

ANNUAL REPORT

2014/15



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Incorporating season review 2014/15





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Sandra Deaton

In last year's Annual Report, I wrote about the changes we were putting in place and the challenges which lay ahead to implement them.

The past year has seen many of those necessary reforms come about. For some, these changes have been difficult, but I do believe they were essential if we were to build for the future.

We had to take a long hard look at what we did and the way we did it. Since our team came into office two years ago, everything we have done has been geared at returning table tennis to a position where we could plan ahead with confidence.

We have now arrived there.

Earlier this year, we were delighted to learn that our main financial supporters, Sport England, decided that table tennis was 'back on track', removed us from the 'special measures' and returned us to secure funding to the end of this cycle.

This means that we can prepare for the future with confidence. Everyone has played a part in that journey and I am deeply grateful to my Board colleagues, our senior management team and the staff at Table Tennis England, and our valued volunteers in their many roles who have helped, advised and supported us throughout this past year.

This is a success we have all worked for and one which we can share and take pride in.

However, we have not just been putting our house in order, we have been planning for the future. I believe we stand at the beginning of an exciting and innovative time for our sport.

We are one of the few sports which is able to deliver at many levels for many people and we must capitalise on that opportunity.

At a social level, we are witnessing a boom in creative opportunities for the wider population to join in . . . including the increasingly popular table tennis bars and social clubs; outdoor Ping! venues and tables in parks and public places; a recognition of the health and well-being table tennis can bring to all ages; and seeing table tennis return to the workplace and community groups.

We are putting clubs and leagues – and their players – at the heart of what we do. It is our members at this level who are the backbone of the sport. We want to work with you to deliver sport at a competitive level to

all ages and all standards. We are aiming to improve and increase facilities to make table tennis more accessible to more people.

Our elite athletes are making massive strides in the international arena, not just our current top players, but the potential in our younger players which gives us much hope for the future.

Later in this report, you will see what we have delivered this year and what we have planned for the future. We are just finalising our 10-year strategy and everything we do will be driven by those clear and stated aims revolving around Participation, Places, People and Performance.

We will set out our specific plans and projects - and clearly defined benchmarks and targets to judge our delivery and success.



**"I was honoured to present the St Brides Vase to Ma Long, men's singles champion at the Worlds"
– Sandra Deaton**

Two years ago, table tennis faced an uncertain future with a huge task of 'root and branch' reform ahead.

A year ago, we felt we had made progress but recognised that we had more to do if we were to restore confidence in our ability to deliver.

Today, I feel we are in a stronger position to develop table tennis as **a sport for all, for life** than we have been for some time.

That would not have happened without the co-operation and support of a large number of people. I am truly grateful for that.

I believe we are now on the brink of new and exciting opportunities for table tennis – and I hope we can continue to go forward together to achieve them.

Chief Executive's Statement

“Our team’s performance in Glasgow was a highlight of the year, but first and foremost we remain a membership organisation”



Sara Sutcliffe

A year ago as I wrote this report I reflected on the difficult 12 months we had just experienced and pondered the next 12 months ahead.

It has been a busy time and for that I want to pay tribute to all of the staff of Table Tennis England, many of whom are new to their posts, the army of volunteers who keep the heartbeat of the sport going and the numerous other people who are involved, from parents to coaches to officials and not least the players and participants themselves.

It would be remiss of me not to highlight the fantastic performances of our team at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games as well as a number of outstanding individual performances over the year.

Central to the last year has been the embedding of the new governance structure including the newly appointed Board, which met bi-monthly. National Council continues to meet quarterly and the discussion topics where the views of National Council are sought have been very valuable in helping to shape both the longer-term future strategy and the shorter-term operational plans.

The Board has worked hard to build the strategy and to provide plentiful advice as well as consistent and rigorous check and challenge to the Senior Management Team.

My thanks goes to all of them for their time, commitment and support.

A vital objective of the last 12 months was to secure Sport England’s support through the reinstatement of funding for the rest of this four-year cycle to March 2017. That was achieved in January 2015 and has given us stability for the next two years. We are still required to hit targets including participation and talent development and report quarterly to Sport England.

There has been obvious uncertainty due to the General Election about the role and funding available to sport going forward. Without doubt, sport has fallen from the political agenda after the highs experienced in the lead up to London 2012. That is very frustrating and worrying for all National Governing Bodies.

The push is for sport to be part of the health and well-being agenda, hence the public funding targets being focused on participation, as opposed to sport for sport’s sake. The challenge for Governing Bodies is how to balance that agenda with promoting, developing and supporting the core elements of a sport from clubs to coaches to facilities to ensure a sustainable model for sports participation.

The clear message from Sport England now

is that sport needs to be prepared to fund the latter part itself and that public funding will very much be directed towards getting the nation active. We need to be prepared to adapt to the market in that regard.

To counteract that, Table Tennis England is one of 41 NGBs involved in the CEO Forum which is bringing together a wide variety of sports to promote the role and value of Governing Bodies in the sporting landscape, focused on participation, performance, volunteering, major events and international influence, and the economic benefits of each.

First and foremost, we remain a membership organisation though. We are striving to embed a more customer-focused way of working. Whilst I accept that doesn’t mean we will always keep everyone satisfied, we aim to listen, respond and address concerns wherever we can.

As we launch the 10-year plan for Table Tennis England, I hope that you will get a sense of where we are aiming for, and we are aiming high. Although at the heart of it sits our strapline, our belief and that is that table tennis is *a sport for all, for life* – which is what differentiates us from many other sports.

Thank you for the last year and I am looking forward to the next.

Notable achievements

- Team England won five medals at the Commonwealth Games – men’s team silver (Andrew Baggaley, Paul Drinkhall, Liam Pitchford, Danny Reed, Sam Walker) ; men’s singles bronze (Liam Pitchford); mixed doubles gold (Paul & Joanna Drinkhall); mixed doubles silver (Liam Pitchford & Tin-Tin Ho); mixed doubles bronze (Danny Reed & Kelly Sibley).
- Paul Drinkhall beat two top-10 ranked players to reach the final of the Russian Open. He also qualified for the ITTF Grand Finals.
- At the inaugural European Games in Baku, Paul Drinkhall finished fourth and Liam Pitchford reached the quarter-finals.
- Paul Drinkhall competed at the Europe Top 16 event, with Liam Pitchford as first reserve.
- Helshan Weerasinghe won the Junior Boys’ Singles title at the Funchal Junior & Cadet Open in Madeira; at the Croatia Junior & Cadet Open two weeks later, he won Junior Boys’ Doubles gold and singles silver.
- Jamie Liu won the Under-11 Boys’ Singles title at the Hungarian Mini Cadet Open.
- Maria Tsaptsinos & Tin-Tin Ho won silver in the Girls’ Doubles at the Czech Junior Open.
- Andrew Baggaley won the World Championship of Ping Pong title at Alexandra Palace, shown live on Sky Sports.
- Stuart Sherlock was Tournament Referee at the Commonwealth Games and was also appointed Tournament Referee for the 2016 Olympics in Rio.
- Alex Mercer won the Young Official of the Year Award in the Sports Officials UK annual awards; he previously officiated at the Youth Olympics in China.

• Tin-Tin Ho (pictured right) was named Young Sports Person of the Year at the inaugural Lycamobile British Ethnic Diversity Sports Awards; she also won the Breakthrough Award at the Balfour Beatty London Youth Games Hall of Fame & Annual Awards.

• Table Tennis England director Mike Smith and young players Simon Price and Johnny Pemberton were Queen’s Baton bearers in the run-up to the Commonwealth Games.



- The England squad of Karina Le Fevre, Emma Vickers, Chris Doran and David McBeath completed a clean sweep of the medals at the Senior 6 Nations, with Vickers and Doran taking the singles titles.
- England won a series of medals at the Junior 6 Nations: Gold – Kate Cheer, Cadet Boys’ team, Cadet Girls’ team; Silver – Charlotte Bardsley,



Paul Drinkhall in action at the European Games (Picture by Paul Sanwell/OP Photographic)

James Smith, Junior Girls’ team; Bronze - Alex Ramsden, Shayan Siraj.

- Liam Pitchford helped his TTF Liebherr Ochsenhausen team to the final of the ETTU Cup
- Sam Walker (pictured below) won the Heritage Oil Open, with highlights shown by BT Sport.
- Alan Ransome OBE was re-elected Chairman of the Commonwealth Games Table Tennis Federation.
- Paul Drinkhall and Liam Pitchford both reached personal highs in the ITTF world rankings.
- Evie Collier was selected to represent Great Britain at the World University Games.
- Joe Clark and Alex Ramsden bagged silver in the team competition at the Austria Sparkasse Youth Championships.
- Helshan Weerasinghe and Tom Jarvis won Junior Boys’ Doubles bronze at the Italian Cadet & Junior Open.
- Tin-Tin Ho and Tom Jarvis both qualified to play at the Europe Youth Top 10 event.
- Will Bayley won gold in the men’s class 7 event at the 2014 ITT Para Table Tennis World Championships, where Sue Gilroy MBE took silver in the singles; Bayley became the first Paralympian to be inducted into the Hall of Champions at the English Institute of Sport and also won the Disability Sport award at the inaugural Daily Mirror and Sport England Pride of Sport Awards.



The following have represented England

Senior

Andrew Baggaley
Chris Doran
Joanna Drinkhall
Paul Drinkhall
Hannah Hicks
Tin-Tin Ho
Darius Knight
Karina Le Fevre
David McBeath
Liam Pitchford
Danny Reed
Kelly Sibley
Emma Vickers
Sam Walker

Junior

Kate Cheer
Harry Dai
Adam Harrison
Danny Lawrence
Sam Mabey
Denise Payet
Alex Ramsden
Helshan Weerasinghe

Cadet

Charlotte Bardsley
Joe Clark
Tom Jarvis
Isabelle Joubely
Luke Savill
Shayan Siraj
James Smith

The following have competed at ITTF tournaments

Senior

Andrew Baggaley
Paul Drinkhall
Sam Mabey
David McBeath
Liam Pitchford
Sam Walker

Junior

Gabriel Achampong
Emily Bolton
Marcus Giles
Tin-Tin Ho
Tom Jarvis
Omar Khassal
Danny Lawrence
Sam Mabey
Lois Peake
Luke Savill
Maria Tsaptsinos
Helshan Weerasinghe

Cadet

Reece Chamdal
Kate Cheer
Joe Clark
Harry Dai
Bhavika Mistry
Denise Payet
Alex Ramsden
Shayan Siraj
James Smith

Operations

It has been an exciting year of change and moving forward in the Operations team whilst importantly preserving and embracing what has gone previously.

I would therefore like to start by thanking all the committees and individual advisers who form part of the Support and Advisory Network who have provided support and guidance throughout the year, a number of whom who have provided reports below. I would also like to thank Mike Smith for his invaluable support and never-ending patience.

There have been some exciting challenges and work which has meant working with National Councillors and volunteers on such areas as the National Council Working Group and the Voting Review Group. The impact of this work will continue to be felt as their work progresses.

The year started at the last AGM with the appointment of new auditors, haysmacintyre, whose industry insight has proved to be invaluable. Over the year we have negotiated a number of new contracts, for example, with ICT providers, photocopier providers and stationery providers, the results of which savings have been made and valuable funds reinvested into the delivery end of the sport.

In 2015 there is more emphasis on sports to include safeguarding and our plans were reviewed by the Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) to ensure that they are completely inclusive in terms of vulnerable children and adults.

As a result of the review table tennis has been rated as green which means that:

The organisation has implemented the majority of actions in line with the current safeguarding plan.

A self-assessment has been completed to inform the development of a robust implementation plan for the following year.

The organisation is effectively engaged with CPSU.

No significant areas of concern have been identified.

In 2015–16 we are looking to move table tennis through from the preliminary level to the Intermediate level of the Equality in Sport standards.

This was the first full year of the new governance structure following the revised Articles passed at the EGM in April 2014. Thanks are due to all concerned as new approaches evolve.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Company for 2014 was held on July 12, 2014 at Milton Keynes, with 79 Company Members present or represented by proxies, as well as 40 others. The only proposition was to increase affiliation fees which was passed; the Annual Report was approved.

Board

The Board met five times during the year. All members attended meetings as follows
Elected Directors: Sandra Deaton (Chairman) – 5, Susie Hughes (Deputy Chairman) – 5, Keith Thomas (Treasurer) – 5; Appointed Directors: Simon Griew – 5, Phil Huggon – 5, Andrew Nixon – 4, Tom Purcell – 4, Kelly Skeggs – 2, Mike Smith – 4, Sara Sutcliffe – 5, Anna-Lisa Tazartes – 5 and Colin Wilson – 5. Doreen Stannard (President) also attended, as did Senior Management Team and, as needed, other staff as well as external guests including Jilly Holroyd from Sport England and David Portas.

In its roles as policy maker and monitoring the executive activities, discussion topics covered included the 10-year Strategy, presentation to Sport England for review meeting in December, ITTF and BTF matters, plastic balls, British League plans, Development Strategy and Competition Review; reports from Senior Management Team were received and discussed at each meeting along with the Milestones report on the overall Operational Plan.

Board established three Standing groups – Finance, Operations and Risk chaired by Keith Thomas, Honours chaired by Sandra Deaton and Network chaired by Mike Smith. It also created Review Groups for the following themes – Commercial (led by Keith Thomas), Competitions (led by Sandra Deaton), Major Events (led by Sandra Deaton), Voting (led by Tom Purcell) and Website (led by Susie Hughes) as well as Strategy (led by Sara Sutcliffe).

These groups usually included a mix of Board members, volunteers with relevant experience, senior staff and in some cases external advisers.

The work by the Strategy Group was of major importance, working with Senior Management to create a 10-year plan for submission to Sport England; it was discussed at length at Board and at National Council, with considerable insight provided by both.

National Council

National Council met four times during the year in its new advisory and communications remit. It operated under procedures created by a National Council Working Group and approved by National Council. It was chaired by Karen Tonge MBE and Estyn Williams during the year. Reports were made by the Company Chairman and Treasurer, Chief Executive and Senior Management; National Councillors, Board members and other invited colleagues then discussed matters arising from them.

Major discussion topics in presentations and groups included sharing good practice, Development insights, Club development – facilities, coaching and partnerships and junior development especially in schools.

Support and Advisory Network

The previous committee system was transformed into the Support and Advisory Network set up in July 2014. A total of 13 Committees continued to deliver national activities led by volunteers, e.g. County Championships, Rules, while 19 Individual Advisers supported senior staff in their work remits e.g. Coaching, Development.

During the year, a further three Focus Groups were organised covering Development and Membership issues. In all, more than 100 volunteers apart from Board members were involved nationally in the Network.

Nine Regional Committees with revised terms of reference concentrating on organising coaching and competitions while supporting development were operating with the Regional Chairmen meeting in a Regional Forum.

Chief Executive and Senior Management Team

Sara Sutcliffe (Chief Executive) with her Senior Managers, Jonathan Bruck



The Friday Photos feature on our website has been a great success and provided a lot of archive information



(Operations), Gerry Cronin (Marketing and Communications), Simon Mills (Coaching and Performance) and Emily St John (Development) led the professional staff, taking immediate responsibility for the executive functions of the Company, working to implement policy decisions by Board.

Trade Committee

The Trade Committee has met on two occasions this season to discuss equipment tenders for a number of widely different events. They have also made decisions via emails in order to meet the necessity for quick decisions in some cases.

The purpose of the committee is to ensure that the best equipment is available to the association at the most equitable cost.

Rules Committee

Time constraints in 2013/14 meant that, in order to have a complete set of regulations in force by the start of the following Membership Year, only minimal changes were made to some of the former Appendices whilst ensuring their compatibility with the revised Articles.

This year a more thorough review has been possible and most of the regulations have now been properly revised, where appropriate in collaboration with the committees responsible for administering them. The general approach has been to word regulations as simply as possible, consistent with avoiding possible misunderstandings and wrong interpretations.

Disciplinary Committee

There has been one disciplinary case this year concerning relatively minor misconduct

at a competition. The case was found proved and the respondent was censured and required to give a written undertaking as to his future conduct.

The respondent did not ask for a personal hearing so the case could be dealt with by correspondence. This reduced the costs so the Committee did not require him to make a payment towards them.

One further case is pending at the time of writing.

Archives, Museums & Records Committee

The past year has been a very active one for members of the committee who have all been involved in different aspects of archive work. A visit to Liverpool University at the start of the year saw three very useful days cataloguing and sorting items held in the university's secure storage. Results have been compiled and particular thanks go to Ken Eliot for creating a complete record of Junior British League winners and runners-up.

The weekly 'Friday's Photos' feature on the website has proved an outstanding success and there have been a huge number of responses and many emails expressing appreciation of the articles.

A variety of other work has been carried out from compiling records, scanning photographs and documents and answering the many queries received from various sources.

Board of Appeal

We have had a very busy time. First with an appeal against a County Association. There is normally no right of appeal against a decision of an appeal by a County and it was necessary for a Panel to consider

as a preliminary matter whether we had jurisdiction and whether the appeal could proceed. After the Panel decided that the appeal could proceed, the Appellant failed to submit the required documents and the appeal was regarded as abandoned under the Regulations.

Then we had a very troublesome matter to deal with involving a dispute between a Club and a Local League and the County Association. The Club had appealed to the County against a decision of the league, as they were entitled, but the County sat on the fence and failed to decide whether the appeal was allowed or dismissed. For some reason the Club thought that Table Tennis England would automatically take over but there is no provision for that at all.

Eventually the Club appealed against the League, but here is no right of appeal to the Board of Appeal against a decision of a League, so we did not have jurisdiction and the appeal could not be heard.

One of our members who was appointed in October 2003 resigned in August 2014 due to 'little time these days'.

Another member, a solicitor, who returned to the Board of Appeal in October 2004, after his earlier resignation, and was a Panel Chairman since 2010, retired in 2015 due to ill health.

We were fortunate in that a long-serving member and Panel Chairman, who had to resign on becoming a National Councillor, was able to return, as the bar on National Councillors being appointed was removed. He was straightaway appointed to his old positions, as a Panel Chairman and a member of the Regulations Panel.

JONATHAN BRUCK (additional reports by Stan Clarke, Colin Clemett, John Freeman, Diane Webb, Estyn Williams)

Marketing & Communications



The busy media desk at the Senior National Championships, with Joanna Drinkhall commentating on the live stream.

Below: Denise Payet had a turn in front of the cameras for BBC Newsround at the U11-U14 Nationals

New Recreational brand

Working with the Development department, The Loop brand has been created to engage recreational players who play informally and for fun. Research has shown that there is a lot of potential growth in this area, and the Development team will give details in their section.



Chair's newsletter

Our primary method of communicating directly with members. Ten were sent out this year and improvements have been well received.

Website

The information on the current website is constantly being improved and updated, and sections have received a "facelift" to make them easier to navigate.

The most viewed pages are Home, Rankings, News and then Competitions. In the first three months of 2015, there were more than 200,000 web sessions, nearly 600,000 pages viewed, and more than 65,000 unique users.

Press and PR

In press and the media, the highlights of this year are:

- Commonwealth Games press articles in, among others, The Times, Sunday Times, Sunday Telegraph, The Sun, Sunday People, Daily Star, The i, Radio Times.
- Mixed doubles gold medal match shown live on BBC; medallists



Tin-Tin Ho was featured in the FT Weekend Magazine



appeared on live BBC chat show on evening of event.

- ITV and BBC attended pre-Commonwealth Games media day.
- Tin-Tin Ho featured on BBC's The One Show and on TransWorld Sport.
- Financial Times feature on Tin-Tin Ho.
- Denise Payet presented BBC Newsround segment filmed at U11-U14 Nationals.
- Widespread local media coverage of events and projects.
- Successful social media campaign resulted in Joanna Drinkhall being voted as one of 12 leading sportswomen featured on #WomenInSport Calendar 2015.
- BBC website - regular coverage of our players at international events; plus Senior National Championships.

Social media

This area continues to develop and improve as we engage with more and more people via social media channels.

As of March 31, 2015, we had 7,728 followers on Twitter; 8,266 Facebook likes; and more than 280,000 minutes were watched on YouTube in the first three months of the year.

We will continue to engage on these platforms, but will evaluate other platforms such as LinkedIn (for B2B coverage).

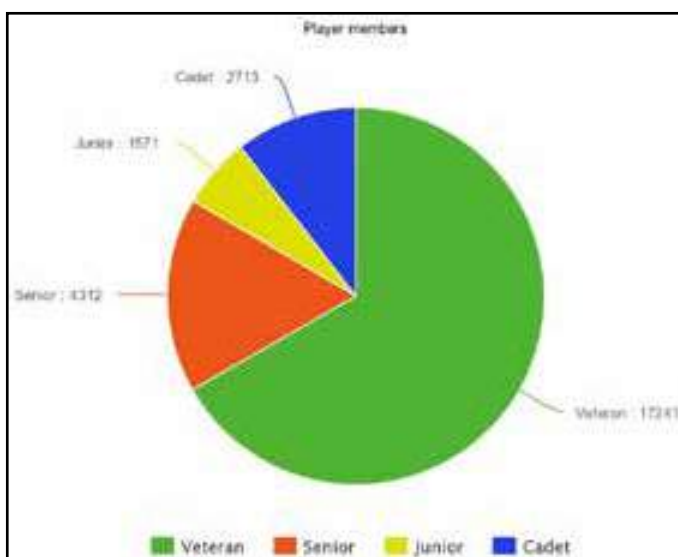
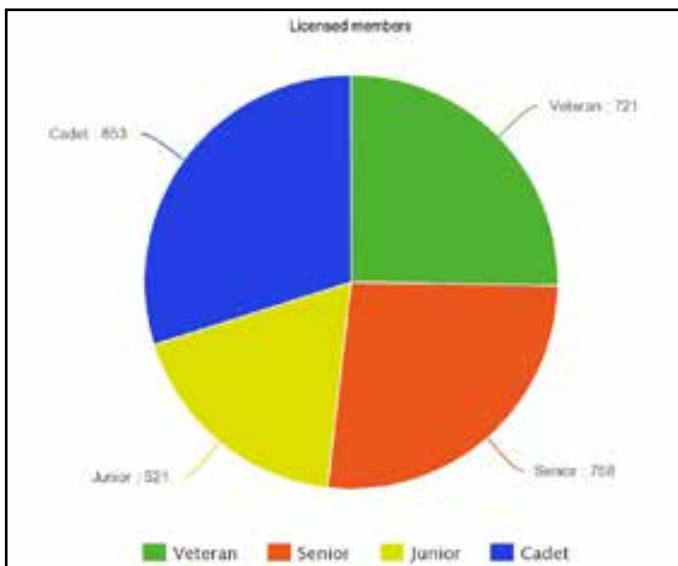
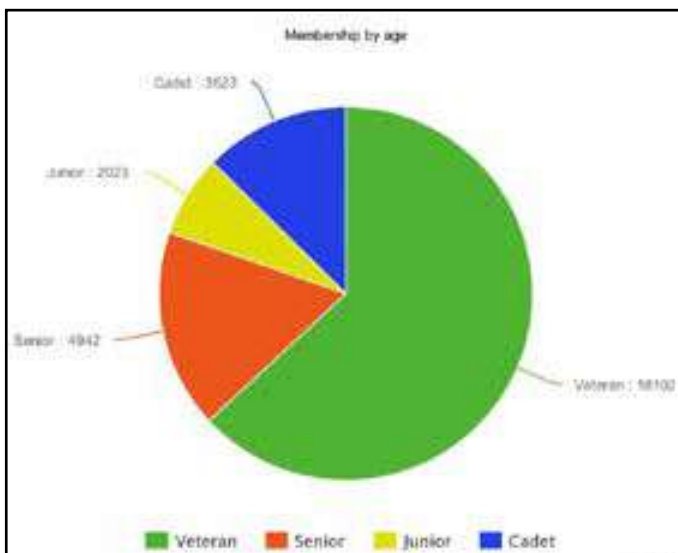
Other platforms such as Instagram and Tumblr are engaging a younger demographic, and interest is growing in video clips instead of text messages.

Coverage at events – live streaming, social, press

Our major events are live streamed, producing content for our YouTube channel. The Communications team attend events to ensure that Twitter and Facebook posts are made in real-time.

GERRY CRONIN

Membership & Ranking



Statistics correct as of March 31, 2015

Membership

It was another busy season for renewals, with a total of 9,555 renewing their membership in August, which is over 1,000 more than the same time last year.

A total of 28,690 became playing members this season.

A total of 13,148 joined online - 2% up on last year at 45%.

We aim to increase that to 70% by 2017/2018.

The number renewing direct through Table Tennis England Head Office was 7,483 (26%, 1% less than last year) and via an agent was 8,240 (29%, 1% less than last year) showing the move towards online renewals.

Membership facts:

- Broad geographic spread of members with hotspots in Lancashire (8%) and the South East (27%)
- 50% of Licenced players are under 18.
- 40% of all members are over 55.
- Number of Licenced players increased this season to 2,853.

Membership by age

Veteran: 18,102 (63%)

Senior: 4,942 (17%)

Junior: 2,023 (7%)

Cadet: 3,623 (13%)

TOTAL: 28,690

Gender split: Male 89%, Female 11%

Membership by type

We currently have 2,853 Licenced members, of whom 721 are Veteran, 758 Senior, 521 Junior and 853 Cadet.

Player membership amounts to 25,837, of which 17,241 are Veteran, 4,312 Senior, 1,571 Junior and 2,713 Cadet.

We have 1,669 Associate members, of whom 1,094 are Veteran, 151 Senior, 57 Junior and 367 Cadet.

There are 2,765 Honorary members (2,434 Veteran, 297 Senior, 24 Junior and 10 Cadet).

There are 17 Lifetime members.

Adding all these figures, our grand total of members is 33,141.

Ranking

The introduction of the new ranking system at the beginning of the season brought with it lots of improvements. Not only is it quicker to enter results, the process is much more efficient.

The innovation that members are now able to view their own audit trail of results from tournaments and the points they have achieved, has met with universal approval and reduced the number of queries for the Ranking team.

Since the beginning of the season 58,786 results have been input, which is an average of nearly 6,000 results per month.

A few upgrades will be added to the system before next season, but overall the comments have shown that members have appreciated the changes and value the hard work carried out by both Table Tennis England staff, Malcolm MacFarlane (Individual Advisor on Rankings) and TT365.

Dates for the publication of Rankings are shown on the website.

JUSTINE CAMPBELL

Development



House of fun: Table tennis in the shadow of Big Ben, with MPs Mark Lancaster and Stuart Andrew in action (inset top) and Keith Vaz taking on Darius Knight (inset bottom)

Insight

At Table Tennis England, our decision-making is led by research and insight to maximise the experiences of our existing players and participants, create more opportunities for people to play and to encourage those who do not currently play table tennis to get involved.

In the last 12 months we have collected more than 5,300 survey responses to help us understand:

- Social and recreational players through Ping!
 - Competitive players through Table Tennis England members.
 - The perceptions of table tennis as a physical activity.
 - The impact of Ping! on participation.
- Through understanding the market we have been able to develop a variety of offers that will subsequently increase participation and make table tennis part of peoples' lives. While we are making positive inroads towards understanding what really makes people tick, there is always plenty more insight to be gained. Our current live and soon-to-launch pieces of research focus on the following:
- Membership: annual satisfaction survey.
 - Children and Young People.
 - Higher and further education sectors.
 - Workforce (coaches, officials, volunteers).
 - Disability.
 - Home participants (for those that have table tennis facilities at home).

Ping!

In 2014, working with Sing London, the summer of Ping! was launched on the first ever National Table Tennis Day on July 16, in the Houses of Parliament. Over the summer an estimated 347,000 people played across the 15 Ping! towns and cities.

In 2015 a record 19 locations are hosting the Ping! festival, including ping pong in the streets of Brighton, Liverpool, London, Milton Keynes and Nottingham. Joining the Ping! experience for the first time this summer are Chelmsford, Croydon, Plymouth and Tower Hamlets. Locations from The Watering Hole bar on Perranporth Beach, Britain's longest outdoor swimming pool in Cambridge, the National Trust gardens at Trelissick to Game City in Nottingham and many more!

As well as free play, each ping pong table feature 'Random Acts of Ping Pong', a varied programme of master classes, competitions and free to join activities. The 1,000+ tables will remain long after the Ping! festival is over; installed in parks and estates on a permanent basis or donated to organisations for the benefit of the community.

Ping! 2015 launched nationally on Saturday June 13, in the new Ping! city of Plymouth. The amazing launch event took place on the

Inside a Priority Zone - Plymouth



Chris Brown,
South West Area
Development
Lead

Plymouth was an obvious choice as a Priority Zone it already had an established steering group, the Plymouth Table Tennis Partnership, which included clubs, leagues, schools, Active Devon and the local authority. It had been running for about 18 months.

Plymouth had also been awarded the Talent Development Centre status, so we had a strong infrastructure. The Priority Zone allowed us to build on that, working with all those partners in short, medium and long-term initiatives to get more people playing regularly.

We have so much going on. In education, new projects have been set up at 10 schools, three of them through Plymouth Argyle FC – table tennis is becoming a key part of their community programme. Both universities – Plymouth and St Mark & St John – are also involved. We're running a lot of primary school taster sessions. We're working with the NHS as well. Glenbourne Occupational Therapy have a table in a ward which specialises in low-intensity rehabilitation and they've got about 50 people a week using that table. It's a really good activity which



Plymouth Guilds Active for Life programme

helps motor skills and getting people moving. They liked it so much they bought the table from us, so this is a great example of sustained participation arising out of an initial introduction.

The Plymouth Guild charity had a six-week taster block for adults with learning disabilities and the feedback was really good – a lot of participants wanted to do it again. So we accessed Sportivate funding from Active Devon and we have two more blocks coming up.

We're in workplaces as well, with a number taking IPP packs. There is a table in the foyer of Plymouth City Council and that's been extremely successful, with 150-200 different people using it every week.

We seem to have a really big demand for 55+ sessions from community groups so we've worked closely with the Plymouth Life Centre, which was built with Sport England Inspired Facilities money, to put on weekly sessions on Saturday mornings and Monday evenings, plus there are a couple of sessions independent of that in local community venues.

All of these initiatives are targeted at specific age groups, ranging from under-11 to over-55, and they all have specific, measurable outcomes – we have targets, which we constantly monitor, for the number of people attending sessions. But the most important thing about the targets is that they are about sustained participation. We don't want someone to have a few taster sessions and then drift away, we want them to stay in the sport and to enjoy it for years to come.

To help achieve that, we are setting up satellite clubs, helping existing clubs to apply for facility development grants and to produce promotional leaflets. We're training more activators and coaches and we're planning to establish a Ping Pong Parlour for those who wish to continue playing socially rather than in a traditional club. We're making sure our places and our people are there to support our players.

All this means a Priority Zone will achieve permanent results and not just a short-term lift in participation.

Armada Way Piazza, right in the heart of the city centre.

Adult Offers

Loop, the new adult social brand, launched at the end of April with its first programme Loop at Work now being promoted nationally. We have managed to secure 'best price' deals with three trade suppliers and, thanks to the Capital Award from Sport England, can offer Loop at Work Packages to businesses that include a quality indoor table, bats, balls, tournament posters, trophies, Ping Pong Pioneer support and much more, starting from as little as £160. Visit www.keeppintheLOOP.co.uk for more information.

Loop is the result of last summer's research findings that showed there are up to 11 different types of table tennis 'customers', all wanting different things from the sport. At least three of these groups expressed the desire for flexible and sociable Table

Tennis opportunities and Loop responds to this, bringing table tennis into workplaces, universities, colleges, sports clubhouses, bars and cafés. The Loop branding has been developed to be able to reach and talk to a more social market and will be promoted heavily this summer as part of Ping! 2015 as Loop offers potential 'play on' opportunities for Ping! participants. The next programmes to launch are Loop in the Clubhouse and Loop on Campus, so watch this space!

Clubs & Disability Clubs

This year a review of clubs has been undertaken to identify the types of table tennis clubs, the support they need and how our programmes should be improved to best support them. This review is informing our plans for 2015/16. During the season the following has taken place:

- 52 telephone interviews with clubs to



WheelPower Junior National Games

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Development

understand more about the club network and to review the PremierClub programme

- Two club focus groups with staff, key volunteers and board members.
- 173 PremierClubs affiliated for the 2014/2015 season.
- Two new Ability Clubs both have received disability awareness training.

Satellite Clubs

Sport England funded us to set up and deliver satellite projects linking clubs to other venues to help bridge the gap between people going from school sport to developing a sporting habit for life.

- To date, a minimum of 3,364 young people have taken part in a satellite as part of the programme, with 1,034 of those being in 2014/2015.
- At present 129 satellites have been funded and are still active (92 kick-started through Year 1 funding and 37 utilising Year 2 funding - 14/15).
- There are seven projects with a disability focus.
- There are three female-only satellites.

Premier League 4 Sport (PL4S)

Working in partnership with the Premier League and Sport England to help support the delivery of table tennis within the football clubs' community sport programmes.

- One of the most popular sports in the PL4S programme. Last year had the most number of satellites set up across all sports.
- In 14/15 so far (delivery year from September to September) there have been 131 satellites set up with 28 football clubs. They have already engaged 4,588 young people.
- Several clubs have run competitions, including one held at BATTs run by Chelsea FC and one run by Sheffield Wednesday.

Disability

A variety of disability pilots and activity has been supported:

- Disability focus group in November to discuss future planning for disability table tennis.
- Supported events run by WheelPower and Limbpower such as the WheelPower Inter Spinal Unit Games, National Junior Games and the Primary School Games.
- Launched pilot with Age UK to create opportunity for older disabled people to take part in physical activity.
- Launched pilot with WheelPower focusing on four spinal injury centres in Stanmore, Salisbury, Sheffield & Pinderfields.
- Launched Ability Club Support Scheme to help Ability Clubs set up new sessions to target more people with disabilities and get them playing table tennis in clubs. They can



Age UK project for older disabled people

"I have met a group of friendly people who believe in the value of exercise as important in our advancing years. After each session, I return home enjoyably tired but refreshed mentally." – Participant

apply for grants from £300 up to £1,000 to achieve this.

Sainsbury's School Games

Eighty-five athletes from England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales joined 1,600 more from 11 other sports to compete in the 2014 Sainsbury's School Games, held in Manchester from September 4-7, 2014. The winners of the Boys' Team event were England Midlands, with England South East again winning the Girls' Team event. Wales won the disability event, which had 21 athletes competing. Table tennis has been invited to take part in the Games for a 10th consecutive year for 2015, to be held again in Manchester.

Young Official Award & Table Tennis Networker Award

Both courses continue to be in high demand from schools and colleges:

- Table Tennis England Young Officials Award: Four-hour course is the first step on to the umpiring and competition organising ladder for young people (676 candidates, 35 courses).
- Table Tennis England TT Networker Award: Six-hour course is the first step on the coaching, officiating or administration ladder for young people (330 candidates, 20 courses).

English Schools Table Tennis Association Liaison

Table Tennis England and ESTTA continue to work closely together in areas such as: School Games (levels 1 to 4) and the Jack Petchey Foundation London Schools Table Tennis Programme.

Participation within schools continues to increase, with partner support from the Youth Sport Trust (YST) to help promote our products such as the Butterfly School League programme and Outdoor Table Initiative, which were promoted at the YST School Sport Conference in Telford.

Jack Petchey Foundation (JPF) – London Schools Table Tennis programme

- The London Schools Table Tennis Programme has been supported by the Jack Petchey Foundation for a fifth year with a grant of £156,048.
- More than 1,600 young people took part in the London Schools Table Tennis Team and Individual competitions as the programme engages new schools in table tennis throughout London.
- By the summer of 2015, a milestone will be reached when the number of tables donated to schools in London reaches over 1,000. The table donation scheme has undoubtedly made a massive impact on table tennis participation throughout London.
- The programme has expanded to include youth clubs and schools in Essex, which are now eligible for the table donation scheme and associated benefits including teacher and young leader training.

We are incredibly grateful to our major funder Sport England and a huge thank you to all our partners, clubs and volunteers supporting our development work, particular thanks to BTTAD, ESTTA, Jack Petchey Foundation, Ping! City Partners, Pongathon, Premier League for Sport, Sing London, Street Games, Youth Sport Trust.

EMILY ST JOHN

Coach Licence

This year has seen the introduction of a new mandatory requirement for licensed coaches to complete in order for their Table Tennis England Coach Licence to be valid.

Currently about 380 coaches have renewed, or started, their licence since August 2014, representing approximately 75% of the number from 2013/2014.

It appears that this additional requirement has had a negative impact on the number of coaches licensed by Table Tennis England, although in practice it is unlikely to have affected the number of coaches actually working or supporting players.

Why CPD?

Continuing professional development is a requirement of the majority of modern-day professions and coaching is no exception.

Table tennis should not be left behind, it too needs professional coaches who are committed to their ongoing development.

The good news is that most table tennis coaches are interested in learning and being able to better support their players, whatever level they are working at, and Table Tennis England are exploring additional opportunities to make completing CPD as accessible as possible and increase the number of Licensed coaches.

Why Licence?

Many sports choose not to run a coach licence scheme, Table Tennis England however believe that this is an important part of the role of a National Governing Body (NGB) and that doing so provides its members, the sport and the public at large with a number of coaches it deems are competent at or above a minimum standard.

Table Tennis England also believes that in licensing coaches it also has the additional responsibility of supporting this group of coaches to work in the sport and their profession.



A coaching session at St Neots TTC

The licence enables Table Tennis England to insure these coaches to provide their service either for remuneration or free of charge and to make available opportunities to develop and deploy their services. The more coaches that become licensed the more Table Tennis England can support the growth of the sport.

Table Tennis England will be providing coaches will additional benefits as part of their licence in the coming seasons, including the new coaching magazine, *The Winning Edge*, the first issue of which was released in June 2015.

Course Programme

After a short hiatus at the end of 2013-14 and the beginning of 2014/15, while the new team were inducted and the office transition to Milton Keynes completed, the Coach Education programme has restarted and has continued to build as the year progressed.

Overall, 29 Level One and six Level Two courses were run in 2014/15, with the vast majority starting after September 2014. A total of 420 candidates have started their

interesting coach education journeys in table tennis.

Road Show

Miriam Beales, the National Coaching and Workforce Manager, visited 10 clubs and other locations in Autumn 2014 as part of a programme to engage with the coaches in Table Tennis in England. This work has enabled coaches to provide their thoughts and challenges on their profession and is a part of the Coaching Team's communication and engagement strategy.

Course Content

This year has also seen Table Tennis England embark on a renewal of the Level 3 programme and this will be delivered in 2015 for the first time.

Further review of the other programmes are ongoing and these will then be aligned to the new UKCC qualification framework in the coming seasons.

Course Tutors

Thanks again goes to the tutor and assessor workforce who continue to do a great job educating and developing coaches.

Two Workforce Training Days were held in Milton Keynes.

Training programmes, new opportunities and support will be available to this vital group in 2015-16 year.

Regional Coaching

Responsibility for regional squad training now sits with the regional coaching coordinators. Table Tennis England recognises that this transition has not proven easy for every region and will be working to clarify the role regional coaching and regional squads play in the pathway.



A CPD seminar for coaches at the Table Tennis England office

SIMON MILLS

Performance

Transformation

This year has been another year of significant change in the performance programme, but one which has established the foundations for the future.

The biggest change has been the publication of a set of clear and transparent selection criteria for all international events for which Table Tennis England is responsible for entry. These have been put together with the objective of enabling players from England to return to a performance standard that is among the world's best.

Table Tennis England is embarking on a journey to be a successful performance nation and not just one that makes up the numbers. To achieve this in the modern game requires a root and branch examination of the performance pathway and identification of the fundamental components of elite performance in sport, as well as the characteristics of the player required to succeed on the world stage.

Table Tennis England is setting out to create a pathway that is aligned from top to bottom and one that is fit for the primary purpose of producing excellence in international table tennis.

The players need to learn to be:

- Self-reliant
- Self-responsible
- Self-regulating
- Self-motivating
- Self-confident

If players are to be successful, the performance pathway needs to support the development of these characteristics in the players. For example, the new selection process for international competition has been designed with a number of objectives in mind, one of which is that players (and parents) take ultimate responsibility for their competition programme, requesting that the selection panel consider them for their chosen tournaments, helping to develop self-responsibility and regulation among players.

Accountability

This process places the burden on the player and their support network, to plan their year, identify the competitions, request selection and then finally deliver a performance at those events. Table Tennis England's role in this process is to support players in its squads to plan their year and then to select players who are good enough to perform at their chosen events. It is not Table Tennis England's responsibility to fund each player's programme, other than Championship events or major international tournaments.

Targeted Investment

Table Tennis England will assist players who it deems are of the appropriate standard and are truly committed to their development as funding permits but as there is currently no external performance funding for the squads, this will be limited. The finite amount of funding will be directed where it can have the greatest impact on the overall objective of the performance programme and not spread equally across regions or athletes as it may have been in

Summary of Table Tennis England Funding allocation to Performance 2014/15 (all figures approximate):

- £80,000 total
- £20,000 European Youth Championships
- £12,000 European Championships
- £8,000 World Championships
- £33,000 World Cadet & Junior Opens
- £7,000 Elite player coach support, players' medical support, Euro Talents, other camp support.

the past. This targeted approach is a significant change from previous eras but a necessary one, partly as funds are limited but also because the very well-meaning approach to provide a significant amount of training for players has negatively impacted players' motivation levels to create sufficient additional training opportunities to match their international competitors.

Tough Selections

Selections are key to the overall objective and are a fine balance between setting clear performance standards and providing opportunities to develop. The policy of the Table Tennis England performance programme is that International Open competitions, be they age group or senior, are the place to gain international experience. Major Championships and Games are the places where players are required to perform at the standard established in the selection policy.

Table Tennis England will select athletes to these events who have demonstrated that they have the capability, principally through victories against world-ranked players in other international competition, to perform successfully. This may mean that players or teams are left out entirely if the selectors feel that they have not demonstrated this performance standard satisfactorily.

If players are not selected they have a number of choices ahead of them:

- 1) Learn, continue to develop and try again.
- 2) Keep doing the same things and hope they are selected in the future.
- 3) Stop trying to compete at this level.

If the players choose either 2 or 3, they are very unlikely to have been successful on the world stage anyway and, while it is disappointing if they choose to stop playing, it is not the role of the performance pathway to select them to teams or squads to keep them in the sport. Players who choose the first option give themselves the best possible chance to deliver and perform in the future.

Future Potential

Selections are made based on a current performance standard, not what a player might or might not do in the future. This enables players to



understand what they have to do to be selected and does not label players 'talented' or 'untalented' – it is simply a reflection of the performances that the players have delivered in the selection period.

International Comparisons

Players wishing to be selected for major Championships need international results now. Table Tennis England is aiming at a world stage, therefore performance comparisons and benchmarks will be made against players in international competition.

Role of Domestic Competition

The domestic competition programme has a number of objectives, but for the performance pathway its role is to prepare players to compete on an international stage. The competition review that started in 2014/15 has identified changes to the competition programme required to enable this to become more effective and these changes will be brought in over the next two seasons.

Player Performance Highlights

There were too many standout athlete performances in the 2014/15 year to mention all of them here, but the headline ones included:

- Five medals at the Commonwealth Games, including the first ever singles medal at a major games by an English player (Liam Pitchford, bronze).
- Paul Drinkhall reaching a career high world ranking of 33.
- Paul Drinkhall reaching the final of the Russian Open, beating three top-20 players en route.
- Tin-Tin Ho finishing fifth in European Youth Top 10.



- Paul Drinkhall earning an invitation to the World Tour Finals and European Top 16, Liam Pitchford first reserve.
- Liam Pitchford, Paul Drinkhall and Kelly Sibley being selected to represent

Team GB at the first ever European Games in Baku.

- Jamie Liu (above right) winning the Hungarian Mini Tournament.
- The Men winning promotion to the top division at the World Team Championships.

English players have also secured victories at Home Six Nations, where Chris Doran, David McBeath, Karina Le Fevre and Emma Vickers took home all the titles, and at the Home Cadet & Junior Six Nations, in which Kate Cheer won Junior Girls' Singles, Alex Ramsden took bronze in the Junior Boys' Singles, James Smith won silver and Shayan Siraj bronze in Cadet Boys' Singles and Charlotte Bardsley won Silver in the Cadet Girls' Singles. In the team events there were victories for both Cadet Teams (Girls: Charlotte Bardsley and Isabelle Joubelily; Boys: James Smith, Shayan Siraj and Joe Clark) and a bronze for the Junior Girls' Team (Kate Cheer & Denise Payet).

Talent Development Centres

This year has seen the network of Talent Development Centres expand from the original four (Ormesby, Nottingham, BATTs and Plymouth) with three new centres being added from a competitive tender process. The new centres are a partnership between Table



Tennis England and South Gloucestershire & Stroud College, known as Bristol Talent Development Centre, Urban Table Tennis Club, known as North London Talent Development Centre and Greenhouse, known as the Greenhouse Talent Development Centre.

There were a number of strong tenders from other clubs that were unsuccessful in this round but Table Tennis England is committed to expanding this network as funding allows.

England Youth Squad

The new England Youth Squad programme has been supporting 27 athletes this year with an extended training programme, delivered through camps and with integration in to the athletes' home environment.

The programme requires the players to commit to:

- Attend all training camps.
 - Train for at least 10 hours a week at home.
 - Achieve at least the minimum physical testing standards.
 - Compete in specific competitions.
- Be available for selection to other competitions.

Players need to fund their own costs on this programme, but Table Tennis England has been able to arrange financial support for some players who are prepared to commit to the programme but have not been able to make the financial payments. Finance will never be a barrier for the right athletes to be part of EYS.

In addition, the new Athlete Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE) has been launched this year and the players on the England Youth Squad who enrol in this programme have had their England Youth Squad fees paid in full by AASE. Sports Aid funding of at least £750 has been provided to 16 of the players on the England Youth Squad.

The programme will continue to expand next year with the aim of supporting players to transition successfully to the senior level.

SIMON MILLS

Inside the England Youth Squad

Name: James Smith
Age: 14
From: Orpington

"I think it's good to get all of the top people in England together in a strong group because maybe at home you can't get as many strong people. You get really good practice.

"It's definitely improved my technique because we have coaches who were previously top players, like Alan Cooke and Nick Jarvis.

"Matt Stanforth helps us with our fitness. When you go to Europe, you're playing a lot



of matches at the highest quality so you have to have good stamina to play your best in all the matches. You might have to play matches all day between 9am and 9pm, so you need to have good fitness."

Competitions & Events



Jack Petchey team finals at UEL



Cadet Masters at Burton Uxbridge

With a new Competition & Events Team in place, this season has involved staff members building their knowledge and experience of the various events and building relationships with our team of dedicated volunteers. Without the support of our volunteers and officials, our competition programme would simply not be possible.

We have managed to make some good progress over the last year and enhance the presentation and quality of some of our events. We have started a Competition Review which will continue into next season and we are also looking at hosting major international events in the near future.

Competition results and reports can be found on pages 18 to 27 of this publication.

National Championships

The Senior National Championships moved south this year and was hosted at Redbridge Sports & Leisure Centre. The team of staff and volunteers worked hard to professionalise the look and feel of the event, with the addition of practice tables being a great hit among the players and a clean and tidy field of play being commented on by spectators.

The University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) in Preston provided the venue for the Cadet & Junior National Championships again this season with accreditation being introduced to the event ensuring a much clearer field of play.

The Under 11-14s' National Championships were hosted at Ponds Forge, Sheffield, and were the last event of this kind, with the event changing to Under 10-13 next season. Accredited access to field of play was again implemented and the hard work of the staff, officials and volunteers helped to produce a professional and successful event.

British League

This season Table Tennis England staff took over the running of VNL & WBL. Prize money significantly increased for SBL Premier, helping to create a more prestigious feel to the event. Press and publicity continued to improve across all formats – including interviewing of players and enhanced Twitter coverage. New branded banners and a backdrop helped to enhance the presentation element of the events.

The British League Committee worked very hard on all formats of the competition and we are very grateful to them.

Grand Prix

The Grand Prix series started off this season with the announcement of equal prize money for men and women.

The eight events were hosted in Liverpool, Medway, South Shields, Bristol, Nottingham, West of Scotland, Blackpool and London. Four satellites took place in Cardiff, Sussex, North Herts and Jersey. Overall there were 3,966 entries, from 814 different players, competing in a total of 7,456 matches.

NCL & NJL

The NCL and NJL continued to provide competition for our new youngsters, with in the region of 1,000 players developing their match-play at 17 NCL and 14 NJL venues.

Our thanks to Mike Atkinson for his tireless work in arranging a wide range of venues across the country, enabling as many young people to take part as possible.

English Leagues Cup Competitions

This event received its greatest support from local leagues for many years as the

zonal rounds took place for seniors on April 25 and Juniors on May 3, 2015. A total of 32 teams competed for the title of English Leagues Cup Champions in their respective categories at the finals weekend on June 13 & 14 at Westfield Table Tennis Club in Wellingborough.

Many thanks to Diane Webb for all her hard work and dedication to running the oldest domestic competition in the Table Tennis England calendar.

Jack Petchey

UEL hosted both the team and individual final events, in the 15th anniversary year of the Jack Petchey Foundation. Jack Petchey himself was awarded the title of Honorary Vice President for his contribution to Table Tennis. Both events combined saw 256 matches played across 54 tables – a fantastic statistic demonstrating the fine partnership between the Foundation and Table Tennis England.

Junior Masters

BATTS Table Tennis Club was the venue this year, our thanks to Neil Brierley for his support in hosting the event.

Cadet Masters

Burton Uxbridge Table Tennis club hosted this event, thanks to Simon Price for use of the venue.

County Championships

The 68th year of the County Championships saw 252 teams compete across 34 divisions in five different age categories. A massive thanks to Les Smith and the rest of the County Championships Committee for their hard work and dedication.



Alex Mercer (centre) at the Sports Officials UK awards



Senior Nationals at Redbridge



“I thought it was the best presentation we had done for a long time and the fact we had the practice facilities was a big step forward. The lighting was probably the best we’ve had, the schedule was built to help the spectators and it didn’t look or feel like a 2* event any more.”

**Rio Olympic Games Referee
Stuart Sherlock (left)
on the Senior Nationals**

Calendar Working Party

Enormous thanks to Harvey Webb as Chairman of this Committee, who has worked incredibly hard to fit events into the busy calendar, which is not an easy or enviable task. The Priority List was adjusted this season and the calendar edited slightly to highlight those events run by organisations in good standing.

Technical Officials Committee (TOC)

Stuart Sherlock continued his role as Chair of TOC this season, along with a great workforce of volunteers the committee have worked on a number of things from training to selection. There are many highlights to note this season regarding officials, which is a testament to the hard work put in by this committee.

In the annual Sports Officials UK awards

Alex Mercer (International Umpire) won the Young Official of the Year Award and Colin Clemett (Secretary of TOC) was successful in being shortlisted for the Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contribution to table tennis, a great achievement.

Stuart Sherlock was appointed the Referee for the Olympic Games in Rio in 2016.

We were successful in qualifying seven International Umpires - Alex Mercer, Josh Reynolds, Steve Smith, Alan Thomas, Brian Jackson, Dave Gough and Harry Jutle. England officials were also well represented with 12 umpires and one Referee at the Commonwealth Games.

Tournaments Committee

Season 14/15 was another busy year with more than 100 Open Tournaments being approved and administered. The committee intended to review the star grading system

during the season but decided to wait until the outcome of the competition review was known.

Sanctions issued during the season have shown a big reduction from previous years, with only one player being suspended for one month. This is believed to be a direct result of three players being suspended in March 2014 and missing the 2014 Senior National Championships.

Thanks to Chairman Steve Welch and the rest of the committee.

Competition Review Group

This year a Competition Review Group was set up to examine the competition programme to ensure it meets the demands of our players and also prepares English players to perform successfully in international competition.

Work has begun on periodisation of the calendar to allow sufficient time for training and preparation and to ensure that English players ‘peak’ at the appropriate time. We will be looking to match the formats of international competitions to include doubles and team events, and playing to best of seven games where appropriate. There will also be a requirement that players earn the right to compete at the upper levels of the pathway.

Next year will see the introduction of a brand new Regional Championships for the U11, 13 and Cadet age groups. Successful players will then go on to take part in the Inter Regional Championships, where a team event will be part of the schedule.

The second phase of the Competition Review will also be looking at the lower levels of the competition pathway to ensure suitable opportunities for all competitive players in suitable location.

AMANDA ROBINSON

Commonwealth Games



England's table tennis stars returned from Glasgow with five medals — including a first ever non-pa singles medal and a clean sweep of gold, silver and bronze in the mixed doubles.

The medal-winning started with the men's team of Liam Pitchford, Paul Drinkhall, Andrew Baggaley, Danny Reed and Sam Walker, who took silver.

Liam's momentous semi-final victory over India's Harmeet Desai – 17-15 in the fifth having been 2-0 and 10-4 up – sent them through to the final against Singapore, but they found the top seeds too strong and went down 3-1, despite a doubles victory for Paul and Andrew.

The women's team of Joanna Drinkhall, Kelly Sibley, Tin-Tin Ho, Karina Le Fevre and Hannah Hicks reached the quarter-finals, where they were narrowly beaten 3-2 by Malaysia, with Jo winning her two singles matches and Tin-Tin



holding a 2-0 lead over Ng Sock Khim in the decider before her experienced opponent battled back to win 3-2.

Attention then switched to the singles and doubles, and by the semi-final stage, England were in contention for no fewer than six medals, including Liam closing in on that historic singles triumph.

The England No 1 faced world No 12 Gao Ning for a place in the final, having beaten the Singaporean in their first two encounters, but lost to him in the team competition in Glasgow.

In what was widely regarded as the finest match of the singles competition, Liam twice battled back from a game behind to level, and then moved into the lead at 3-2.





But the Singaporean dug deep into his reserves of energy and experience to take the final two ends and end Liam's dream of gold. However, the Chesterfield man was not to be denied his place on the podium, shaking off a stubborn SK Achanta of India 4-2 in the bronze-medal match.

It was the mixed doubles that provided England with a unique clean sweep of all the medals. Paul and Jo became the golden couple of the Games by defeating Liam and Tin-Tin in the final. Danny and Kelly then emulated Liam and Tin-Tin's semi-final feat of lowering the colours of Jian Zhan and Feng Tianwei of Singapore 3-1 to seal bronze – an emotional first Commonwealth medal for Kelly.

And although the men's doubles and women's doubles bronze medal matches ended in defeats for Paul & Liam and Jo & Kelly respectively, England's medal return was still their best from a Commonwealth Games.



Senior National Championships



Redbridge action: Clockwise from left, the Women's Singles final, John Payne, Natasha Walsh, Sam Liu, Yolanda King, the trophies, Damien Nicholls, Liam Pitchford, Mike O'Driscoll takes on Tom Jarvis. **Far right:** Sam Mabey



Celebration time: Champions, from left, Paul Drinkhall & Liam Pitchford in the Men's Doubles; Tin-Tin Ho and Maria Tsaptsinos in the Women's Doubles; Pitchford on his knees after his singles triumph; Kelly Sibley marks her fifth singles title; Sam Walker & Ho in the Mixed Doubles



Senior National Championships



RESULTS

Men's Singles: Liam Pitchford bt Paul Drinkhall 4-3 (8-11, 6-11, 7-11, 11-9, 15-13, 11-6, 11-8).

Women's Singles: Kelly Sibley bt Tin-Tin Ho 4-2 (14-12, 11-4, 9-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-9).

Men's Doubles: Paul Drinkhall & Liam Pitchford bt Sam Walker & Danny Reed 3-2 (6-11, 7-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-5).

Women's Doubles: Tin-Tin Ho & Maria Tsapsinos bt Karina Le Fevre & Emma Vickers 3-1 (11-5, 11-9, 4-11, 11-8).

Mixed Doubles: Sam Walker/Tin-Tin Ho bt Danny Reed/Kelly Sibley 3-1 (4-11, 11-8, 11-9, 12-10).

Under-21 Men's Singles: Sam Walker bt Helshan Weerasinghe 3-1 (11-6, 11-8, 8-11, 11-5).

Under-21 Women's Singles: Tin-Tin Ho bt Maria Tsapsinos 3-0 (11-6, 11-5, 11-9).

Veteran Men's Singles: Mike O'Driscoll bt Lorestas Trumpauskas 3-1 (9-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-8).

Veteran Women's Singles: Jane Vickers bt Des Norbury 3-0 (11-9, 11-8, 11-8).



Cadet & Junior National Championships



Just champion: Action from the Junior Boys' Singles final (top); Junior Girls' Singles winner Maria Tsaptsinos (right); Cadet Boys' Singles champion Alex Ramsden (above) and Cadet Boys' Doubles winners Harry Dai and Joe Clark (below)



RESULTS

> Juniors

Boys' Singles: Helshan Weerasinghe bt Marcus Giles 3-1

(8-11, 11-5, 11-7, 11-3).

Girls' Singles: Maria Tsaptsinos bt Tin-Tin Ho 3-2 (11-6, 7-11, 11-5, 3-11, 11-7).

Boys' Doubles: Helshan Weerasinghe/ Tom Jarvis bt Sam Mabey/Danny Lawrence 3-0 (11-8, 14-12, 11-2).

Girls' Doubles: Maria Tsaptsinos/Tin-Tin Ho bt Lois Peake/Letitia McMullan 3-0 (11-5, 11-4, 11-5).

Mixed Doubles: Helshan Weerasinghe/ Tin-Tin Ho bt Maria Tsaptsinos/Danny Lawrence 3-0 (11-7, 11-5, 11-1).

> Cadets

Boys' Singles: Alex Ramsden bt Harry Dai 3-1 (11-8, 14-12, 6-11, 11-6).

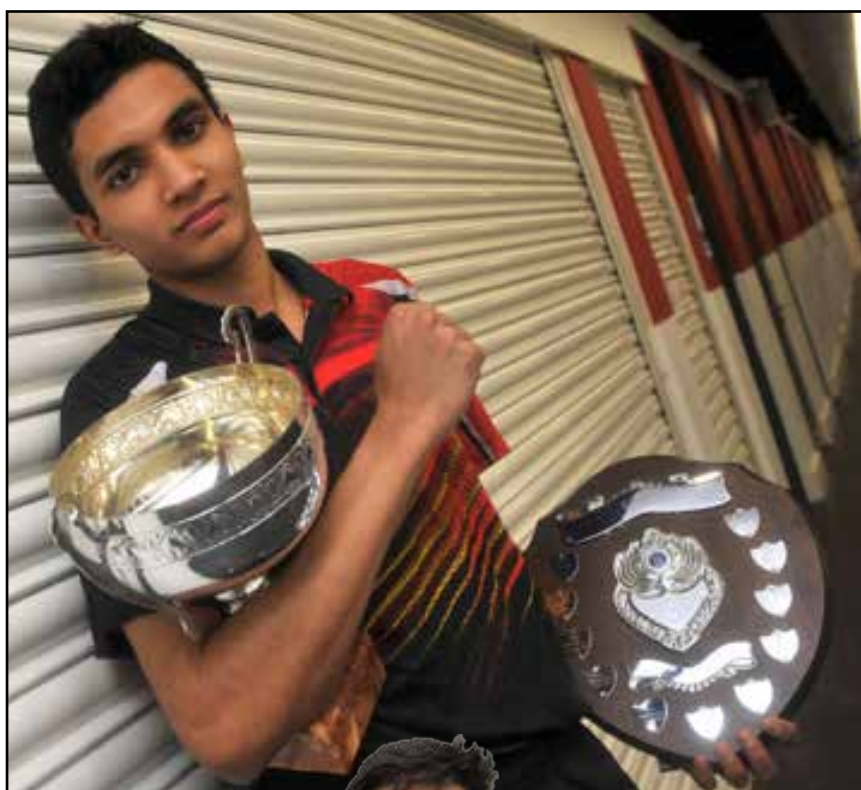
Girls' Singles: Denise Payet bt Sophie Barlow 3-2 (5-11, 11-3, 11-7, 11-13, 11-6).

Boys' Doubles: Harry Dai/Joe Clark bt Alex Ramsden/James Smith 3-2 (11-9, 6-11, 10-12, 15-13, 11-3).

Girls' Doubles: Denise Payet/Kate Cheer bt Alice & Megan Dillon 3-0 (11-7, 13-11, 11-6).



Cadet & Junior National Championships



Preston gallery: From top – Denise Payet and Kate Cheer celebrate their Cadet Girls' Doubles triumph; Helshan Weerasinghe with the victory spoils; Luke Savill shows his passion
Left: Sophie Barlow



Mike Watts Achievement Awards



Also in Preston, the Mike Watts Achievement Awards were presented to the girl and boy who had made the greatest improvement in ratings points between August 1, 2013 and July 31, 2014.

The girls' honour went to Gauri Duhan (above), while the boys' award went to Shayan Siraj (below). Both winners are pictured with Gerry Cronin, Head of Marketing & Communications at Table Tennis England



Under-11 to Under-14 National Championships



RESULTS

> Under-14
Boys' Singles: Shayan Siraj bt Ethan Walsh 3-2 (9-11, 11-13, 12-10, 12-10, 11-7).
Girls' Singles: Denise Payet bt Mollie Patterson 3-0 (11-4, 11-6, 11-5).
Boys' Doubles: James Smith & Shayan Siraj bt Harry Dai & Ethan Walsh 3-2 (4-11, 8-11, 11-7, 11-3, 11-3).
Girls' Doubles: Mollie Patterson & Danielle Kelly bt Charlotte Bardsley & Alice Dillon 3-0 (13-11, 11-6, 11-6).

> Under-13
Boys' Singles: Ethan Walsh bt Amirul Hussain 3-1 (10-12, 11-9, 11-4, 11-8).
Girls' Singles: Jasmin Wong bt Katie Holt 3-0 (11-9, 11-3, 11-7).

> Under-12
Girls' Singles: Jasmin Wong bt Ruby Chan 3-0 (11-6, 11-4, 11-8).
Boys' Singles: Jamie Liu bt Amirul Hussain 3-2 (8-11, 11-8, 10-12, 11-9, 12-10).

> Under-11
Girls' Singles: Ruby Chan bt Sophie Chiang 3-0 (11-8, 11-4, 11-5).
Boys' Singles: Jamie Liu bt Rhys Davies 3-0 (11-9, 11-2, 11-4).



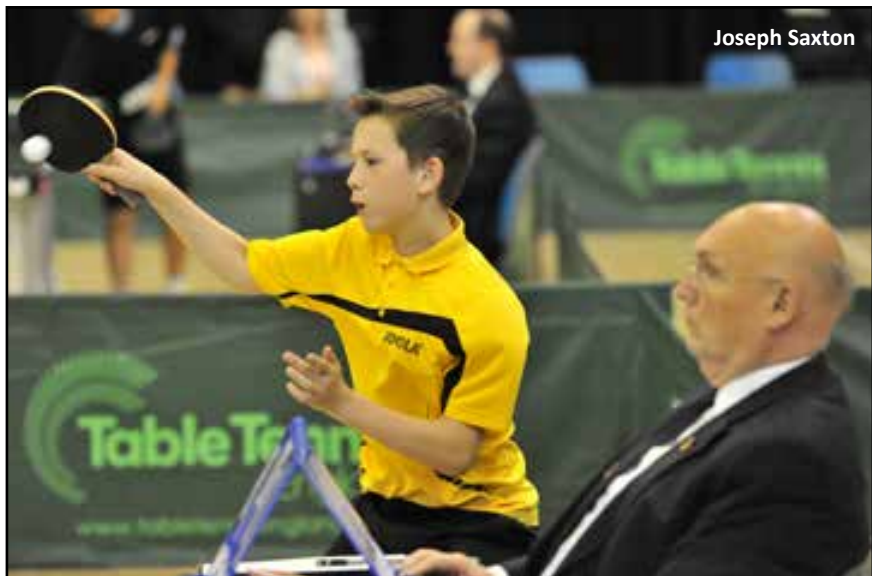
Winning feeling: Clockwise from top left – Ethan Walsh, Shayan Siraj, Denise Payet, Ruby Chan, the under-12 girls (from left Katie Holt, Jasmin Wong, Charlotte Bardsley, Amelia Chan), Mollie Patterson & Danielle Kelly, Shayan Siraj & James Smith, Jamie Liu

Under-11 to Under-14 National Championships

Freddie
Ossenton-Brown



Joseph Saxton



Sheffield scene:
The Pond Forge field of play. Inset: Megan
Gidney & Nicole
Scott in action in
the Under-14 Girls'
Doubles



Under-11 winners (from left) Rhys Davies, Jamie Liu, Thomas Rayner and Dylan Tynan with Table Tennis England chair Sandra Deaton

Bhavika Mistry



England v Australia



RESULTS

> Men

England 5 Australia 0

P Drinkhall 3 W Henzell 0 (13-11, 11-6, 14-12)

L Pitchford 3 C Yan 1 (6-11, 11-8, 11-2, 11-6)

P Drinkhall/A Baggaley 3 Henzell/Yan 2 (6-11, 11-8, 10-12, 20-18, 11-6)

A Baggaley 3 D Powell 0 (11-9, 12-10, 11-8)

S Walker/D Reed 3 K Townsend/H Hu 1 (11-8, 11-7, 4-11, 11-9)

> Women

England 2 Australia 3

K Sibley 1 S Zhang 3 (11-9, 9-11, 9-11, 8-11)

J Drinkhall 3 M Tapper 0 (11-1, 11-5, 11-8)

J Drinkhall/K Sibley 1 S Zhang/Miao Miao 3 (11-5, 10-12, 3-11, 8-11)

T Ho 0 Miao Miao 3 (6-11, 9-11, 7-11)

K Sibley/T Ho 3 V Dederko/M Tapper 1 (11-8, 11-5, 9-11, 11-5)

OVERALL SCORE: ENGLAND 7 AUSTRALIA 3



'Ashes' clashes: Top – the England squad celebrate victory; middle – meeting the mayor; bottom – Kelly Sibley & Tin-Tin Ho take on Vivian Dederko & Melissa Tapper; above – there were one or two nailbiting moments.

Other competitions

English Leagues Cup Competitions

The Finals at Westfield TTC, Wellingborough, saw a fitting tribute to 80 years of the Wilmott Cup with some superb play, close matches and lots of passion and pleasure over the two days. To celebrate the 80 years, commemorative mugs and souvenir programmes were provided to all competitors at the finals weekend on June 13 & 14, 2015, and were very well received. The winners were:

Wilmott Cup (Men): Sheffield (Mike Fraser, David Thompson, Warren Li Kam Wa)
JM Rose Bowl (Women): Leeds (Zoe Cheesman, Joanna Roberts)
Carter Cup (Junior Boys): Wembley & Harrow (Eren Gozcu, Karim Khassal)
Bromfield Trophy (Junior Girls): Derby (Amy Humphreys, Diana Rusinova)



Winners: Sheffield's line-up with the Wilmott Cup (above) and the JM Rose Bowl-winning team from Leeds (below)



Grand Prix series

Eight Grand Prix and four Satellite Grand Prix events were held during the season, with a total of 3,966 entries and 7,456 matches played.

The winners were:

Men's Singles: Chris Doran
Women's Singles: Karina Le Fevre
Men's Band 1: Adam Nutland
Women's Band 1: Joanna Roberts
Men's Band 2: Joe Pilkington
Women's Band 2: Joanna Roberts
Men's Band 3: Matthew Leete



Women's Band 3: Gosia Muda
Men's Band 4: Calum Morrison
Women's Band 4: Lydia John
Men's Band 5: Calum Morrison
Men's Band 6: Cade Short
Veterans' Singles: Dave Randall
U21 Men: Callum Evans
U21 Women: Yolanda King
Open Doubles: Matt Ware

County Championships

The season saw a total of 253 teams entering the County Championships but it was disappointing that 13 failed to complete the season. Teams representing every county in England and also some teams from our Welsh neighbours took part, making it remain one of the most popular Table Tennis England competitions.

There is still a shortage of female players and it has also been noted that as a result of the competition now being held over only two weekends and involving overnight stays, some players have found a conflict of commitments to families etc. and this has meant that some counties have been unable to raise a team and have had to withdraw from the competition.

The Senior Premier Division was won by Middlesex, with last season's champions Sussex taking the runners-up position and Dorset and Glamorgan being relegated.

Middlesex also won the Junior Premier Division, the runners-up being Sussex with Devonshire and Surrey being relegated.

Sussex took the Veteran Premier Division title, Yorkshire taking the runners-up spot and Lancashire and Cheshire losing their places in the top flight.

Yorkshire retained the Cadet Premier Division, with Hampshire second. Middlesex, Staffordshire and Surrey were relegated.

The Over-60s Premier Division was won by Essex with Yorkshire in the runners-up position. Lincolnshire and Hertfordshire were relegated.

The administration involved by the volunteers is significant, but despite being a small committee, it continues to do its best to ensure all divisions run smoothly.

Thanks go to all who helped with the administration of the County Championships this past season and those who staged the Premier Division weekends.

The champions were . . .

> Senior Premier: Middlesex	2A: Northumberland
1A: Warwickshire	2B: Buckinghamshire
1B: Devonshire	3A: Northants II
2A: Warwickshire II	3B: Middlesex II
2B: Cornwall	3C: Worcestershire II
2C: Lincolnshire	3D: Somerset II
2D: Sussex II	4A: Nottinghamshire II
> Junior Premier: Middlesex	4B: Somerset III
1A: Lancashire	4C: Herefordshire
1B: Hampshire	4D: Kent 6th
2A: Yorkshire II	> Cadet Premier: Yorkshire
2B: Gloucestershire	1A: Cambridgeshire
2C: Norfolk	1B: Essex
2D: Oxfordshire	1C: Glamorgan
> Veterans Premier: Sussex	> Over-60s Premier: Essex
1A: South Yorkshire	1A: Yorkshire II
1B: Berkshire	1B: Kent

Junior Masters final standings

> Boys

- 1 Helshan Weerasinghe
- 2 Tom Jarvis
- 3 Marcus Giles
- 4 Luke Savill
- 5 Gabriel Achampong
- 6 Alex Ramsden
- 7 Danny Lawrence
- 8 Billy Forster
- 9 Sam Mabey
- 10 Hugo Pang
- 11 Omar Khassal
- 12 Alec Ward

> Girls

- 1 Maria Tsaptsinos
- 2 Tin-Tin Ho
- 3 Lois Peake

- 4 Kate Cheer
- 5 Amy Humphreys
- 6 Bethany Farnworth
- 7 Denise Payet
- 8 Amy Blagbrough
- 9 Olivia Churchill
- 10 Isabelle Joubely
- 11 Stephanie Cross
- 12 Katie Barlow

Cadet Masters final standings

> Boys

- 1 Alex Ramsden
- 2 Joe Clark
- 3 Ethan Walsh
- 4 James Smith
- 5 Jonny McMullan
- 6 Shayan Siraj

- 7 Olly Tyndall
- 8 Harry Dai
- 9 Artur Caltabiano
- 10 George Hazell
- 11 Sam Chesterman
- 12 Eren Gozcu

> Girls

- 1 Kate Cheer
- 2 Denise Payet
- 3 Charlotte Bardsley
- 4 Isabelle Joubely
- 5 Gauri Duhan
- 6 Amy Blagbrough
- 7 Jasmin Wong
- 8 Tiana Dennison
- 9 Sophie Barlow
- 10 Bhavika Mistry
- 11 Holly Williams
- 12 Megan Dillon

British League



Hat-trick: Ormesby's title-winning Senior (left), Women's (right) and Junior Boys (far right) teams at the trophy presentations



Senior British League

- Premier Division Ormesby
- Division 1 North..... Drumchapel Glasgow II
- Division 1 Midlands Nottingham Sycamore II
- Division 1 South..... Greenhouse
- Division 2 North..... Barrow Tornados II
- Division 2 Midlands Elgre Draycott II
- Division 2 South..... London Academy II
- Division 3 North..... Beaumont Accountancy Nomads
- Division 3 Midlands Whitworth Academy
- Division 3 South..... Portsmouth
- Division 4 North..... Ravenscroft
- Division 4 Midlands TT Ulster
- Division 4 South..... London Academy III
- Division 5 South..... Waterside

Women's British League

- Premier Division Ormesby
- Division 1..... Fusion Wags
- Division 2..... Draycott East Midlands II
- Division 3..... Fusion Ladies
- Division 4..... York Gardens Angels
- Division 5..... York Gardens Angels II

Veterans' British League

- Premier Men Bribar St Neots Saints
- Premier Women Market Rasen Ladies
- Division 1A Men London Moberley
- Division 1B Men Joola Plymouth
- Division 1 Women Fusion Ladies
- Division 2A Men Redlands Bats
- Division 2B Men Topspin Fusion A
- Division 2 Women HEL Ladies

Junior British League

- Premier Boys Ormesby
- Premier Girls..... Burton Uxbridge
- Division 1 Boys..... Northfield
- Division 1 Girls..... Bournemouth Sports
- Division 2A Boys St Mary's (Hull)
- Division 2B Boys Fusion
- Division 2 Girls..... Fusion
- Division 3A Boys Rasen Racers
- Division 3B Boys Byng Hall
- Division 3 Girls..... Cippenham
- Division 4A Boys Cardiff City A
- Division 4B Boys Joola Plymouth

Veterans' National League

- Division 1A..... Dewsbury
- Division 1B..... OLOP
- Division 2A..... Eastfield Peterborough
- Division 2B..... Bristol Associates



Burton union: The Burton Uxbridge line-up celebrates winning the JBL Premier Girls' title



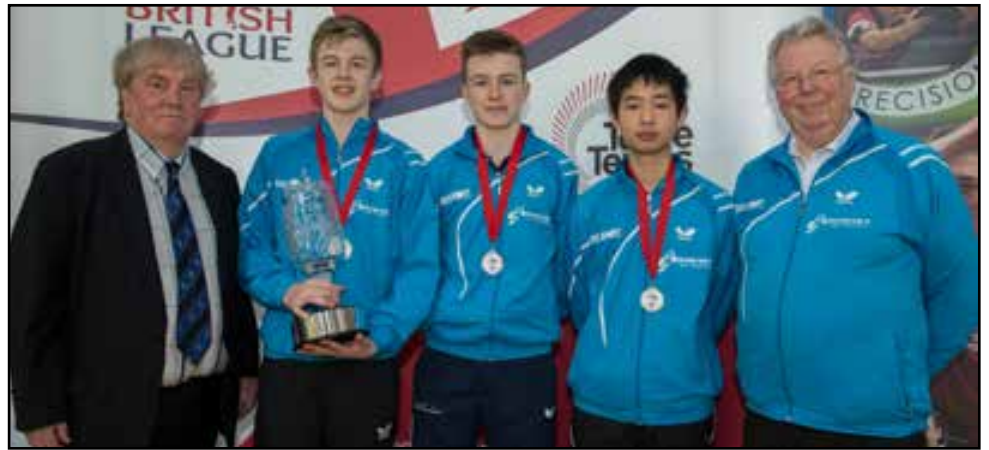
Lorestas
Trumpauskas



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Cheng



Top man: Enio Mendes receives the player of the season award from Keith Thomas (left) and Chris Dangerfield



The 2014/15 British League season has been another positive year, with developments on and off the court increasing the prestige and popularity of the competition.

This year belonged to Ormesby, with the club capturing three of the six major titles up for grabs to further enhance their reputation as one of Britain's top clubs.

First came the Women's title, which was captured at ease by their team of Karina Le Fevre, Sarah Berge, Maria Tsapsinos and Chloe Whyte, before the narrowest of margins saw them claim the Junior Boys and the Senior Premier Division title, British League's greatest prize.

Ormesby's junior team engaged in a highly energised rivalry with London Academy, with the two facing off in the final match of the season to determine the title. It went down to the final set of the match, with Ormesby's Scottish star Chris Wheeler defeating William Apelqvist 3-1 in front of a three-figure crowd at RAF Cosford.

Meanwhile, the Ormesby Premier Division side eventually prevailed in their season-long title battle with Sycamore, a 4-4 draw between the sides in the penultimate match of the season enough to clinch them the title. The team of Darius Knight, Enio Mendes, Helshan Weerasinghe, Tom Jarvis and Michael Marsden were superb throughout, and represented their club with distinction.

Other clubs continued to show their prowess, with Burton Uxbridge's successful link to the Junior Girls' title continuing as they once again claimed that trophy.

The veterans' event produced two worthy

winners in the shape of Bribar St Neots and Market Rasen, with the two clubs winning the Vets Men's and Women's titles respectively.

The season ended with Cardiff City and BATTs earning the right to feature in next year's Senior Premier Division after the two gained promotion through a dramatic Play-Off. The outcome went down to the wire, a general theme throughout the 45 divisions contested this season.

Chairman Chris Dangerfield said: "I am delighted with the progress we have made this season. The Senior Premier Division, buoyed by a substantial increase in the prize fund, has enjoyed a significant jump in standard; our junior event is over-subscribed to the point we are now struggling to find venues large enough to cater for us and we predict growth in both the women's and veterans' events next season. All in all, it has been a great season.

"I would like to thank all playing participants, regardless of age or ability, for making the British League a competitive and enjoyable competition for all.

The committee are continuously working to make the British League a valuable asset to the domestic table tennis programme and deserve considerable recognition for all their hard-work.

Thanks must also go to officials, umpires, volunteers and our press and publicity team, who all do a fantastic job in ensuring that we provide an excellent competition for all players."

Matt Shaw (British League Press Officer)

British League Committee

Chairman: Chris Dangerfield

Secretary: Gary Wood

Table Tennis England staff representative: Gerry Cronin; WBL representative: Amanda Robinson; JBL representative: Brenda Hudson; SBL representative: Malcolm Macfarlane; VBL representative: Gill Smith; Board representative: Keith Thomas; Calendar secretary: Alan Ransome OBE

Press Officer: Matthew Shaw

Photographer: John Upham

Senior British League

Secretary: Gary Wood; administrator: Malcolm Macfarlane; referee: Stuart Sherlock; Ryan Jenkins, Phil McCallum, Jason Ramage, Alan Ransome OBE

Junior British League

Administrators: Brenda Hudson, Richard Hudson; assistant administrator: Simon Price; referee: Steve Welch

Veterans' British League

Administrator: Gill Smith; referee: Alan Duke; Veterans' National League organiser: Amanda Robinson; Veterans' National League referee: Brian Jackson

Women's British League

Administrators: Gerry Cronin, Amanda Robinson; referee: Gill Smith

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Awards & Thanks



The winners at the Volunteer Awards, held during the Senior Nationals

A special thanks from Table Tennis England Chairman, Sandra Deaton

Table tennis, like many sports, relies tremendously on the support and contribution from our network of volunteers.

And, I think, table tennis is one of the more fortunate sports with the quality and dedication of our team.

I am always overwhelmed by the commitment of individuals and the collective co-operation of our volunteers whether helping with tournaments; within their own clubs, leagues and counties; as members of our National Council and other advisory and administrative roles; or who generously give of their time and expertise to help other improve their enjoyment of the sport and to help us improve the way we deliver table tennis at all levels.

Our volunteers are often working quietly behind-the-scenes to ensure events run smoothly and that everyone can enjoy participating in our sport. Although you may not always be recognised for your achievements, you are always valued.

That is why one of my favourite events on our calendar is the annual Volunteer Awards during the Senior Nationals. Here we are able to recognise and reward some of the individuals who have supported the game whether as coaches or administrators during the year.

I would also like to mention those wonderful volunteers who will be recognised at the AGM for their service to the sport.

Some of these people have given a lifetime's dedication and support to table tennis and to helping others achieve their potential. Your contribution is recognised and respected.

While some of these individual achievements are quite remarkable, I feel that they are really representative of all our volunteers.

I thank you all for your time, your effort and the contribution you make to table tennis. You are truly appreciated and in the coming 12 months we will be working to ensure you also gain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from the time you devote to table tennis.

I would also like to thank our staff in Milton Keynes and around the country. I am often in head office and at various locations and am always impressed with the combination of professionalism, dedication and good humour displayed by our staff.

When I was writing this report 12 months ago, I was thanking the staff for their co-operation in what had been quite a year of upheaval in terms of relocation and restructuring.

Twelve months on, those changes have proved necessary and beneficial in the long-term good of our sport. We are now back on secure funding for this cycle and this will allow our staff to look to the future with greater confidence.

There is still much work to be done, but I know that we have the right team with Sara, the senior management and all our hard-working staff.

I would also like to thank my colleagues on the Board for their support during the past year.

It is hard to believe that we have only been working together for a year as I feel we have already built a strong team for the future.

The Board members challenge and check decisions and direction with respect for each other, with integrity, and always with what is in the best interests of table tennis – players and participants to the fore of their thinking.

I am proud to be Chairman of this organisation and to be associated with all our volunteers, staff and Board.

I sincerely thank you all.

Volunteer Awards

Club of the Year

Winner: Brighton TTC

Runner-up: Waterside TTC

Adult Coach of the Year

Winner: Rachel Kashi

Runner-up: Philip Walker

Young Coach of the Year

Winner: Nicholas Li

Runner-up: Himanshu Ganatra

Equality Award

Jayantilal Ganatra

Adult Volunteer of the Year

Winner: Colin French

Runner-up: John Quinn

Young Volunteer of the Year

Shyam Bavalia

Unsung Hero of the Year

Winner: Leonard Hoffman
BEM

Runner-up: John Fox

Tom Blunn Fund

The following officials received grants:

Neil Curtis

Harmish 'Harry' Jutle

John Mackey

Tom Purcell

Lynda Reid



From left: Jose Ransome, Aubrey Drapkin, Jackie Sands, Val Murdoch, Brian Watkins



From left: Karen Tonge MBE, Dave Berriman, Brian Davison, Ken Tonge, Tony Chatwin



From left: Ken Mathews, Dot Macfarlane, Colin Clemett, Carol Seward, Maria Tsaptsinos, Mike Payne

Ivor Montagu Junior Fund

The following received grants:

Matthew Daish
Nicole Scott
Rachel Scott

Honours bestowed on members at AGM

Honorary Life Members

Aubrey Drapkin
Karen Tonge MBE
Vice-Presidents
Dave Berriman



John Hilton
Vanda Jones
Sheila King
Dorothy 'Dot' Macfarlane
Ken Matthews
Carol Moore
Valerie Murdoch
Mike Payne
Erica Preat
Jose Ransome
Jackie Sands
Carol Seward
Ken Tonge

Keith Ponting President's Memorial Award

Colin Clemett

Victor Barna Award

Liam Pitchford

The Johnny Leach MBE Most Improved England Player of the Year Award

Maria Tsaptsinos

Ivor Montagu Award

Brian Davison

Malcolm Scott Award

Sara Sutcliffe

Carole Moore receives her Vice-Presidents' medal at the Junior Nationals

Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy

Ted Tydeman

AK Vint OBE Staff Award

Bill Shearer

Maurice Goldstein Awards

James Higham (Preston)
Colin Wiles (Sittingbourne)
Keith Fellows (Leicestershire)
David Morley (Knighton Park)
Patrick Carton (Knighton Park)
Gordon Sanders (Knighton Park)
Ian Lindsay (Plymouth)
Francis Hodges (Hertfordshire)
Colin Hamilton (Hull)
Allen Barrett (Hull)
Ron Chapman (Chesterfield)
John Troke (Taunton)
Michael Gillingham (Taunton)
Norman Slater (Gainsborough)
Neil Le Milliere (Central & London Banks)
Brian Freer (Cambridge)
Richmond Neale (Lytham St Annes)

Due to an administrative error, last year's Annual Report omitted the 2013 list of 'Honours bestowed on members at AGM'. We apologise for the error – the 2013 honours were as follows:

President: Doreen Stannard

Honorary Life Members: Alex Murdoch, Martin Clark, Richard Yule.

Vice-Presidents: Rosemary Ponting, Dave Evans, Eileen Shaler, Michael Wilson, Diana Jermy, Diccon Gray.

Keith Ponting President's Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement: Aubrey Drapkin.

Victor Barna Award: Tin-Tin Ho.

The Johnny Leach MBE Most Improved England Player of the Year Award: Sam Walker.

Ivor Montagu Award: Diane Webb.

Malcolm Scott Award: Peter Bradley.

Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy: Dave Roden.

AK Vint OBE Staff Award: Stephen Gertsen.

Maurice Goldstein Awards: Geoffrey Cadwallader (Reading), Edna Fletcher (Great Yarmouth), John MacGregor (Wembley & Harrow), Alan Peek (Lowestoft), Tim Pett (Didcot), Margaret Pugh (Isle of Thanet), Keith Walton (Didcot).

Who's who

Honorary Life Members & Vice-Presidents

Honorary Life Members

LA Chatwin, MG Clark, CJ Clemett, A Drapkin, PHM Hillier, MR Holt, LF Landry, AN Murdoch, AE Ransome OBE, RC Scruton, LJ Smith, Mrs DM Stannard, Mrs KM Tonge MBE, HJ Webb, JM Wright, DA Young, R Yule

Deceased Honorary Life Members

The Dowager Lady G Swaythling, AF Carris, GW Decker, LE Forrest, IGS Montagu, AK Vint OBE, PE Warden, CG Woodcock, M Goldstein, WE Stamp, IC Eyles, FGJ Mannocho, E Reay, LS Woollard, T Blunn, N Cook, G James, C Jaschke, PW Hyde, F Milligan, ME Scott, GR Harrower, CM Wyles OBE, K Watts, GR Yates, LLE Thompson, H Walker, AJH Wickens, AE Upton, EG White, J Jermyn, RJ Crayden, KTO Ponting, MWJ Lewis, NK Reeve

Vice-Presidents

M Allsop, Mrs AP Archdale, J Arnold MBE, D Berriman, J Blackband, PR Bradley, JM Burtenshaw, PA Charters, S Clarke, M Close, A Cooke, Mrs W Cunningham, C Davison, P Day, Mrs S Deaton, JE Dignum, D Douglas MBE, K Eliot, D Evans, J Freeman JP, BR Granger, DC Gray, G Gurney, J Hilton, TM Honey, RB Hudson, A Hydes, CT Hyland, C Jacques, Mrs D Jermyn, Mrs G Johns, Mrs A Jones CBE, Mrs V Jones, Miss S King, BP Lamerton, Mrs C Lewis, P Lewis MBE, JY Liu, D Macfarlane, MC Macfarlane, KF Marchant, AI Marshall, K Matthews, WV Moran, Mrs C Moore, Mrs V Murdoch, J Neslen, Mrs DM Nightingale, Mrs J Parker MBE, M Payne, LC Pilditch, LH Pilfold, DD Plowes, Mrs R Ponting, Mrs E Preat, Mrs J Ransome, Dr D Ryde MB MS FRC, A Sandford, Mrs J Sands, D Schofield, Mrs C Seward, Mrs E Shaler, SE Sherlock, RH Sinclair, B Skinner, MGR Smith, RJ Stevens, MD Strode, GA Taylor, K Tonge, DR Tremayne, GP Trimming, GMG Twiss, DN Tyler, GE Tyler, C Villiers MBE, RR Washington, Mrs JL Watts JP, S Welch, GM Wilson, M Wolman, R Yates

Calendar Working Party

Chairman: Harvey Webb, Secretary: Di Jermyn; Mike Atkinson, Steve Welch; Table Tennis England Staff Representative: Amanda Robinson

National Council representatives

Avon: DL Hockney, Vacant
Bedfordshire: Mrs VJ Murdoch, J Alsop
Berkshire: C Dyke, A Bruton
Buckinghamshire: RR Washington, RJ Hedley
Cambridgeshire: BR Freer, Mrs V Parkes
Cheshire: Mrs KM Tonge MBE, R Jackson
Cleveland: AE Ransome OBE, C Davison
Cornwall: Mrs DM Jermyn, K Fudge
Derbyshire: LA Chatwin, J Cowell
Devonshire: P Goulding, A Millman
Dorset: LT Whittaker, N Hardisty
Durham: A Thompson, P Whitfield
Essex: BR Granger, N Brierley
Gloucestershire: LJ Smith, Mrs EJ Kirby

Our Board



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Chair



Susie Hughes
Deputy Chair



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Anna Lisa Tazartes



Colin Wilson



Doreen Stannard
President

County Championships Committee

Chairman/Secretary/Administrator: Les Smith, Assistant Administrator (Junior/Cadets): John Alsop, Assistant Administrator (Senior/Veterans/Over 60s): Dave Goulden, Premier Weekend Organiser (Senior/Junior): Ken Eliot, Premier Weekend Organiser (Cadets/Over 60s/Veterans): Barry Snowden, Publicity Officer: Barry Snowden, Referee: Tim Harris, Deputy Referee: Margot Fraser, Table Tennis England Staff Representative: Amanda Robinson

English Leagues Cup Competitions Committee

Chairman: Diane Webb, Secretary: Richard Hudson, Table Tennis England Staff Representative: Zach Ferris

National Cadet and National Junior Leagues Committee

Chairman: Mike Atkinson, Table Tennis

England Staff Representative: Zach Ferris

Technical Officials Committee

Chairman: Stuart Sherlock, Secretary: Colin Clemett; David Edwards, Margot Fraser, John Mackey, Graham Rogerson, Steve Smith, Mick Strode, Karen Tonge MBE; Table Tennis England Staff Representative: Amanda Robinson

Tournaments Committee

Chairman: Steve Welch, Secretary: Di Jermyn; Steven Haskell, Jim Kenny, Margaret Welch; Technical Officials Representative, Table Tennis England Staff Representative: Amanda Robinson

Archives, Museum and Records Committee

Chairman: Diane Webb, Secretary/Table Tennis England Representative: Rob Sinclair; Colin Clemett, Don Davies, Ken Eliot

Board of Appeal

Chairman: John Freeman JP (2016), Clerk: Nigel Gibson-Birch, Administrative Clerk: Rob Sinclair; Peter Bradley (2015), Tony Clayton

Hampshire: DB Turner, BP Lamerton

Herefordshire: H Jutle, Vacant

Hertfordshire: DJ Edwards, JM Barnes

Isle of Wight: BR Halliday (deceased), P Moore

Kent: N Le Milliere, Vacant

Lancashire: S Clarke, DD Goulden

Leicestershire: G Sanders, Mrs S Pickering

Lincolnshire: GE Tyler, D Brown

Middlesex: M Close, R Sutcliffe

Norfolk: RR Drew, Vacant

Northamptonshire: R Barr, Vacant

Northumberland: J Donnelly, A Hedley

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Somerset: JM Burtenshaw, M Reading

South Yorkshire: R Loxley, J Kenny

Staffordshire: D Sherratt, C Bell

Suffolk: PF Fordham, No appointment

Surrey: Miss M Fraser, HA Laws

Sussex: A Catt, J Skinner

Warwickshire: EJ Williams, M Macfarlane

Wiltshire: CN Sewell, Vacant

Worcestershire: MG Clark, Mrs LA Reid

Yorkshire: RB Hudson, B Snowden

KEY

County: National councillor, deputy

(2016), Peter Diver (2016), Michael Flynn JP (2016), David Hewitt (2015), Laurie Holland (2016), John Marshall (2016), Doreen Nightingale (2015), Derek Oldman JP (2016), Eric Pentland (2016), Alan Shepherd (2016), Jan Thorpe JP (2016), Robert Ward (2016), June Watts JP (2016)

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Chairman: Estyn Williams; Ken Field, Richard Habgood, Craig Milner, Lynda Reid, Gordon Sanders; Disciplinary Secretary: Rob Sinclair; Investigator: Judy Rogers

Rules Committee

Chairman: Colin Clemett, Secretary/Table Tennis England Representative: Jonathan Bruck; David Adams, Ian McKelvey, Lynda Reid, Estyn Williams

Trade Committee

Chairman: Stan Clarke, Secretary: Rob Sinclair; John Burtenshaw, Tony Chatwin, Martin Clark, Ron Washington

Regional Forum

Chairman: Phil Goulding, Secretary: Jonathan Bruck
Regional Chairmen: East – Brian Davison, East Midlands – Shirley Pickering, North East – Colin Davison, North West – Karen Tonge MBE, South/South East – David Turner, South West – John Burtenshaw, West Midlands – Neil Wheatley, London – Stephan Hastings, Yorkshire – vacant,
Board Representatives: Sandra Deaton, Susie Hughes, Mike Smith; Table Tennis England Staff representatives: Emily St John, Gerry Cronin, Simon Mills; Good Standing Representatives: BTTAD, BUCS, ESTTA, VETTS

Regional Committees

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Performance: Kevin Satchell

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Volunteering: Graham Frankel
Participation & Membership Development
Clubs: Colin Dyke
Leagues: Vaughan Allington
Children and Young People/Schools: John Arnold
Universities: Mike Payne

Adult: Tim Holtam

Women: Nicola Perry

Disability: Shaun Newcomb

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Sponsorship: Ray James
Membership Processes: Russell Sutcliffe
Membership Services: John Cowell
Grand Prix: David Evans
National Championships: Richard Scruton
Ranking: Malcolm Macfarlane

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Child Protection Case Management Group: Phil Goulding

Fred Ackers: A qualified Coach for the St Helens TTL, Lancashire & Cheshire TTL and Halton TTC.

Susie Barna: ETTA Vice President, Honorary Member of the Swaythling Club International and wife of legendary Victor Barna, winner of 22 World Championship titles.

Ken Bridle: Treasurer of Gloucestershire County TTA for 25 years and organiser of the Cotswold 4*, Gloucestershire 2*, Cirencester 1* and many other local events. Ken was also Treasurer, Vice Chairman, Tournament Organiser of the Cirencester TTL.

Ray Burch: The first Regional Development Officer for Yorkshire & Humberside to be appointed under the Regional Development Programme. Former Chairman, Coaching and Development Officer of the Dewsbury TTL. A qualified Coach.

Elsie Carrington: Table Tennis England Vice President, widow of Jack Carrington, Vice President and former Director of Coaching. Twice National Champion; Women's Doubles in 1960 and 1969.

Elsie participated in nine World Championships, one European Championships and eleven English Opens. Honorary Life Member of Hampshire County TTA and Life Vice President of Bournemouth TTL.

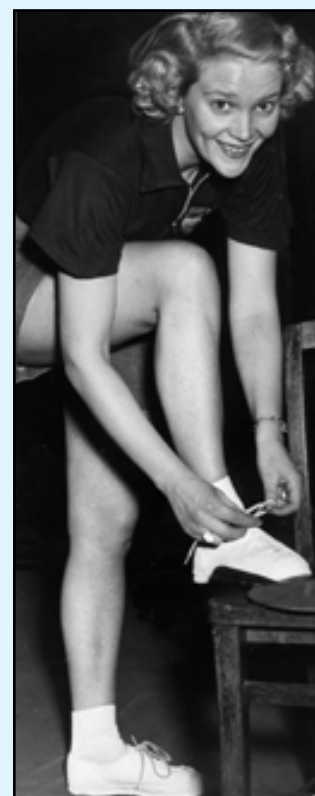
Rosalind Cornett (nee Rowe): Women's Doubles World Champion in 1951 and 1954, alongside her twin sister Diane; runners-up in 1952, 1953 and 1955. Women's Team World Championships silver medallist (1953); bronze medallist 1951, 1952, 1954, 1955.

Peter Croxford: Chairman of Brighton TTL.

Terry Donlon: President of Cheshire County TTA, winner of World Veterans titles and a star of *Ping Pong* film.

Brian Halliday: Table Tennis England Vice President, former Vice-Chairman (Public Relations), and National Councillor for Berkshire and Isle of Wight. Former General Secretary and Press Officer of Berkshire County TTA, editor of VETTS magazine for over 100 issues and former Chairman of Kingfisher TTC (Reading).

Ted Inge: ETTA Vice President and President of British Table Tennis Association for People with Disabilities.



Elsie Carrington

Phil McClue: Member of the Halton TTC and County Umpire.

Connie Moran: Wife of Bill Moran, Table Tennis England Vice President and member of the Veterans English Table Tennis Society; County and Tournament Umpire.

Derek Oldman: Member of the Board of Appeal for Table Tennis England and General Secretary of Chesterfield TTL.

George Payne: International Umpire.

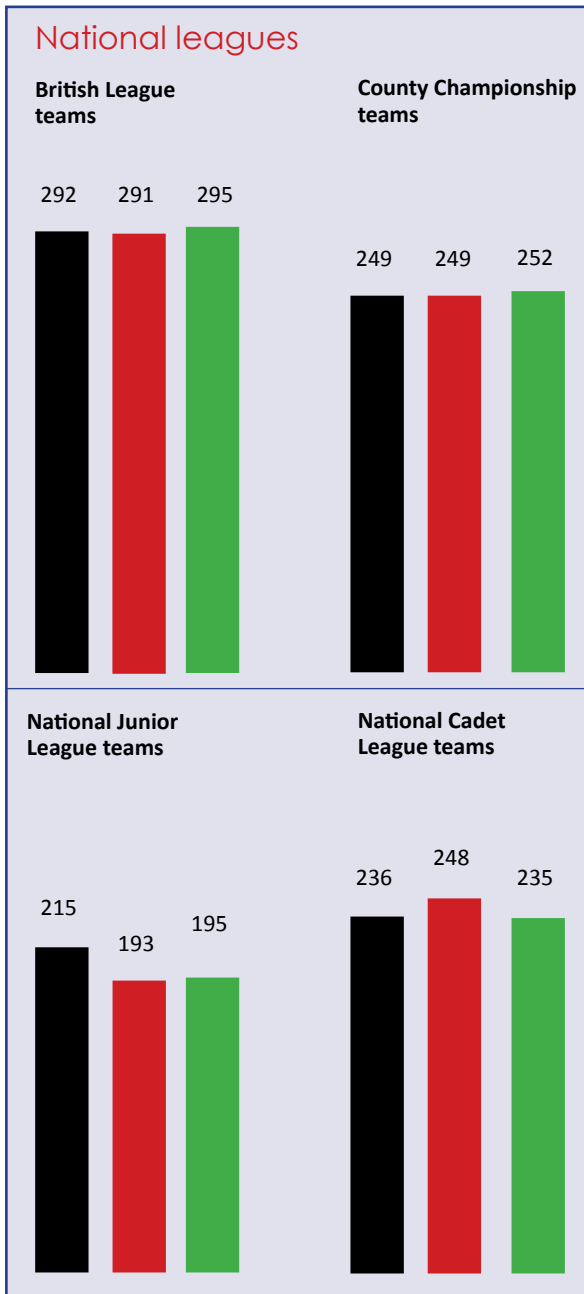
Keith Shepherd: Committee member of Leeds TTL for 29 years and also former General Secretary of Yorkshire County TTA. Also heavily involved with the organisation of the Kirklees 2* Senior and Junior Open, Yorkshire 3* Open and Yorkshire Junior Select Open.

Robert James 'Bobby' Stevens: Winner of National Championships in 1962.

Brian Thiel: Member of Clacton TTL and Vice President.

Harry Venner: Member of the World Championship England Cup Team in 1952 (runner-up) and in 1954 (bronze). A qualified coach to a number of successful England players.

Statistics



Facts and figures

County Associations	39 39 39
Affiliated leagues	234 231 227
Affiliated teams	6,872 6,771 6,676
PremierClub – new registrations	26 12 14
PremierClub – total	162 169 174
Declared PremierClub membership	10,650

Key: 2012/13 2013/14 2014/15



Keith Thomas

“The majority of Sport England funding is ring-fenced in particular programmes, and outcomes have to be achieved in order for the funding to be continued.”

The year 2014/15 was the second year of the 2013/17 whole sport plan funded by Sport England. The turnover for the year was £4,041,383, which was approximately the same as last year.

I am pleased to report that this year we are showing a surplus of £89,826 for the year which goes a long way to replenishing the reserves following the deficit of £116,179 in 2013/14. The income and expenditure reserves now stand at £493,875.

Whilst the level of the surplus this year is good news it is unlikely to be sustained in future years without a substantial increase in diverse sources of income. Part of the surplus is due to delayed recruitment whilst we assessed the needs of the restructured organisation following the move of the head office to the now more centrally based Milton Keynes in March 2014.

New ways of working this year have brought savings as highlighted by the £24,348 reduction in Board and Committee meetings costs within the Operations Department. Other savings have been made through strong cost control including postage, photocopying and other business consumables.

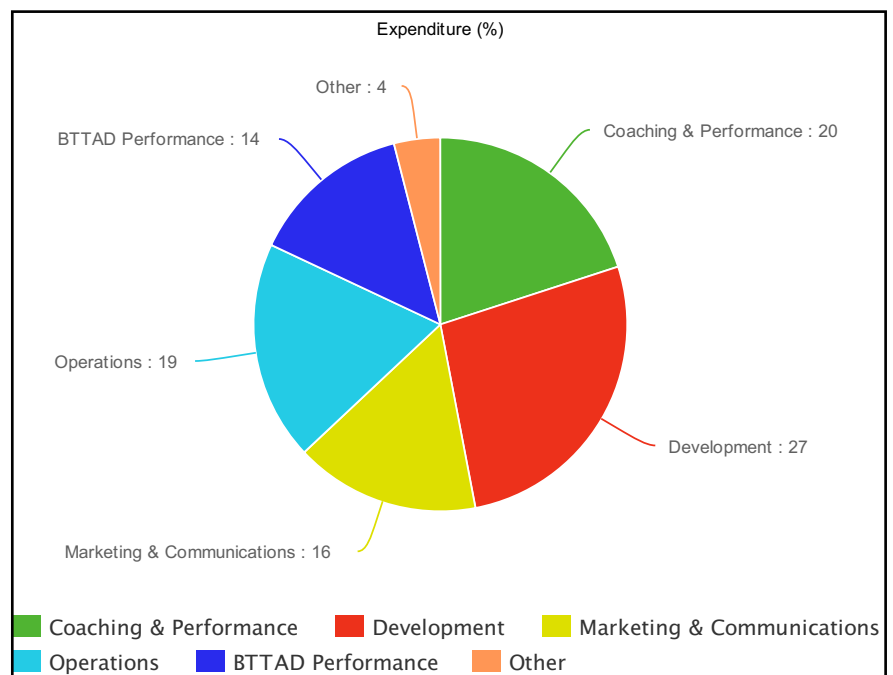
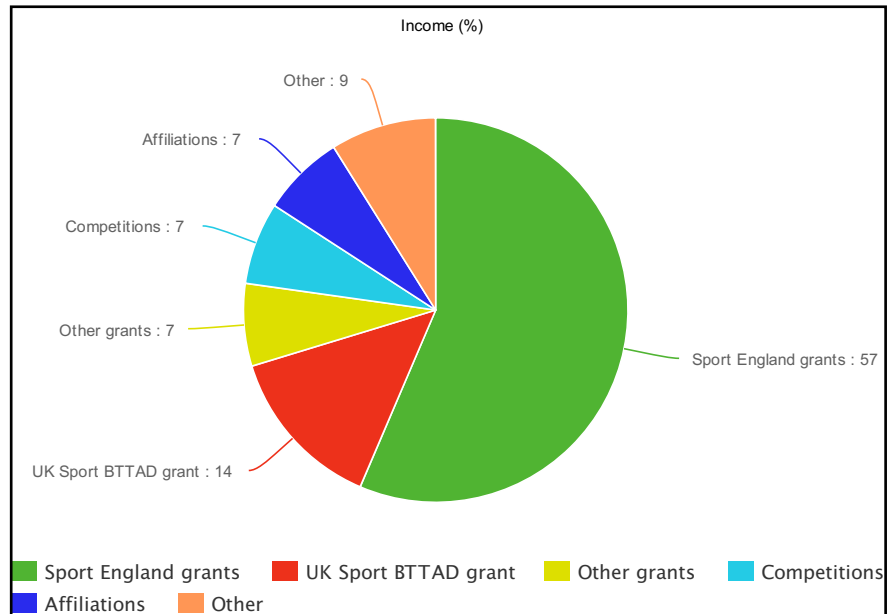
At the same time the mileage rates for volunteers was increased to the same level as staff and equal prize money was introduced in the Grand Prix series.

We have to be constantly vigilant in keeping our core operational and overhead costs as low as possible as these are only part funded by Sport England and funding in this area could come under increasing pressure in the next funding cycle when Exchequer funding to the sector is expected to decrease.

The Performance programme benefited from Sport England Commonwealth Games funding until the end of August. For the remaining seven months of the year the Performance programme has not had the benefit of grant funding beyond the Talent Development Centres supported by Sport England and this will continue to be a challenge in future years.

It should be highlighted that the majority of Sport England funding is ring-fenced in particular programmes, and outcomes have to be achieved in order for the funding to be continued.

Special thanks should go to the Jack Petchey Foundation who made a considerable contribution of £208,407 in 2014/15 to enrich the lives of young people in London and Essex through regularly engaging them with table tennis opportunities.



Financial Report

English Table Tennis Association Limited

Income & Expenditure Report

For the Year Ended 31 March 2015

			2015			2014
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure (Net Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure (Net Income)
<u>Coaching & Performance</u>						
Coaching	180,295	73,863	106,432	167,536	88,753	78,783
Talent & Infrastructure	391,398	6,665	384,733	193,581	8,785	184,796
Commonwealth Games	103,491	95,340	8,151	65,828	65,828	0
Performance	125,192	49,866	75,326	195,968	68,373	127,595
	<u>800,376</u>	<u>225,734</u>	<u>574,642</u>	<u>622,913</u>	<u>231,739</u>	<u>391,174</u>
<u>Development</u>						
Area Team	486,698	1,386	485,312	723,802	84,738	639,064
Clubs	26,358	0	26,358	32,053	0	32,053
Children & Young People (Note 1)	251,974	228,806	23,168	179,572	116,969	62,603
Satellite Clubs	66,631	0	66,631	68,000	0	68,000
Adult Participation	98,055	0	98,055	0	0	0
Disability	36,320	0	36,320	0	0	0
PING!	9,016	0	9,016	0	0	0
Capital	0	0	0	200,000	0	200,000
Infrastructure	91,150	6,522	84,628	121,897	5,134	116,763
	<u>1,066,202</u>	<u>236,714</u>	<u>829,488</u>	<u>1,325,324</u>	<u>206,841</u>	<u>1,118,483</u>
<u>Marketing & Communications</u>						
Competitions	383,196	293,082	90,114	371,780	250,949	120,831
Marketing & Communications	174,754	26,102	148,652	129,456	26,800	102,656
Membership Costs	81,640	0	81,640	84,540	0	84,540
	<u>639,590</u>	<u>319,184</u>	<u>320,406</u>	<u>585,776</u>	<u>277,749</u>	<u>308,027</u>
<u>Operations</u>						
Meetings	50,469	0	50,469	74,817	0	74,817
Staff Costs	387,179	0	387,179	368,257	0	368,257
IT Development	82,562	0	82,562	41,074	0	41,074
Other Core Costs	218,082	0	218,082	228,830	0	228,830
Sport England	0	2,169,011	(2,169,011)	0	2,099,376	(2,099,376)
Affiliation Fees	0	291,082	(291,082)	0	241,396	(241,396)
Sponsorship	0	22,500	(22,500)	0	16,500	(16,500)
Ranking & Tournament Levies	0	36,920	(36,920)	0	38,245	(38,245)
Bank Interest	0	4,007	(4,007)	0	5,428	(5,428)
Other Income	30,569	67,332	(36,763)	18,418	36,467	(18,049)
	<u>768,861</u>	<u>2,590,852</u>	<u>(1,821,991)</u>	<u>731,396</u>	<u>2,437,412</u>	<u>(1,706,016)</u>
<u>Other</u>						
BTTAD Performance Grant (Note 2)	554,416	554,416	0	489,026	489,026	0
Other Grants	76,811	76,811	0	290,781	290,781	0
Regions (Note 3)	45,301	37,672	7,629	65,714	61,203	4,511
	<u>676,528</u>	<u>668,899</u>	<u>7,629</u>	<u>845,521</u>	<u>841,010</u>	<u>4,511</u>
	<u>3,951,557</u>	<u>4,041,383</u>	<u>(89,826)</u>	<u>4,110,930</u>	<u>3,994,751</u>	<u>116,179</u>

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Notes to Income & Expenditure Report

For the Year Ended 31 March 2015

- Note 1 The Jack Petchey Foundation grant is included in income in 2015 (£208,407), and in 2014 (£101,969). The grant has been matched against related expenditure.
- Note 2 The British Table Tennis Association for People With Disabilities (BTTAD) is the governing body for performance of UK table tennis for people with disabilities and is funded by UK Sport. As the Lead Nation, the ETTA has been authorised through a service level agreement, approved by UK Sport to administer the funds and reports directly to UK Sport and the BTTAD Performance Monitoring Group.
- Note 3 Ten regional committees operate around the country under the auspices of English Table Tennis Association Limited. All income and expenditure of Regions is included in the income and expenditure account. The net funds of Regions are included in the Balance Sheet.

ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2015

	2015		2014	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets		43,046		37,911
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stocks	8,746		12,412	
Debtors	151,422		134,304	
Cash at bank and in hand	1,147,481		967,060	
	<u>1,307,649</u>		<u>1,113,776</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year				
	<u>(819,913)</u>		<u>(710,731)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		487,736		403,045
NET ASSETS		<u>530,782</u>		<u>440,956</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Other reserves		36,907		39,270
Income and expenditure account		493,875		401,686
		<u>530,782</u>		<u>440,956</u>

Notes re Balance Sheet included in full Financial Statements Report

International Matters

Table Tennis England has continued to build on relationships with both the International Table Tennis Federation and the European Table Tennis Union as well as numerous overseas governing associations.

There has been England delegate representation at the European Youth Championships (July 2014), European Team Championships (September 2014), the European Youth Top 10 (October 2014) and the recent World Singles Championships (April 2015).

At the World Championships in Suzhou, our Chair, Sandra Deaton and CEO Sara Sutcliffe attended the ITTF AGM, the ETTU Extraordinary Congress and the Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation AGM.

In addition, they had a full schedule of informal meetings with their opposite numbers from within Europe and with key ITTF officials, including a personal meeting with the new president Thomas Weikert (pictured right). It was announced, that the ITTF had become the largest international sports federation in the world with 222 member associations.



There were also several strategies presented around the P5 – promotion, profit generation, planning, popularity and participation – aiming for worldwide top 5.

Sandra Deaton remains a full member of the ITTF Nominations Committee and congratulations to Susie Hughes who has been appointed as a corresponding member on the ITTF Media Committee, with Stuart Sherlock retaining his place as a corresponding member on the Technical Committee. Both our delegates attended a presentation on the ITTF World Tour programme. Valuable information was given which will help to support our strategic goal of holding an English Open by 2020.

Sincere thanks to Peter Bradley for attending the Equipment Committee meetings over the World Championships and for his follow-up report and hard work as a member of the group over the last few years.

At both the World and European Championships, the European Congress featured several presentations around the possible changes to the format and qualification systems of the European

Team Championships for 2017. This will result in the introduction of home and away qualification matches from early 2016 so we will have regular international matches back on home soil.

The development programme of the ETTU was also presented. It centres around the ITTF Hopes and Talent programme. We are now very much engaged with this as it significantly supports our talent centre objectives.

Our Chair became a member of the Swaythling Club and attended the AGM, as well as holding a European Youth Committee meeting to discuss the forthcoming European Youth Championships.

Our delegation attended the Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation AGM. Congratulations go to Alan Ransome OBE on his re-election as Chairman of the CTF. The meeting confirmed the selection of Surat in India for the CTF championships in October 2015.

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) are recommending table tennis to become a core sport for all future Commonwealth Games. We await a positive decision in September from the CGF.

During the attendance of these international events and meetings, our delegates have been approached by numerous international associations for further information on our Ping! initiative, our talent centres, performance and coaching strategies. It is heartening to feel we are a governing body which can be of a support to other nations.

Finally, our Chair had the great pleasure in presenting the St Brides Vase to Ma Long – the winner of the men’s singles.

● Sandra Deaton was also elected to head up the European Table Tennis Union Youth Committee and CEO Sara Sutcliffe was appointed as Deputy Chair of the Women’s Committee. Our Deputy Chair Susie Hughes was elected to the Veterans Committee, Karen Tonge on the Umpires & Referees Committee, Stuart Sherlock on the Technical Committee, Peter Taylor on the Para TT Committee, Malcolm MacFarlane on the Ranking Committee and Andrew Nixon on the Justice Board, all on a two-year term.

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