely with the Board over many weeks on something we believe in passionately. What is clear to us, often unnoticed and invariably forgotten is that our Board are also unpaid volunteers. Their expertise, passion and commitment is special and we offer our thanks

Table Tennis England members agree governance reforms

Author:

Jamie Gordon

Publish date: August 12, 2017

Table Tennis England's membership has voted in favour of governance reforms necessary for the sport to comply with the Government's new Code for Sports Governance.

At an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) in Milton Keynes today (August 12), the Board's proposal was passed with an overwhelming majority of 96.96% of Company Members in favour – more than the 75% needed for the changes to go through.

The vote ensures that Table Tennis England is now on track to be declared compliant with the Code, which is a condition of the Sport England £9million funding award.

The funding had been suspended after the AGM in July, when the Board's proposal was defeated by a margin of 0.07%.

Table Tennis England will also begin a thorough and wide-ranging review of all governance and Board structures that comply with the Code for Sports Governance to ensure table tennis is fit for the future.

Table Tennis England Chairman Sandra Deaton said:

This vote puts us back on track to meet our public funding obligations and allows us to continue to deliver key programmes. We are delighted that the necessary reforms have been passed and I'd like to thank our members for helping us to safeguard the future of the sport.

The suspension of funding has caused cash-flow problems and reputational damage and restoring it was our top priority.

Ahead of the EGM, the Board gave a written commitment to launch a public review and will now get that process under way.

I cannot understate how important this result is for the future of our sport. It gives us the chance to move forward with confidence and to deliver our programmes for the benefit of all our members.

Table Tennis England had been one of only two sports governing bodies, alongside the British Mountaineering Council, which did not have an agreed plan for complying with the Code.

Sport England have also issued the following statement:

Sport England is delighted to hear that Table Tennis England members have voted in favour of proposed governance reforms needed to make them compliant with the Code for Sports Governance.

Today's result means public investment into Table Tennis England can be reinstated, which will benefit everyone who plays the sport in the future."

"We are also pleased to hear that the national governing body is conducting a wide-ranging, independently-led review which shows their commitment to improved governance.

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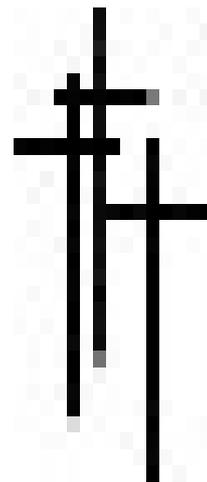
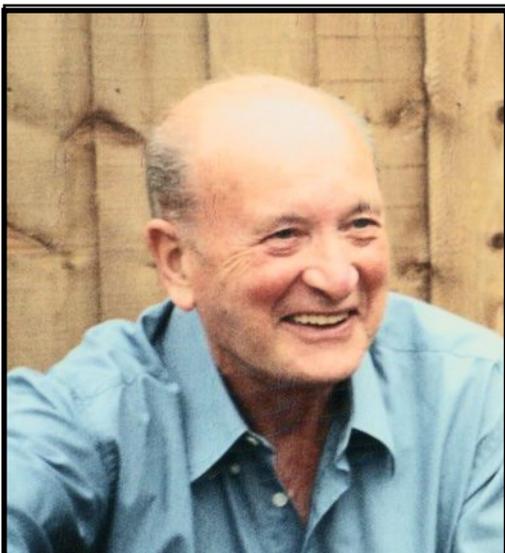
Ken Black

Ken passed away on Thursday 13th July 2017 following a serious illness.

Ken played his table tennis at English Electric and took on the role of League Cup Competition Secretary and assisted Brian Leeson and Ken Armson on the Referees 'Top Table' at the Annual Closed Championships. He was also the Non Playing Captain / Driver for the Leagues Junior Boys team, ferrying them round to their matches.

He is the father of Graeme Black who still plays for Cadwa, and daughter Julie who was a former Closed Ladies Singles, Doubles and Junior Champion '

Due to the need to keep this Digest short , a more in depth tribute to Ken' will be printed in the next issue of the Digest

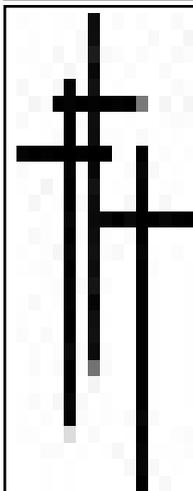
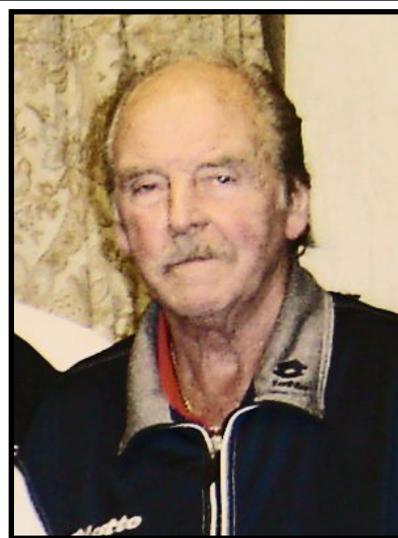


Eric Young

Eric passed away on Monday 10th July 2017, Eric was 92 years of age and had played table tennis in the Liverpool league with Harold House, Aigburth Peoples Hall and Merseyside Police , he only stopped playing about five years ago.

He was a professional boxer during the 40's and topped the bill at Wigan Baths against local boxer Wally Burgess, Eric knocked him down in the 1st round but Walley recovered and went on to win it on points. At the same time Eric was also one of the top roller skater's in Liverpool, performing in front of hundreds, and also loved water skiing with his two sons Karl and Jon well into his 50's.

When asked for a tip on coaching, his usual answer would be 'Don't watch me!!'



A new era for schools table tennis began 1/09/2017 when the merger between Table Tennis England and the English Schools Table Tennis Association (ESTTA) took effect.

The two organisations have been working towards the alliance for a year and a Schools' Committee has been set up, Chaired by Table Tennis England Board member Mike Smith, to oversee the partnership.

Table Tennis England Chief Executive Sara Sutcliffe and ESTTA President John Arnold – who will continue to contribute as Deputy Chairman of the new Committee – have both welcomed the new era and the potential for growth which it brings.

Twelve year old Rhys Davies (Crosby High) and Harry Watson fifteen, (Police) turned in tremendous performances for the League in Table Tennis England's Carter Cup finals, finishing in third place. The Liverpool pair, the first to qualify for the final stages of the competition and the youngest of all the finalists, played above expectations against much stronger and higher ranked players and the League should be proud of their achievement. Their respective coaches' also deserve praise while with continued improvement, the boys' should do even better next season.

The School Games National Finals returns to Loughborough University for 2017, taking place between Thursday 31 August and Sunday 03 September.

The tournament will mirror the Olympics and Paralympics with categories of competition for athletes with learning disability, standing disability and in need of a wheelchair

The regional table tennis squads for the School Games at Loughborough University have been named.

There are no individual events this year as the competition has been scaled back, but eight regions will battle over three days in a round-robin event to determine the champions.

The defending champions are Midlands in the boys and South East in the girls and there will also be a standing disability event.

Among the high-profile players in action are three who were runners-up in last year's individual events – Joe Clark (NE), Kate Cheer (SE) and Shae Thakker (SE). Also in the field is the 2015 girls' champion Rebecca Finn of Northern Ireland.

North West

Girls: Megan Dillon, Alice Dillon, Robyn Cosgrove; Boys: Amirul Hussain, Connor Whitehead, Harry Watson; Standing disability: Joe Davies

New kid on the block, Amirul Hussain from Ramsbottom, may make an impact for England North West after cementing his place as a rising star on the table tennis scene by securing the national under-13 title earlier this July.

2017 - 2018 Season Fixture Key Numbers all Divisions

| KEY No. | DIVISION 1 | Match Night | KEY No. |
|---------|---------------------|-------------|---------|
| 1 | Jaguar Land Rover | Thur | 1 |
| 2 | Merseyside Police | Thur | 2 |
| 3 | Bath St. Marine | Wed | 3 |
| 4 | East Wavertree | Mon | 4 |
| 5 | Maghull | Wed | 5 |
| 6 | Crosby High | Tues | 6 |
| 7 | Greenbank | Tues | 7 |
| 8 | Wavertree Lab | Thur | 8 |
| 9 | Merseyside Police A | Thur | 9 |
| 10 | | | 10 |
| 11 | Harold House | Mon | 11 |
| 12 | | | 12 |
| 13 | Crosby High 'A' | Tues | 13 |
| 14 | Greenbank A | Tues | 14 |

| KEY No. | DIVISION 2 | Match Night | KEY No. |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
| 1 | Wavertree Lab 'A' | Thur | 1 |
| 2 | East Wavertree 'B' | Thur | 2 |
| 3 | Bath St. Marine 'B' | Tues | 3 |
| 4 | Arriva North West | Wed | 4 |
| 5 | Maghull 'A' | Mon | 5 |
| 6 | | | 6 |
| 7 | Cadwa | Thur | 7 |
| 8 | | | 8 |
| 9 | Merseyside Police 'B' | Thur | 9 |
| 10 | Bath St. Marine 'A' | Wed | 10 |
| 11 | East Wavertree 'A' | Mon | 11 |
| 12 | Bootle YMCA 'A' | Fri | 12 |
| 13 | Wavertree Lab 'B' | Wed | 13 |
| 14 | Bootle YMCA | Wed | 14 |

| KEY No. | DIVISION 3 | Match Night | KEY No. |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
| 1 | St. Annes | Tues | 1 |
| 2 | Merseyside Police 'C' | Thur | 2 |
| 3 | Bath St. Marine 'C' | Mon | 3 |
| 4 | Bootle YMCA 'B' | Tues | 4 |
| 5 | Sefton Park | Thur | 5 |
| 6 | Wavertree Lab 'C' | Wed | 6 |
| 7 | Cadwa 'B' | Mon | 7 |
| 8 | | | 8 |
| 9 | Linacre | Friday | 9 |
| 10 | Bath St. Marine 'D' | Tues | 10 |
| 11 | Arriva North West 'A' | Wed | 11 |
| 12 | Maghull 'B' | Mon | 12 |
| 13 | | | 13 |
| 14 | Cadwa 'A' | Thur | 14 |

| KEY No. | DIVISION 4 | Match Night | KEY No. |
|---------|---------------------|-------------|---------|
| 1 | | | 1 |
| 2 | Maghull 'C' | Tues | 2 |
| 3 | Bath St. Marine 'E' | Fri | 3 |
| 4 | QVC | Tues | 4 |
| 5 | Waterloo | Thur | 5 |
| 6 | | | 6 |
| 7 | Sefton Park 'A' | Tues | 7 |
| 8 | Wavertree Lab 'D' | Thur | 8 |
| 9 | East Wavertree 'C' | Thur | 9 |
| 10 | Sefton Park 'B' | Mon | 10 |
| 11 | Bootle YMCA 'C' | Tues | 11 |
| 12 | Waterloo 'A' | Thur | 12 |
| 13 | Wavertree Lab E | Wed | 13 |
| 14 | Sefton Park 'C' | Tues | 14 |

| KEY No. | DIVISION 5 | Match Night | KEY No. |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
| 1 | Wavertree Lab 'F' | Thur | 1 |
| 2 | Arriva North West 'B' | Mon | 2 |
| 3 | Bath St. Marine 'F' | Thur | 3 |
| 4 | Harold House 'A' | Mon | 4 |
| 5 | Waterloo 'B' | Thur | 5 |
| 6 | Wavertree Lab 'G' | Wed | 6 |
| 7 | Greenbank 'B' | Tues | 7 |
| 8 | Sefton Park 'D' | Fri | 8 |
| 9 | Maghull 'D' | Tues | 9 |
| 10 | Bath St. Marine 'G' | Fri | 10 |
| 11 | | | 11 |
| 12 | Maghull 'E' | Wed | 12 |
| 13 | | | 13 |
| 14 | Cadwa 'C' | Mon | 14 |

| WEEK COMM MON | MATCH WEEK No. | FIXTURES - ALL DIVISIONS 2017-18 | | | | | | | season week 365 |
|---------------------|----------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| 11-Sep | 1 | 1 V 14 | 2 V 13 | 3 V 12 | 4 V 11 | 5 V 10 | 6 V 9 | 7 V 8 | 1 |
| 18-Sep | 2 | 8 V 6 | 9 V 5 | 10 V 4 | 11 V 3 | 12 V 2 | 13 V 1 | 14 V 7 | 2 |
| 25-Sep | 3 | 1 V 12 | 2 V 11 | 3 V 10 | 4 V 9 | 5 V 8 | 6 V 7 | 14 V 13 | 3 |
| 02-Oct | 4 | 6 V 14 | 7 V 5 | 8 V 4 | 9 V 3 | 10 V 2 | 11 V 1 | 12 V 13 | 4 |
| 09-Oct | | Divisional Cups 1st Round - outstanding matches | | | | | | | 5 |
| 16-Oct | 5 | 1 V 10 | 2 V 9 | 3 V 8 | 4 V 7 | 5 V 6 | 13 V 11 | 14 V 12 | 6 |
| 23-Oct | 6 | 5 V 14 | 6 V 4 | 7 V 3 | 8 V 2 | 9 V 1 | 10 V 13 | 11 V 12 | 7 |
| 30-Oct | 7 | 1 V 8 | 2 V 7 | 3 V 6 | 4 V 5 | 12 V 10 | 13 V 9 | 14 V 11 | 8 |
| 06-Nov | 8 | 4 V 14 | 5 V 3 | 6 V 2 | 7 V 1 | 8 V 13 | 9 V 12 | 10 V 11 | 9 |
| 13-Nov | | Divisional Cups 2nd Round - outstanding matches | | | | | | | 10 |
| 20-Nov | 9 | 1 V 6 | 2 V 5 | 3 V 4 | 11 V 9 | 12 V 8 | 13 V 7 | 14 V 10 | 11 |
| 27-Nov | 10 | 3 V 14 | 4 V 2 | 5 V 1 | 6 V 13 | 7 V 12 | 8 V 11 | 9 V 10 | 12 |
| 04-Dec | 11 | 1 V 4 | 2 V 3 | 10 V 8 | 11 V 7 | 12 V 6 | 13 V 5 | 14 V 9 | 13 |
| 11-Dec | 12 | 2 V 14 | 3 V 1 | 4 V 13 | 5 V 12 | 6 V 11 | 7 V 10 | 8 V 9 | 14 |
| 11-Dec | 12 | PLUS Vets H/cap Cup Qualifying Round | | | | | | | 14 |
| 18-Dec | | CHRISTMAS BREAK | | | | | | | 15 |
| 25-Dec | | CHRISTMAS BREAK | | | | | | | 16 |
| 01-Jan | 13 | 1 V 2 | 9 V 7 | 10 V 6 | 11 V 5 | 12 V 4 | 13 V 3 | 14 V 8 | 17 |
| 08-Jan | | Vets.H/cap Cup Rnd. 1 - plus outstanding matches | | | | | | | 18 |
| 15-Jan | 14 | 14 v 1 | 13 v 2 | 12 v 3 | 11 v 4 | 10 v 5 | 9 v 6 | 8 v 7 | 19 |
| 22-Jan | 15 | 6 v 8 | 5 v 9 | 4 v 10 | 3 v 11 | 2 v 12 | 1 v 13 | 7 v 14 | 20 |
| 29-Jan | 16 | 12 v 1 | 11 v 2 | 10 v 3 | 9 v 4 | 8 v 5 | 7 v 6 | 13 v 14 | 21 |
| 05-Feb | 17 | 14 v 6 | 5 v 7 | 4 v 8 | 3 v 9 | 2 v 10 | 1 v 11 | 13 v 12 | 22 |
| 12-Feb | | Vets. H/cap Cup Rnd. 2 - plus outstanding matches | | | | | | | 23 |
| 19-Feb | 18 | 10 v 1 | 9 v 2 | 8 v 3 | 7 v 4 | 6 v 5 | 11 v 13 | 12 v 14 | 24 |
| 26-Feb | | Div. Cup Semi Finals - plus outstanding matches | | | | | | | 25 |
| 05-Mar | 19 | 14 v 5 | 4 v 6 | 3 v 7 | 2 v 8 | 1 v 9 | 13 v 10 | 12 v 11 | 26 |
| 12-Mar | 20 | 8 v 1 | 7 v 2 | 6 v 3 | 5 v 4 | 10 v 12 | 9 v 13 | 11 v 14 | 27 |
| 19-Mar | 21 | 14 v 4 | 3 v 5 | 2 v 6 | 1 v 7 | 13 v 8 | 12 v 9 | 11 v 10 | 28 |
| 19-Mar | 21 | PLUS Vets H/cap 3rd Round | | | | | | | 28 |
| 26-Mar | 22 | 6 v 1 | 5 v 2 | 4 v 3 | 9 v 11 | 8 v 12 | 7 v 13 | 10 v 14 | 29 |
| 02-Apr | 23 | 14 v 3 | 2 v 4 | 1 v 5 | 13 v 6 | 12 v 7 | 11 v 8 | 10 v 9 | 30 |
| 09-Apr | 24 | 4 v 1 | 3 v 2 | 8 v 10 | 7 v 11 | 6 v 12 | 5 v 13 | 9 v 14 | 31 |
| 09-Apr | 24 | PLUS Vets H/cap Semi Finals | | | | | | | 31 |
| 16-Apr | 25 | 14 v 2 | 1 v 3 | 13 v 4 | 12 v 5 | 11 v 6 | 10 v 7 | 9 v 8 | 32 |
| 23-Apr | | Div. Cup Finals - plus outstanding matches | | | | | | | 33 |
| 30-Apr | 26 | 2 v 1 | 7 v 9 | 6 v 10 | 5 v 11 | 4 v 12 | 3 v 13 | 8 v 14 | 34 |
| 07-May | | Vets. H/cap Cp Final | | | | | | | 35 |
| 14-May | | Final Date to play outstanding matches shall be Friday 18th May 2018 | | | | | | | 36 |

Match week 22 includes Good Friday Match week 23 includes Easter Monday