



**ANNUAL REVIEW 2006/07
AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2007



ETTA

MISSION STATEMENT

OUR VISION

Making table tennis the most popular and successful indoor sport in England.

OUR MISSION

Working in partnership to create opportunities for everyone to enjoy the game of table tennis, to stay in the sport and to achieve their full potential.

OUR ROLE

1. To be the strategic lead for the development of table tennis in England.
2. To make focused investments to deliver most effective outcomes from the Whole Sport Plan.
3. To provide advice, support and knowledge to our members, customers and partners.
4. To inform, influence and persuade public opinion and key decision makers in sport of the benefits to society from participation and investment in table tennis.



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Chairman's Foreword

Chairman's Statement

Time stands still for no one in our great sport and the impact of London 2012 has made us all more determined to create opportunities and a legacy for all within the table tennis fraternity now and in the future.

I am very proud of the performances in the international arena of our young players and see this as an additional opportunity to further promote our sport with increased participation and retention. There has also been a significant break through on the national scene as we embraced web streaming, a disabled exhibition and one of the youngest national champions ever all over the same weekend in Sheffield.

To fulfil our ambitions and vision we must continue to work together to change in a number of areas the way we have operated for over 25 years. Two critical and fundamental issues will be at the core of these much needed changes, namely how we monitor and affiliate our players, and corporate governance in regard to our Memorandum and Articles (Rules/Regulations) of the ETTA. The two issues are just part of this process as will be adjustments to the departmental functions, staffing areas and our present regional structure.

When travelling across the country to events and meetings I continue to be encouraged and proud of the work our volunteers are doing locally and regionally in support of our great sport, giving opportunities to everyone irrespective of gender, race and ability.

UK Sport, Youth Sport Trust and Sport England...have increased our income streams by over £1.5M covering areas of coaching, club development, participation, volunteering, schools, talent and elite programmes.

We still have many things to do over the coming years but I consider significant progress is being made by continuing to work as a team to ensure our sports vision in participation, retention and in the international arena will be fulfilled.

We have been very fortunate to receive from our funding partners UK Sport, Youth Sport Trust and Sport England, significant additional support and

Directors of the Association



Chairman
Alex Murdoch

funding. I am sure on behalf of the ETTA you will agree that our thanks go to them for their commitment and confidence in our sport.

These partners have increased our income streams by over £1.5M covering areas of coaching, club development, participation, volunteering, schools, talent and elite programmes. This is an opportunity for us all to significantly change the face of our sport now and in the future.

However, we must continue to increase our own income streams with the ultimate goal of being "self sufficient". Communications and information technology coupled with increased sponsorship from outside of our trade partners and how we affiliate our players will contribute to this goal.

Sport England has changed the way sports will be funded and for our next four year planning cycle with Sport England from 2009 the strategy by them is to put more emphasis and funding to their regional sports boards rather than to the national governing bodies (NGB). This new strategy will mean that a significant proportion of direct funding to the NGBs will be allocated sport by sport to the regional sports boards. The NGBs will have to agree an individual regional plan with the nine regions as part of their overall plan for the sport. It appears that the funding will be paid to the NGBs but any of it, which is identified for a region, will have to be "ring-fenced"



Treasurer
Martin Clark



Deputy Chairman
Peter Bradley

to them. The planning process has started for submission by us during November this year.

There is also a change in the way results will be monitored both within the regions and the sports. It will be based upon the "Activity Survey" which was first published by Sport England in December 2006 and will be repeated annually. This survey was based upon regular, at least once a month, participation for over 16s only.

The recent award from Sport England covering the Club/Coach Development Fund and the NGB capacity funding will enable us to increase and monitor our progress within the regional structure we have in place, and to boost our participation, club accreditation, coaching and volunteering programmes.

Cohesion between ETTA staff and the many local organisations coupled with the energetic, willing and hard working volunteers has led to many new projects being put in place, and is leading us towards our vision to become the number one indoor racket sport in England.

Alex Murdoch
Chairman

Vice-Chairmen



Administration
John Dignum



Marketing
Sandra Deaton



Public Relations
Jim Beckley



Competitions
Keith Ponting



Development
Eileen Shaler



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Chief Executive's Statement

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This year heralds the 80th anniversary of the founding of the English Table Tennis Association and we can only wonder what those early pioneers of our sport would make of the huge changes which have occurred, not only in table tennis but in the wider sporting landscape.

They would surely derive enormous satisfaction in knowing that what was created 80 years ago between two World Wars has survived, grown and developed to become a well respected national governing body of sport with a complement of 35 professional staff and a turnover of £2.2 million. On reading this annual review they would also be pleased to know that the ETTA has continued to attract and retain the services of an outstanding group of talented and highly skilled volunteers who remain the bedrock on which much of the sport's progress is built.



In 2005 we all shared in the excitement of winning the Olympic Games for London, and in 2006 the British sporting landscape changed dramatically as UK Sport took on sole responsibility for the England and UK performance pathway while Sport England was given the lead role and remit to increase participation in the community. The Youth Sport Trust has responsibility for sport in schools.

I salute the hundreds of volunteers who organise regular competition in our 253 affiliated leagues and 40 county associations

The Association has positioned itself well to take advantage of these changes and the "Olympic" factor has proved to be a powerful driver for creating interest in table tennis. The British Table Tennis Federation received a substantial award from UK Sport to fund a performance programme designed to deliver medals in 2012, and last year a service level agreement was put in place which empowers the ETTA to manage the Performance Programme on behalf of the BTTF.

In a similar vein, table tennis was one of only five Olympic sports invited to take part in a prestigious new event, the UK School Games, organised in Glasgow, September 2006. The event was hailed as a great success and English teams and individuals won the lion's share of the medals.

On the domestic front, this annual report is testament to the huge range of activity undertaken by the Association in the past year. I can refer here to only a few highlights.

Congratulations to those clubs and member volunteers which successfully achieved Sport England Clubmark status. Creating a vibrant club infrastructure with equality of access and child safe and friendly environments will be an essential feature of any sport looking to attract and retain new members, and to this end the Association is committed to achieving the various levels of the government endorsed National Equality Standards and the Child Protection in Sport Standards.

A "quiet" revolution has taken place in the coaching sector with the introduction last year of the new UK Coaching Certificate. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed to the significant progress identified



in this report on this important project which is delivering a step change improvement in the training and qualification of coaches in the UK.

The range of competition available to our members is amongst the most comprehensive of any governing body, and I salute the hundreds of volunteers who organise regular competition in our 253 affiliated leagues and 40 county associations, and the dedicated band of officials, volunteers and staff which manages the successful national events programme.

The Association continued to embrace new technology as part of a modernisation programme and significant investment was made in new hardware and software to improve our back office operations.

The launch of a new and enhanced website coupled with the introduction of a new brand identity which is reflected in all of our publications, including a revitalised Table Tennis News, has given the Association a much needed new and contemporary look. Look out for more exciting developments in this area soon.

Finally, if we are going to succeed in harnessing and riding the wave of opportunity being generated by the London 2012 Olympics, it is clear we will have to take a hard look across all of our activities and examine what we do well and what needs to be done better in the future. It's an exciting prospect!

We have grown and developed to become a well respected national governing body of sport with a complement of 35 professional staff and a turnover of £2.2 million

This Management Report represents a significant body of work undertaken by a dedicated team of volunteers and professional staff. I hope you enjoy reading it.

Richard Yule
Chief Executive

Staff

Chief Executive	Richard Yule
▶ Administration	
General Secretary	Rob Sinclair
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National Facilities Officer	Paul Baker*
National Equality/	
Child Protection Officer	Judy Rogers
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West Midlands	Chris Newton*
East	Greg Yarnall*
Yorkshire	Mark Willerton*
North West	Andrea Holt*
North East	Vacant*
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National Events Officer	Matthew Porter
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Finance Officer	Brian Skinner
Finance Assistant	Collette Sargent**
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National Coaching Administrator	Gina Rogers
UKCC Project Manager	Karen King*
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National Coach	Jia Yi Liu*
Technical Administrator	Jill Parker MBE*
Performance Coach	Alan Cooke* ***
Performance Coach	Alex Perry* ***

(*) Based outside the headquarters
 (**) Part-Time
 (***) Job Share

National Council

National Council explained

Each county elects a representative to serve on the Council who decide the policy for the administration of the ETTA. They meet four times a year to receive reports, minutes of committees and recommendations from the Association's Management Committee.

The county representatives, the National Councillors, listed below, have the challenging task of determining policy with reference to all of the ETTA's activities. They then have the opportunity, via their own county meetings, to explain proposed policy to the member leagues. Valuable feedback is then obtained to reflect members' interests.

National Councillors & Deputy National Councillors

No	Table Tennis County	National Councillor	Deputy National Councillor
1	Avon	MWJ Lewis	DL Hockney
2	Bedfordshire	Mrs VJ Murdoch	PD Clarke
3	Berkshire	B Halliday	A Bruton
4	Buckinghamshire	RR Washington	RJ Hedley
5	Cambridgeshire	BR Freer	Mrs V Parkes
6	Cheshire	Mrs G Johns	R Jackson
7	Cleveland	AE Ransome OBE	C Davison
8	Cornwall	J Jermyn	R House
9	Cumbria	Miss C Rose	Not elected
10	Derbyshire	LA Chatwin	D Marples
11	Devonshire	CP Goulding	K Denton
12	Dorset	TEC Hales	L Whittaker
13	Durham	GM Wilson	A Taylor
14	Essex	BR Granger	N Brierley
15	Gloucestershire	LJ Smith	Mrs EJ Kirby
16	Hampshire	H Albery	DB Turner
17	Herefordshire	N Merchant	G Stables
18	Hertfordshire	DJ Edwards	JM Barnes
19	Isle of Wight	J Prean	Mrs E Prean
20	Kent	EK Muhr	L Pilfold
21	Lancashire	S Clarke	KA Armson MBE
22	Leicestershire	AB Lillicrapp	MGR Smith
23	Lincolnshire	WV Moran	G Tyler
24	Middlesex	Mrs DM Stannard	M Close
25	Norfolk	RR Drew	Not elected
26	Northamptonshire	K Marchant	Not elected
27	Northumberland	N Coe	Not elected
28	Nottinghamshire	M Allsop	M Tunningley
29	Oxfordshire	TPJ O'Flynn	Not elected
30	Shropshire	TG Felton	Not elected
31	Somerset	TM Farr	JM Burtenshaw
32	South Yorkshire	JF Whidborne	JF Galloway
33	Staffordshire	R Habgood	D Sherratt
34	Suffolk	P Fordham	G Brook
35	Surrey	Miss M Fraser	A Laws
36	Sussex	Mrs DM Kirkwood	Not elected
37	Warwickshire	MC Macfarlane	EJ Williams
38	Wiltshire	AL Seward	N Sewell
39	Worcestershire	DA Young	Mrs LA Reid
40	Yorkshire	RB Hudson	B Snowden

**Thank you for
all the volunteers'
hard work**

Honorary Life Members & Vice-Presidents

► Honorary Life Members

L A Chatwin, C J Clemett, R J Crayden, P H M Hillier, M R Holt, J Jermyn, L F Landry, M W J Lewis, K T O Ponting, A E Ransome OBE, N K Reeve, R C Scruton, L J Smith, Mrs D M Stannard, J M Wright, D A Young

► Deceased Honorary Life Members

The Dowager Lady G Swathling, A F Carris, G W Decker, L E Forrest, I G S Montagu, A K Vint OBE, P E Warden, C G Woodcock, M Goldstein OBE, W E Stamp, I C Eyles, F G J Mannooch, E Reay, L S Woollard, T Blunn, N Cook, G James, C Jaschke, P W Hyde, F Milligan, M E Scott, G R Harrower, C M Wyles OBE, K Watts, G R Yates, L L E Thompson, H Walker, A J H Wickens, A E Upton, E G White



Committee Chairmen

► Administration

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 Disciplinary – June Watts
 Honours – Alex Murdoch
 Information Technology – Malcolm Macfarlane
 Rules – John Jermyn
 Returning/Nominations Officer – Ron Washington
 Membership – Mike Smith
 Ranking Policy – Malcolm Macfarlane

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Vice-Chairman/Treasurer: Martin Clark
 Committee Chairman:
 Trade – Stan Clarke

► Marketing

Vice Chairman: Sandra Deaton
 Committee Chairmen:
 Marketing & Sponsorship – Sandra Deaton
 National Championships – Doreen Stannard

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Vice Chairman: Jim Beckley
 Committee Chairmen:
 Public Relations – Jim Beckley
 Archives & Museums – Jim Beckley

► Competitions

Vice-Chairman: Keith Ponting
 Committee Chairmen:
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 British League – Keith Ponting
 County Championships – Barry Granger
 Grand Prix – Dave Evans
 Tournaments – Geoff Twiss
 National Umpires & Referees – Andy Seward
 Tournament Organisers – Dave Evans

► Development

Vice-Chairman: Eileen Shaler
 Committee Chairmen:
 National Development – Eileen Shaler
 Facilities Panel – Eileen Shaler
 Equality/Child Protection – Eileen Shaler
 Regional Chairmen:
 East – Peter Abbott
 East Midlands – Sandra Deaton
 London – Michael Close
 North – Colin Davison
 North West – Karen Tonge
 South/South East – Brian Lamerton
 South West – John Burtenshaw
 West Midlands – Malcolm Macfarlane
 Yorkshire – Alan Dunn

► National Coaching

Vice-Chairman – Jenny Heaton
 Committee Chairmen:
 National Coaching – Jenny Heaton
 Regional Coaching Chairmen:
 East – Peter Avenell
 East Midlands – Suzanne Airey
 London – John Standing/Jane Barella
 North – Jane Durham
 North West – Paul Ingham
 South – Keith Childs
 South East – Nick Standen/Ken Muhr
 South West – Val Clack
 West Midlands – Mike Prior
 Yorkshire – Richard Hudson/Sally Shutt

► Selection

Vice-Chairman – Peter Charters
 Committee Chairmen:
 High Performance Coaches – Peter Charters
 High Performance Management Group – Peter Charters

► Vice-Presidents

Miss J M Adams, H Albery, M Allsop, Mrs A P Archdale, K A Armson MBE, J Arnold, R Balmford, Mrs S Barna, J Beckley, J Blackband, P R Bradley, J Burtenshaw, Mrs E M Carrington, P A Charters, M Close, A Cooke, Mrs W Cunningham, C Davison, P Day, Mrs S Deaton, D Douglas MBE, A Drapkin, J Freeman JP, W G Goldfinch, B R Granger, G Gurney, B R Halliday, P J Hancock, E Hill, T M Honey, A Hydes, C T Hyland, T F Inge, C Jacques, Mrs A Jones MBE, B P Lamerton, Mrs C Lewis, P Lewis MBE, M C Macfarlane, K J Marchant, A I Marshall, Mrs G Johns, Miss D L Moors, W V Moran, Miss I Moss, J Neslen, H F J Newman, Mrs D M Nightingale, Mrs J Parker MBE, S Parr, L C Pilditch, L H Pilfold, D D Plowes, Dr D Ryde, A Sandford, D Schofield, A L Seward, S E Sherlock, A W C Simons, R H Sinclair, M G R Smith, R J Stevens, M D Strode, G A Taylor, Mrs K M Tonge, D R Tremayne, D N Tyler, C Villiers, Mrs J L Watts, B R J Webb, H J Webb, M Wolman, R Yates, R Yule

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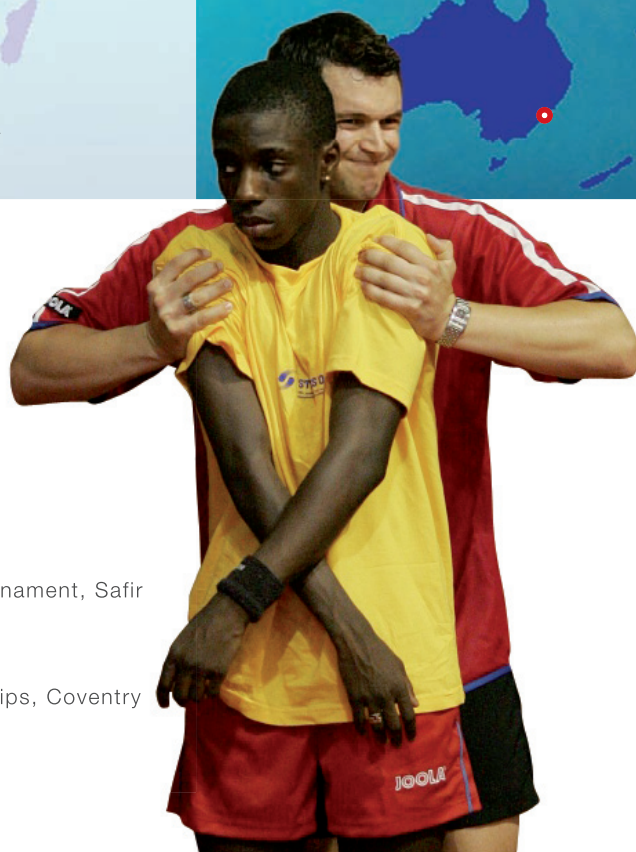


Players who have represented England segregated into levels

Senior	Junior	Cadet	Mini (U12)
Paul Drinkhall Darius Knight Gavin Evans Daniel Reed Andrew Rushton Tim Yarnall David Meads	Paul Drinkhall Darius Knight Gavin Evans Daniel Reed Tim Yarnall David Meads Richard Marshall Mathew Ware Bradley Evans Damien Nicholls	Gavin Evans Richard Marshall Liam Pitchford Mathew Ware Wing-Yung Chang David McBeath Sean Cullen Kim Daybell	Sam Walker Zak Zilesnick
Kelly Sibley Helen Lower Joanna Parker Emma Vickers Natalie Bawden	Kelly Sibley Emma Vickers Melanie Farquhar Sarrah Wang Caroline Hallows Hannah Hicks	Emma Vickers Rachel Jamieson Melissa Wright Reena Ardeshana Karina Lefevre Rachel Baker Mary Fuller	Emily Bates Lucy Davidson

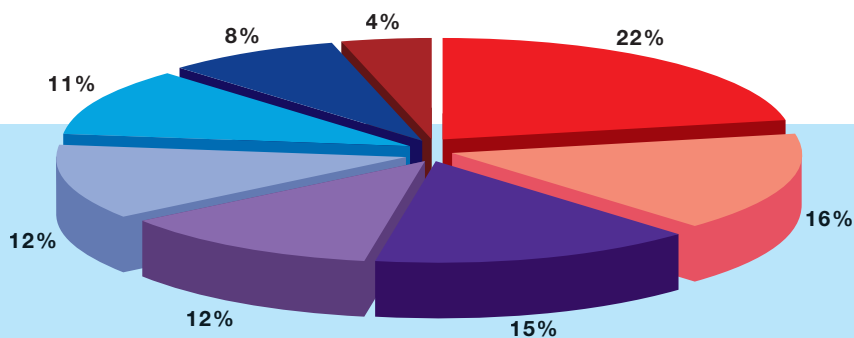
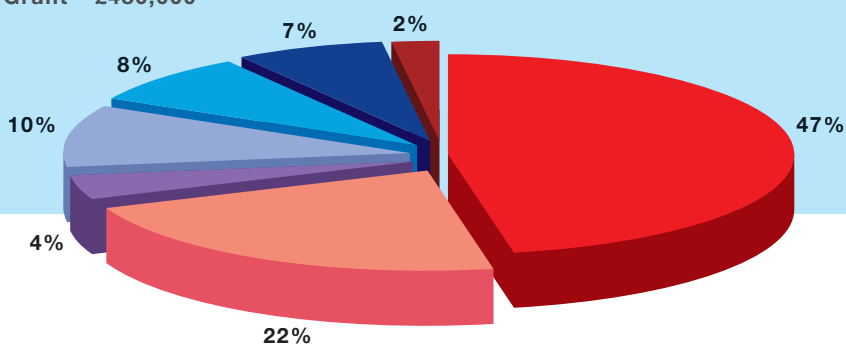


Date	Tournament
31/05 - 04/06/2006	Polish Youth Open, Cetniewo
21 - 30/07/2006	European Youth Championships, Sarajevo
25 - 27/08/2006	Euro Mini Championships, Strasbourg
14 - 17/09/2006	China Open, Guangzhou
15 - 17/09/2006	British and Irish Championships, Guernsey
21 - 24/09/2006	Japan Open, Yokohama
14 - 15/10/2006	European League, Madeira
14 - 15/10/2006	European League, Slovenia
03 - 05/11/2006	Slovak Cadet Open, Bratislava
01 - 05/11/2006	Russian Open, St. Petersburg
08 - 12/11/2006	German Open, Bayreuth
15 - 19/11/2006	Polish Open, Warsaw
23/11/2006	European League, Netherlands
30/11-03/12/2006	Finland Open, Helsinki
10 - 17/12/2006	World Junior Championships, Cairo
17 - 21/01/2007	Australian Youth Olympics, Sydney
26 - 28/01/2007	European Top 12 Riga, Latvia
06/02/2007	European League, Madeira
13/02/2007	European League, Derby
13 - 17/02/2007	Qatar Open, Doha
19 - 22/02/2007	Kuwait Open, Kuwait
22 - 25/02/2007	World Junior Circuit and International Tournament, Safir
25/03 - 01/04/2007	European Championships, Belgrade
12 - 15/04/2007	Canadian Junior Open, Montreal
16 - 18/04/2007	Czech Junior Open Championships, Hluk
23 - 25/04/2007	Cadet and Junior Six Nations Championships, Coventry
09 - 13/05/2007	Spanish Youth Open, Platja d' Aro
21 - 27/05/2007	World Championships, Zagreb



Income

- Sport England Grants - £1,046,000
- UK Sport BTTF Performance Grant - £480,000
- Other Grants - £97,000
- Competitions - £225,000
- Other - £168,000
- Affiliations - £162,000
- Coaching - £42,000



Expenditure

- BTTF Performance - £480,000
- Development - £351,000
- Miscellaneous Grants - £335,000
- General Salaries - £273,000
- Overheads - £264,000
- Other - £229,000
- Competitions - £182,000
- Coaching - £81,000

Membership Figures		0	500
County Associations	40	40	
Affiliated Leagues	241	253	
Affiliated Teams	7382	7230	8000
British League Teams	269	267	
National Junior League Teams	206	166	
National Cadet League Teams	156	170	
County Championships Teams	244	245	
Licensed Players	2546	2446	8000
PremierClub – new registrations*	25	8	
PremierClub – re-registrations*	136	112	
PremierClub - total*	161	120	

* 2006/07 figures are based on 9 months only

Coaching Registrations		0	500
Registrations	395	433	
Awards			
Qualified Introduction to Coaching	62	34	
Qualified Sport Leaders Award	35	72	
Qualified Teachers Award	42	40	
Qualified Level 2 Award	162	208	
Attended Level 3 Course	22	56	
Qualified Level 3 Award	15	23	

Key: ■ = 2005/06 ■ = 2006/07

Annual Snapshot 2006/07

June 2006

Ellenborough Table Tennis Club was awarded £593,000 as part of the government funded community club development programme. David Hope, Chairman of Ellenborough TTC, said "Thanks to the untiring efforts of our committee and support of certain councillors and officers of the London borough of Enfield, our dream will come true when we re-open in October 2006."

The ETTA was announced as one of the first organisations to achieve the foundation level of the Equality Standards for Sport. The award was presented at the CCPR annual conference by the Minister for Sport Richard Caborn.

Alan Cooke became the first English player to win the world over 40s title and triumphed over a high quality field of around 1,000 players in Bremen.

The World Championships in Bremen proved difficult for a young English squad but did throw up an interesting comparison from top racket sports reporter Richard Eaton "Bremen is the city where Beethoven gave his first symphony its world premiere, and although Paul Drinkhall and Darius Knight have not arrived internationally yet, you could see that soon they too would be composing some startling stuff".

Darius Knight starred in the singles at the Polish Youth Open, narrowly missing the final following a tight match against no.1 seed Rinus Filius of Germany who went on to win gold. The doubles brought further success when Knight teamed up with fellow star Paul Drinkhall, claiming gold by defeating Mikkel Hindersson and Kasper Sternberg of Denmark. Poland also provided a medal for Kelly Sibley as she combined well with her regular doubles partner Sanja Paukovic to gain bronze.

July 2006

England's young talents moved up to fifth position in the Junior Boys (U18) ITTF world ranking. This was England's highest position for over 20 years, an especially exceptional achievement considering the average age of the squad is just 15.

Rockstar launched its new Xbox 360 game 'table tennis' which was gratefully received by global gaming fans, soaring straight to number one spot in the gaming chart. The Table Tennis News review said "The real joy of Rockstar's interpretation of table tennis is that you can just pick up controller and play, no fiddling around trying to work out crazy combinations (although possible) you can just switch it on and away you go, this is a credit to the game and reflects its versatility. Even in a virtual world table tennis is a true sport for all".

July also brought about another celebrity endorsement as Freddie Flintoff announced his love for the game. Flintoff battled it out with Matthew Syed in a challenge Freddie feature for Sky Sports Cricket AM. Matthew Syed said: "Afterwards, Flintoff - who was terrific company throughout - asked me to make an assessment of his game. I told him that it was my guess that, had he played table tennis rather than cricket, he would have challenged for a place in the England team."

The National U11/12/13/14 Championships delivered some fantastic play and promise for the future.

Paul Drinkhall won his first singles title on the ITTF World Junior Circuit in Funchal, Madeira, defeating Austria's Stephan Fergerl in a close seven game encounter. Swiftly following that success Drinkhall continued on top form gaining a second gold combining with compatriot Darius Knight in the doubles.

Plus the England junior boys' squad returned with silver from the European Youth Championships in Sarajevo. Following the gold in the cadets the previous year it was a remarkable achievement. Stepping up an age category and gaining instant success confirmed the significant improvement the young English squad had managed to achieve.

Lieutenant Brett Barder utilised his table tennis and Arabic skills to full potential teaching young children in Basra. Table tennis is a thriving sport in Iraq perhaps due to the necessity to play in confined indoor spaces.



August 2006

David Wetherill won gold and silver at the Disability Sport England Table Tennis Championships at Grantham, a tremendous performance by a young athlete who is touted as a top contender in the Beijing Paralympics 2008.

Mason Haley, a talented nine year old, successfully defended his children's table tennis title at the British Transplant Games despite reaching the tournament without packing a bat. David [father] said: "We each thought we had packed it but as soon as we discovered we'd left it behind, we had to go rushing around trying to borrow one."

August also saw the Olympic torch arrive at the ITTF Headquarters. Chuck Hoey, ITTF museum curator, said: "It will act as a reminder of the success of the table tennis events at the Athens Games."



September 2006

Lilleshall played host to the ETTA's annual conference and volunteer awards dinner which proved to be an outstanding success with over 100 delegates attending. Plus top keynote speakers, including Liz Nicholl (Director of Elite Sport, UK Sport), Stephen Baddeley (Interim Chief Executive, Sport England) and Lord Colin Moynihan (Chairman, British Olympic Association).

September also brought with it the first UK School Games; this will be an annual event in the run-up to the 2012 Olympics. Hosted by the city of Glasgow it was deemed a huge success. Triumphant this year were England North in the boys and England West Midlands in the girls. The top talents on display managed to draw the attention of several influential people including Cherie Blair, Kelly Holmes, Duncan Goodhew, Richard Caborn (Minister of Sport), Sue Campbell (Chairman UK Sport and Youth Sport Trust), Sir Craig Reedie (Member of the International Olympic Committee) and Paul Deighton (Chief Executive, London 2012).

The Panasonic China Open provided the best individual performance by any English player for some years as Paul Drinkhall gave Korean superstar and reigning Olympic champion, Seung Min Ryu, a closer examination than anyone had managed throughout the whole of the Athens Olympics taking him to three match points until finally succumbing 6-11, 7-11, 11-9, 11-7, 4-11, 11-9, 13-11.

October 2006

The ITTF announced that nearly 80,000 spectators made the trip to watch top live table tennis at the World Championships in Bremen earlier in the year.

Paul Drinkhall became the Senior Men's no.1 at just 16 years of age.

Jeremy Wilson caught up with John Hilton in a feature for Table Tennis News 26 years after his famous European victory. Not only did this provide a trip down memory lane, it produced a top quote to underline the unpredictability of table tennis. "It was", says Don Parker describing Hilton's European victory, "one of the greatest upsets in the history of any sport - absolutely unbelievable." Legend has it that John was rated number two in England, three in Lancashire and four at the Manchester YMCA.

Jasmine Ould was awarded Player of the Weekend and DML Woolwell claimed top spot in the Premier Division as the first weekend of the Bribar Women's British League was completed.

Kelly Sibley became Warwickshire Sports Awards Young Sportswoman of the Year for her achievements in table tennis over the past 12 months.



November 2006

November began with the launch of Dr Daniel Amen's new book 'Making a Good Brain Great' in which he states that table tennis is the best sport for the brain..., saying "it improves hand-eye co-ordination, it's aerobic, uses both upper and lower body, and causes you to use all areas of your brain".

Kelly Sibley topped the English Senior Women's rankings list. Sibley said "Becoming England no.1 has been one of my goals for a long time and to fulfill it is a great feeling."

Gavin Evans continued to prove why he is touted as one of the top 13 year old players in the world, winning two gold medals in the singles and doubles at the Slovak Cadet Open in Bratislava.

The ETTA launched its new website, with stacks of fresh information, a clean and clear layout, interactive content and more, it proved an instant hit with table tennis fans all over the world.

Concluding a rather wet month, recognition for our top performers rained in as Gavin Evans became BBC East Midlands Junior Sportsman of the Year, Paul Drinkhall received the OCS National Young Sports Person Award, and Alan Cooke was named the Derbyshire Sports Veteran of the year.

December 2006

Darius Knight played TT with top comedian Jimmy Carr on the Paul O'Grady Show, a prime time chat show on Channel Four. Whilst Christina Aguilera, the superstar singer, reveals her favourite two pastimes are table tennis and yes you guessed it shopping.

Paul Drinkhall came second only to Theo Walcott in the BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year for his outstanding national and international success. Plus rising star Lewis Gray became proud winner of the 12 years and under Junior Sports Achievers Award at the annual awards evening organised by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

Sun Jin, former Olympic silver medallist, demonstrated she has lost none of her guile putting in another unstoppable performance at the Hereford Butterfly Grand Prix to continue her dominance on the top domestic circuit.



January 2007

Paul Drinkhall started the new year as he finished the last winning another prestigious tournament. This time he defeated some of Europe's most talented young players to take the European Junior Top 12 singles title in Riga, Latvia. In doing so he emulated Carl Prean who was the last English player to win the title in San Marino, 1985.

Mathew Ware was presented with the Taut 100 award for his outstanding performances. He became only the ninth athlete to achieve this award since its introduction.

England elite continued to demonstrate their podium potential at the Australian Youth Olympics with Paul Drinkhall winning silver in the singles, and combining with team mate Darius Knight took top honours in the doubles. Paul Drinkhall was also selected to carry the flag in for Team GB in the opening ceremony. Drinkhall said "Holding the flag's a big honour and leading team GB out into the arena was an amazing feeling."

February 2007

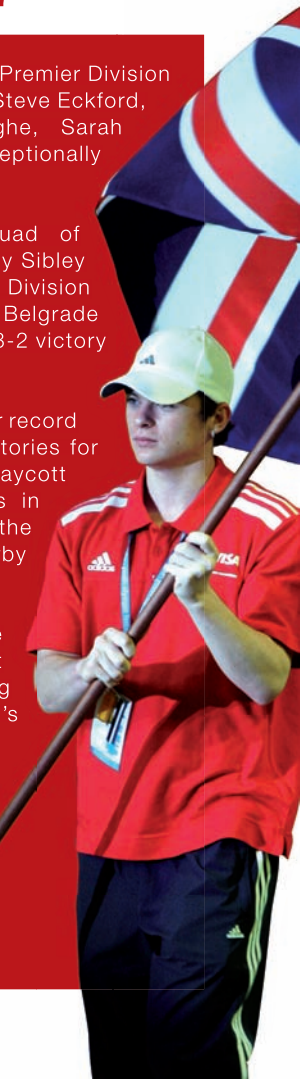
Sussex scooped the Cadets' County Premier Division without losing a match. The team of Steve Eckford, Ricki Weston, Helshan Weerasinghe, Sarah Russo and Yolanda King played exceptionally throughout.

The England senior women's squad of Joanna Parker, Helen Lower and Kelly Sibley booked their place in the Premier Division at the European Championships in Belgrade following a 3-0 win in Madeira and a 3-2 victory at the Draycott Table Tennis Centre.

The Junior British League had another record attendance with Premier Division victories for York Gardens in the Boys and Draycott and Long Eaton recording success in the Girls. The award for Player of the Weekend went to Matthew Weatherby and Karina Lefevre.

DHS London Progress, led by the incomparable Egle Adomelyte, fought their way through some nail-biting contests to take the Bribar Women's British League from DML Woolwell.

In the Premier British League Michael Marsden became the first player to get the better of Oxford Fireplace Centre's double Olympic silver medallist, Sun Jin (China), winning 11-9, 12-10, 5-11, 11-8.



March 2007

The National Championships took place at Sheffield's Ponds Forge International Sports Centre with Paul Drinkhall and Helen Lower crowned Senior Champions. This season also embraced new technology with 247.tv web streaming live matches and replays for the whole world to see.

Top tournament information was received as the European Table Tennis Union confirmed that they had awarded the ETTA the European Youth Top 10. The tournament will take place at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield from 25-27 January 2008.

Plus UK Sport announced it is increasing the funding agreement for the GB table tennis programme in the 2007/8 season.

A disabled table tennis demonstration was witnessed for the first time at this year's Senior National Championships. Four players battled it out with Mark Palmer (Wheelchair) and Will Bayley (Standing) succeeding over Shaun Newcombe and Chris Cattell respectively in the finals.

78 Table Tennis Clubs achieved Clubmark status, Sport England's cross sport accreditation programme signifying 'the sign of a quality club'.



April 2007

Table tennis hit the theatre as 'Not a game for the boys' was performed at the Manchester Library Theatre. The Financial Times provided a glowing reference "A most impressive and absorbing debut, spiked with an almost ortonesque line in black humour and bursting with quick-fire one-liners."

Sport England confirmed further investment for the Club and Coach Development Fund awarding the ETTA a sum of £1,328,600 from April 2007 - March 2010. Plus additional ring fenced funding for 2007/8 season of £162,625 for UKCC, Step into Sport and PESSCL.

UK Sport also confirmed further investment with £739,000 for the British elite table tennis players focused on training and competition for 2007/8.

Paul Drinkhall and Darius Knight became the only European players to be ranked in the world's top 15 in the U18s rankings list issued by the International Table Tennis Federation. Drinkhall reached 11 and Knight 15 with all other ranked players from China, Japan, Korea, Singapore or Taipei. In addition to this Drinkhall moved to an even more prominent position on the ITTF World Junior Circuit rankings by establishing himself at no.7 thanks to his success at the Canadian Junior Open.

May 2007

Cheeky girl Gabriela Irimia was photographed having a quick game of TT with her most recent romance Liberal Democrat MP Lembit Opik. Plus Kevin Spacey made us aware of his love for TT: "I'm a table tennis nut. I play constantly. I have a table in my apartment in London and I even have tournaments. Wherever I am that's one thing I always want - a table tennis table."

Ormesby Table Tennis Club announced a dedicated disabled table tennis session that will be held weekly providing top level coaches to assist all levels and abilities.

Youth excelled for Hampshire in the Junior County Championships as they made history by becoming the first team to take the Division Two, Division One and Premier Division titles in successive seasons.

DHS London Progress became champions for the ninth season in the Premier British League, Premier Division.

Gavin Rumgay from Scotland heads up the men's singles Butterfly Grand Prix Series whilst the almost unstoppable Sun Jin from China looks likely to take the women's title.

Finally England finished May in a flurry winning every category at the Junior and Cadet Six Nations held in Coventry.

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1 Administration

▶ 1.1 Staff

- ▶ 1.1.1 The following changes took place during the year.
 - Adam Collins joined (02/05/06) as Communications Assistant
 - Nicola Clarke RDO South West left (31/08/06)
 - Matt Henaughan (National Club & Schools Officer) left (01/12/06)
 - Daniel Russell (National Events Officer) left (31/12/06)
 - Alan Cooke & Alex Perry joined (01/01/07) as Performance Coaches (job-share)
 - Matthew Porter joined (05/02/07) as National Events Officer
 - Chris Brown new RDO South West joined (23/02/07)
 - Phil Webster (RDO North East) resigned (02/05/07)
 - Gina Rogers (National Coaching Administrator) contract extended
 - Karen King (UKCC Project Manager) contract extended



▶ 1.2 Honours

- ▶ 1.2.1 As adopted at the 1990/1 Annual General Meeting, the list of Honours to be bestowed on members will be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

▶ 1.3 Maurice Goldstein Merit Award

- ▶ 1.3.1 This award was formerly known as the ETTA Merit Award and it was decided in 1994 to rename the award to perpetuate the memory of former ETTA President, Maurice Goldstein OBE. A list of awards issued during the 2006/7 Administrative Year is listed on page 38 of this report.

▶ 1.4 Board of Appeal

- ▶ 1.4.1 We have not received any appeals since writing the last report and we have no appeals outstanding. We have vacancies on the Board which could be filled if suitable

candidates were forthcoming. Anyone interested should contact the Chairman of the Board for further information, either direct or through the General Secretary.

▶ 1.5 Disciplinary Committee

- ▶ 1.5.1 After a busy previous year, the Disciplinary Committee was not called upon to adjudicate this season.

▶ 1.6 Membership Committee

- ▶ 1.6.1 We have continued to implement the Individual Registration process in line with the rule and principle adopted at AGM. Returns from Local Leagues for 2005/6 were about 30% of affiliated team places and considerable efforts have been made to increase that figure this Administrative Year. Circulars and reminders have been supplemented by articles by the ETTA Chairman in Table Tennis News, a presentation at ETTA Conference and requests via National Councillors and Regional Development Officers. The results of these efforts will not be fully known until the end of the Administrative Year but so far at least 20 Local Leagues have responded for the first time.

- ▶ 1.6.2 In order to ease the process for all concerned, we decided to send out the same form both for Local Leagues and PremierClubs, to ask PremierClubs only to return information about their players who did not play in Local Leagues.

- ▶ 1.6.3 We sent the registrations from 2005/6 back to respondents in electronic form for simpler updating.

- ▶ 1.6.4 We urged all Local Leagues and PremierClubs to follow the example set by others in using the ETTA form as their Registration Form.

- ▶ 1.6.5 We sent out a spreadsheet option as an alternative within the revised Data Manager programme.

- ▶ 1.6.6 PremierClub software was updated.

- ▶ 1.6.7 We agreed to send out annual information to Local Leagues by the end of April and to PremierClubs by July.

- ▶ 1.6.8 We continue to issue Data Protection Act advice and generally encourage electronic transfer of information.

▶ 1.7 Player Licence Scheme

- ▶ 1.7.1 We undertook a significant revision of Appendix 'A' – Player Licence Regulations - in liaison with Sanctions Working Party and Rules Committee and have overseen the Player Licence Scheme which was revised to include an additional level of Silver Licence. The overall numbers for this scheme have shown a further increase (see Facts and Figures page 8).



- ▶ 1.7.2 Affiliation forms were revised as part of the process of including Junior Leagues, not attached to existing Local Leagues, as Local Leagues in their own right.
- ▶ **1.8 Rules Committee**
Rules Committee have again been busy and set out below are the main matters dealt with during the year.
- ▶ 1.8.1 We have drafted a new Appendix P - Anti Doping Regulations - to meet UK Sport requirements.
- ▶ 1.8.2 Revised Appendix A - Player Licence Regulations - to incorporate "sanctions" scheme for control of misbehaviour.
- ▶ 1.8.3 Drafted rule change propositions for submission to the AGM by National Council.
- ▶ 1.8.4 Regulation change propositions for submission to the respective Conferences by the British League and County Championships committees were drafted.
- ▶ 1.8.5 At the request of National Council we have started reviewing rules with the object of simplifying them by transferring some of the detail to regulations.
- ▶ **1.9 Ranking Committee**
- ▶ 1.9.1 The ranking processes continued virtually seamlessly as the responsibility for data entry and booklet production at the offices in Hastings moved from Doreen Nightingale to Jennifer Sherwin. The rate of error continues to be very low considering the volume of data to be processed.
- ▶ 1.9.2 A new process for producing the ranking booklet has been implemented which improves this item.
- ▶ 1.9.3 Minor changes were made to the ranking process at the 2006 meeting:
 - a) All ratings were increased by 300 points to create space at the bottom for new players
 - b) An experiment was agreed to use coaches' assessments to allocate dummies for non World ranked opponents. They proved undesirable as the consistency required just could not be produced and the experiment was discontinued in February 2007. Players playing unranked opponents revert to receiving a single point for a win and no points lost for losing.
- ▶ 1.9.4 The major advance of the year, however, is the provision of both the Ranking List (players available to play for England) and the Rating List (all active players) on the new ETTA website each month as the ranking run is processed.
- ▶ **1.10 Information Technology Working Party**
- ▶ 1.10.1 No formal meetings were held in the year but several one to one meetings between members took place around the country.
- ▶ 1.10.2 The Data Manager/League Manager programmes were enhanced to handle the new Individual Registration form and were delivered to all Local Leagues on CD, which included their returned data from 2005/6, in September 2006.
- ▶ 1.10.3 The prime responsibility for the ETTA website was transferred during the season from the IT Working Party members to the National Communications Officer although both are still involved with website maintenance.



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- ▶ 1.10.4 The ETTA Web Membership database is in the process of being put in place and it is hoped it will be in full use later in the year. This will give access of all ETTA membership data to staff at their workstations regardless of whether they are based in the offices in Hastings or in the regions. The database is also a merge of all the individual ETTA databases, which should improve data consistency and allow improved communications with members. The next stage will be the addition of the 2006/7 Individual Registration data to the current ETTA data to provide an even more complete database.

▶ **1.11 Organisations in Good Standing**

- ▶ 1.11.1 The following organisations have been in Good Standing for this past year:

- Army Table Tennis Association
- British Table Tennis Association for People with Disabilities
- British Universities Sports Association
- English Schools' Table Tennis Association
- Lancashire and Cheshire Table Tennis League
- London Junior Table Tennis Scheme
- National Fire Services Sports & Social Clubs (Table Tennis Section)
- Police Sport UK
- Royal Air Force Table Tennis Association
- Veterans English Table Tennis Society

▶ **1.12 Obituaries**

- ▶ 1.12.1 The following friends and colleagues have died during the past year:

George Turton

Qualified as a County Umpire in 1977

John Stilto

Former England Captain

Stan Harvey

Treasurer of the Liverpool Business Houses TTL for 40 years

George White

Honorary Life Member and former member of Management Committee

Peter Lowen

ETTA Honorary General Secretary (1956 to 1958) and became the first professional General Secretary (1958 to 1966)

John Woodford

ETTA Vice President and table tennis correspondent for the Daily Telegraph

Steve Tatam

Level 3 Coach based at the Langdon Community Table Tennis Club, which was originally set up to help deprived children in the East London area.

Albert Shipley

Former ETTA Administrative/General

Secretary from 1967 to 1989 and ITTF Secretary General from 1989 to 1996.

Jack Dawson

Surrey County Table Tennis Association

Derek Langley

Former ETTA Southern Region Coaching Chairman and 2 Star ETTA Coach. Life Member of the Newbury and District Table Tennis League

▶ **1.13 Thanks**

- ▶ 1.13.1 Grateful thanks are extended to the professional Administration team for their continued commitment and support throughout the year.

2 Finance

▶ **2.1 General**

- ▶ 2.1.1 Another small surplus of £25,332 that increases the net asset base to £430,488 is a little step towards achieving the financial security that is needed by the Association. Our sister organisations of ETTU and ITTF regard a net asset base necessary to fund a minimum of one year's expenditure of which we are a long way short.



- ▶ 2.1.2 The funds secured from Sport England continue to be the most valuable means of supporting our development. In addition to the Exchequer funding derived from the four-year plan, we have benefited from numerous valuable ring fenced grants. Grateful thanks go out to them for their continued support.

- ▶ 2.1.3 Generation of income from League Affiliation fees amounting to £115,578 is governed via our rules by an inflationary increase each year for league players based on four players to a team. This amounted to a mere £4.12 p.a. per senior player last season compared to other sports where the cost was many



times greater. It is imperative that our income generated internally is significantly increased.

- ▶ 2.1.4 As a consequence of the successful London bid for the 2012 Olympics, a significant change in the performance funding was made by switching the funding partner to UK Sport, which acquired the responsibility from Sport England. At the same time, funding was allocated to Table Tennis GB, hence it being taken out of ETTA governance and into the remit of the British Table Tennis Federation (BTTF). ETTA has been appointed as the lead Home Nation in this respect and has been given responsibility for administering the grant. It is with this in mind that we have included the BTTF performance figures within the Notes to the Appendix.
- ▶ 2.1.5 We have again benefited by the astute use of short-term bank deposits that has resulted in a total of £31,350 interest being received albeit subject to Corporation Tax.
- ▶ 2.1.6 Once again thanks go to Brian Skinner whose skill and enduring commitment, together with that of his assistant Collette Sargent, ensures the efficient running of the Finance Department. We must also acknowledge the major contribution made by the Chief Executive in continuing to successfully liaise with our funding partners.
- ▶ **2.2 Trade Committee**
- ▶ 2.2.1 The Trade Committee, under the chairmanship of Stan Clarke, has met several times this season. The committee is made up of four National Councillors, namely Tony Chatwin, Doug Young, Ron Washington and Stan Clarke, along with Colin Hyland and the invaluable input of Chief Executive Richard Yule.
- ▶ 2.2.2 Grateful thanks are offered to the following traders for their support of the Association's events programme during the past season:-
 - Butterfly (Ransome Sporting Goods) - Grand Prix Series, Senior, Junior, Cadet National Championships, Junior/Cadet Ranking Trials.
 - Joola (Bribar Table Tennis) – National Under 11,12,13,14 Championships, Women's, Junior and Veterans' British League weekend events.
 - Joola - England team clothing supplier. The current contracts end this season and new tenders have been issued to the traders in respect of the next two seasons. The results of these tenders will be reported to National Council at their next meeting.

3 Marketing

▶ 3.1 National Events

- ▶ 3.1.1 The Marketing Department has continued to take responsibility for all our national events of the current season as well as prepare for the prospective international events for 2008, so this year had been a very busy one.
- ▶ 3.1.2 The Department has responsibility for not only running the events, but also securing an ideal venue at an ideal cost, a task that is becoming increasingly difficult.

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- ▶ 3.1.3 There is also the task of trying to obtain some sponsorship and independent income. Although the former is very difficult, no stone is left unturned for a possible backer.
- ▶ **3.2 National Championships Committee**
- ▶ 3.2.1 The Committee continued to have responsibility for our main National Championships and the Association wishes to extend its sincere thanks to Doreen Stannard, the Chairman of the National Events Committee, and to all the Committee members, referees, umpires, organisers and other volunteers who have supported her during the season.
- ▶ **3.3 English National Championships**
- ▶ 3.3.1 These were once again run at the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield, which is a perfect venue for this event, and proved to be one of the best of recent times.
- ▶ 3.3.2 The Association is indebted to the City Council for their continued support, and in particular to the Major Events Sports Unit who make the job of running this event so much easier.
- ▶ 3.3.3 Paul Drinkhall made the breakthrough to become England no 1 this season and confirmed his place by becoming our youngest National Champion since Chester Barnes. He beat Alex Perry in the final.
- ▶ 3.3.4 Helen Lower, the title holder, came back to form and lifted the title again, beating the new England no.1, Kelly Sibley, in the final.

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▶ 3.4 English Cadet & Junior National Championships

▶ 3.4.1 These were held in Doncaster in April over a three-day period during the Easter break. It was felt that something needed to be done to give this event the prestige it deserved and the inclusion of a third day gave the Association the opportunity to stage and present the finals of the Junior age group. The presentation was undoubtedly a success with our top juniors, who are also our top senior players, treating the spectators to a feast of table tennis. This level of presentation must be the way forward.

▶ 3.5 English Under 11/12/13/14 National Championships

▶ 3.5.1 This event moved to a new venue this year, the Sportspark at the University of East Anglia, which was a significant upgrade. The entry was marginally down on the previous season, due mainly to a reduction in the girls events. Unfortunately the Saturday schedule proved to be to a problem and a late finish ensued. By reverting to a rolling schedule on Sunday we managed to finish on time and make sure everyone had the opportunity to get on their way home at a reasonable hour. The National Championships Committee will

be looking at the schedule in detail in the coming months and will endeavour to find a solution to the age old problem of accepting a big entry will probably mean a late finish.

▶ 3.6 2000 Club

▶ 3.6.1 As an independent financial incentive the 2000 Club has been launched this year where the profits are to be ploughed back into our young developing talent. This initiative was started to generate income to assist young English players via training camps and competitions, who are not part of the existing funding streams. To date we have over 100 applications and anticipate that the first Draw will be made at the start of the season in September.

▶ 3.7 Merchandising

▶ 3.7.1 Sabre continues to supply ETTA branded merchandise, which is available from the website.

▶ 3.8 Thanks

▶ 3.8.1 Thanks go to the Events Department at Head Office and all the committee members and volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year.

4 Public Relations

▶ 4.1 Corporate Identity

▶ 4.1.1 This was the year when communications took on a whole new look. With Table Tennis News (TTN) firmly established and the new corporate identity or branding in place, the new website also came online to complete a busy twelve months.





- ▶ 4.1.2 The new branding has been particularly successful and the Department was heavily involved with putting into place new stationery as well as bringing into line publications such as rankings lists, British League handbooks and Rule books. Creating a new brand is one thing, making sure that it works is another. The same goes for the new website and of course TTN.

The National Championships at Ponds Forge, Sheffield got more coverage than ever

▶ 4.2 Television and the Media

- ▶ 4.2.1 An area of great importance is the media. Numerous press releases were sent to a selected list of media with many more stories put on the website, but the greatest success was the sheer numbers of local, regional and national press cuttings we received from newspapers throughout the country.
- ▶ 4.2.2 We took on a press cutting agency, which provided us with news and information from events around the country and which proved highly successful. We are regularly in receipt of up to 20 cuttings a day which goes to show that table tennis is receiving a vast amount of publicity thanks to a largely unheralded team of press officers. Table tennis gets much more coverage than many people think.
- ▶ 4.2.3 It was also a year when the national press began to take more notice with articles in The Times, thanks to Matthew Syed, appearing on a fairly regular basis. The success of Paul Drinkhall and others also helped to attract media attention.
- ▶ 4.2.4 The National Championships at Ponds Forge, Sheffield got more coverage than ever with regular stories on the website and a lengthy list of newspapers and agencies requesting either results, copy or radio interviews.
- ▶ 4.2.5 With the announcement that London had won the 2012 Olympics, came numerous requests for interviews with many of our top players seen on television and heard on radio. Many miles of video tape were collected by television companies for use in the future.
- ▶ 4.2.6 In relation to the Olympic Games 2012, we were invited to a press conference at UK Sport Headquarters in London to listen and



take part in debate on a number of public relations (PR) issues, which will prove helpful in the run up to 2012.

- ▶ 4.2.7 A downside to the year came with the news that John Woodford had passed away. John had been writing for the Daily Telegraph for many years and had also edited the Table Tennis News. Never afraid to challenge authority whenever he felt it necessary, he had many friends throughout the sport and will be sorely missed.
- ▶ 4.2.8 The Press Officer of the Year award was won by John Vincent this year for his write-ups in the Plymouth Evening Herald. His enthusiasm for the sport and his knowledge of the people he wrote about made him a worthy winner, but it was a close thing with several other nominees in contention.
- ▶ 4.3 Archives and Museums
 - ▶ 4.3.1 The very first meeting of the Archives Committee took place in Liverpool University with discussions covering policy, the roles and responsibilities as well as terms of reference.
 - ▶ 4.3.2 We were able to decide on a new policy as well as for the first time see for ourselves just what ETTA had stored in the Liverpool records department. The thousands of documents reviewed provided a fascinating insight into the ETTA's past. A further visit to Liverpool will take place in the near future.
- ▶ 4.4 Table Tennis News
 - ▶ 4.4.1 Table Tennis News continued to provide good features written by top class writers. Better use of big pictures and improved page layout brought the magazine to a new level and well up to the standard of many professional magazines, thanks mainly to the in-house editorial team.

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- ▶ 4.4.2 We had many comments, the vast majority of them in favour of the new look and for those with doubts a promise that every comment would be taken on board. One of the first changes was to include a news section aimed directly at the grass roots of the Association, which proved a popular move.

- ▶ 4.4.3 Disappointment was the non-acceptance by WH Smith to include Table Tennis News on their bookshelves.



▶ 4.5 Website

- ▶ 4.5.1 After many months in development, the new website made its appearance and was immediately hailed a success. There was more information available made easier to obtain by clear and precise links. Items ranging from British League to County Championship results, to coaching tips and players' biographies and many more, were updated on a regular basis and it was necessary to keep on top of what was clearly going to be a major area of the PR department. To assist with this, Adam Collins was employed as Communications Assistant.

- ▶ 4.5.2 During the National Championship in Sheffield the website was used extensively to keep everyone right up to date with results and comment. It was probably the most comprehensive coverage members have had of these Championships and simply shows what technology can do.

- ▶ 4.5.3 Another piece of the jigsaw in the communication mix was the use of web streaming (internet video broadcasting) which brought for the first time live and delayed coverage direct from the Championships.

This was web technology at its best and will no doubt be repeated next year.

- ▶ 4.5.4 We continue to push forward our communications plans and search for improvement at every opportunity, to keep the website constantly fresh and up to date.

▶ 4.6 Thanks

Thanks go to Richard Pettit as editor of Table Tennis News for his major contribution in getting the magazine to a professional standard.

5 Competitions

▶ 5.1 County Championships

- ▶ 5.1.1 The County Championships is one of the largest competitions run by the Association. It continues to flourish with 245 teams starting the season.

- ▶ 5.1.2 With this number of teams you would expect a certain level of infringements, however these have increased significantly during 2005/6, and this is not a good sign. Teams failing to field a full team or not turning up at all are letting down their opponents and their county, and it is hoped this will not be as prevalent in 2007/8.

- ▶ 5.1.3 The Annual County Championships Conference in 2006 did not vote for all divisions to be played over two weekends and so the status quo remained.

- ▶ 5.1.4 The Senior Premier Division was again closely fought, Devonshire went into their final match against Sussex leading the division, but lost 7-3 so only finishing fourth with Sussex retaining the championship. Relegated were Yorkshire and Lancashire.

- ▶ 5.1.5 Both the Junior and Veteran Premier Divisions were won by promoted teams. Hampshire took the Junior title, having gone from Division 2 to Premier Division champions in two seasons. Buckinghamshire, champions last season, and South Yorkshire were relegated.

- ▶ 5.1.6 Leicestershire took the Veteran Premier Division title from defending champions Yorkshire, with Cheshire and Essex being relegated.

- ▶ 5.1.7 The Cadet Premier title went to Sussex, with Yorkshire in second place, Gwent who finished runners-up last season being relegated along with Surrey.

- ▶ 5.1.8 The Over 60 title went to Worcestershire.

▶ 5.2 Sanctions

- ▶ 5.2.1 This season saw the sanctions extended to cover more competitions, and also tightened so that only one further card is possible



while under sanctions before a three month suspension from all significant competition.

- ▶ 5.2.2 The number of cards and the number of miscreants have both increased this season, reversing the earlier decline. Five players have received 'final warnings' this season, four of which are still current (as at 2nd April).
- ▶ 5.2.3 The scheme is robust, and has operated smoothly since its inception. Confidence remains high that sanctions are an effective deterrent, and that any misconduct on court is seen to be punished.
- ▶ **5.3 Calendar Working Party**
- ▶ 5.3.1 The above year has been much the same as previous years. We continue to have requests for dates for tournaments well after the "official" closing date but can report that in the majority of cases we have managed to accommodate tournament organisers with the dates they require.
- ▶ 5.3.2 One of our tasks is to ensure that tournaments of similar types are not being played on the same dates. In general this has been possible but where a tournament organiser has to run his tournament on a specific date, because the venue is only available on that date, we look upon his case sympathetically. Fortunately this is a very rare occurrence and quite often the two tournaments are so far apart, geographically, that there is no problem.



- ▶ **5.4 Tournaments Committee**
- ▶ 5.4.1 Our annual Memorandum for Organisers of Open Tournaments has been supplemented for a second season by the distribution of a smaller pack of core documents for referees.
- ▶ 5.4.2 Looking at the extended period 2002/6, junior entries in open tournaments have held constant while senior entries have declined by a quarter. There were large variations from year to year, and the significance of

these changes depends on whether 2002/3 was itself a typical season.

- ▶ 5.4.3 Allowance must also be made for new competitions that have been introduced into the ETTA Calendar, extending the opportunities for competitive play outside the open tournament circuit.
- ▶ **5.5 British League**
- ▶ 5.5.1 The entry for this competition continues to be consistent and it was possible to retain 12 divisions.
- ▶ 5.5.2 A disagreement with clubs in the Premier Division was amicably resolved when National Council approved a change to the regulations allowing a division of 9 teams for next season only. This dispute could have been avoided if more clubs had attended the Annual Conference. Of 59 teams in the league only 8 were represented which was extremely disappointing.
- ▶ 5.5.3 The British League Committee wishes to thank the referees, umpires and organisers who did an excellent job at the various venues. We are especially grateful to Michael Davies, of Grantham, whose printing company sponsored the printing of the programmes for matches in the Northern divisions. Again a major problem was the lack of umpires at some of the venues.

County Championships continue to flourish with 245 teams starting the season

- ▶ 5.5.4 Congratulations are extended to the London Progress Club for winning the Premier Division for the ninth consecutive season, but this time the final outcome was in doubt until the final round of matches. Other divisions were keenly contested with some close finishes and congratulations also go to all other divisional winners.
- ▶ 5.5.5 British League Referee, Stuart Sherlock, had a quiet season, as no issues were referred to him.
- ▶ 5.5.6 It was not necessary for the Chairman to refer any matter to the Disciplinary Committee but a number of players were required to pay a Single Tournament Fee being under sanction.

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- ▶ 5.5.7 The committee met just once during the season following the completion of all the fixtures. However, the work of the committee was efficiently undertaken by contact via e-mail.
- ▶ **5.6 Briar Junior British League (JBL)**
- ▶ 5.6.1 This event, which is now run over two weekends, attracted 120 plus enquiries and resulted in 95 entries. These were reduced to 72 teams via the play-offs. Thanks go to Jim Kenny and Peter May who managed the play-offs. The three centres used were Grantham's Meres Leisure Centre, Stoke's Fenton Manor and Wolverhampton's Aldersley Leisure Centre. Fenton got their facts wrong re the booking and the event was re-scheduled – thanks to some smart work by the referee, Steve Welch. The weather almost spoiled the second (final) weekend, but thanks to some dedicated people, only one team withdrew because of it. Chris Newton and Margaret Welch were outstanding in their commitment to the event.
- ▶ 5.6.2 There was a deficit of 10 umpires at the first weekend, prompting teams to complain that they did not get value for money. 36 umpires arrived for the second weekend – the first time in more than five years that there was a full complement. This included support from Welsh and Irish umpires.
- ▶ 5.6.3 Due to the amount of work involved in running this competition a review is being undertaken
- ▶ **5.7 Briar Women's British League (WBL)**
- ▶ 5.7.1 Played over two weekends in September/October and January, the league had new event organisers in Pat and Richard Habgood who were ably assisted by Gill Smith (Referee) and Joyce Stephenson (Results Administration and Welfare).
- ▶ 5.7.2 In one of the most exciting finishes for many a year DHS London Progress became the new Premier Division champions with a superior sets difference over defendants DML Woolwell "A"
- ▶ 5.7.3 Elsewhere, and again with the final outcome dependent upon the last matches played, any one of four teams could have become Division 1 champions but it was Wirral Premier Ladies "B" who triumphed ahead of Hollington. Worthy champions for Divisions 2, 3 and 4 were Ormesby, Uxbridge and DML Woolwell "B" respectively.





- ▶ 5.7.4 In all, the competition comprised four divisions of six teams and one division of eight, indicating a resurgence of popularity for this event with an increase of two teams from the previous season.
- ▶ 5.7.5 Grateful appreciation is expressed to the many umpires who ably assisted at each weekend and who respectively nominated two 12 years olds, Jasmin Ould (Byng Hall) and Alice Loveridge (Guernsey "B") to be their players of the weekend in October and January. Well done both.
- ▶ 5.7.6 Nominated by her peers, for outstanding service to the competition over many years, this season's award of the Solihull Trophy went, deservedly, to Lindsay Thornton-Reynolds (DML Woolwell "A").
- ▶ 5.7.7 Additional awards made included the collective umpire's award for the team of the weekend awarded to Irish Ladies 1 (October) and Midland Elgre (January), and by virtue of being champions, the Butterfly Bowl to DHS London Progress.
- ▶ **5.8 Bribar Veterans' British League (VBL)**
- ▶ 5.8.1 This season it was decided to move the bottom three men's divisions and the women's second division into a new league called the Veterans' National League (VNL), as, with 72 teams, the administration of the Veterans' British League was proving to be very time-consuming. Ken Armson volunteered to organise this new league of 24 teams with Gill Smith continuing as organiser of the VBL (48 teams). The men's VBL divisions 6,7 and 8 duly became VNL divisions 1,2 and 3, and the women's VBL division 2 became the VNL division 1.
- ▶ 5.8.2 At the start of the season additional regulations were formulated in order to facilitate a new rapid promotion system, which is to be in operation for next season. The new season will see all three women's divisions in the VBL together with the men's premier and divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4. Division 5 of the VBL is moving into the VNL where there will be four men's divisions arranged as equal divisions with the winner of each being promoted to the VBL. Entry to the VBL will remain through the VNL.
- ▶ 5.8.3 The first weekend was staged at Stoke-on-Trent in the Fenton Manor Sports Complex and the second weekend at Doncaster in the Doncaster Leisure Park. Teams of the Weekend at Stoke were Westinsure Plymouth (men), and Batts PPP (women), and Man and Woman of the Weekend respectively were Eddie Herrity and Karen Smith.
- ▶ 5.8.4 At Doncaster for the second weekend the Teams of the Weekend were: Wellesbourne (men) and RTA (women), Man and Woman of the weekend respectively were David Bangeter and Janet Brown. Men's champions were Thompson Insurance A, runners up being Potters Leisure Resort. The womens' champions were Colebridge B.C and the runners up were Batts PPP.
- ▶ **5.9 Butterfly Grand Prix**
- ▶ 5.9.1 Another season has gone by and the Grand Prix series continues to be a highly successful part of the Association's activities.
- ▶ 5.9.2 This season the two long established independent GPs, The City of Liverpool, and Newcastle, were included in the series once again, which was completed with Association run GPs in Crawley, Nottingham, Hereford, London, Doncaster, Blackpool, Wolverhampton and Burgess Hill.
- ▶ 5.9.3 We also had a number of Satellite GPs, which cater for the demand for smaller localised tournaments. These were in Okehampton, Cardiff, Guernsey, North Herts, Jersey and Cornwall.
- ▶ **5.10 National Umpires and Referees Committee (NURC)**
- ▶ 5.10.1 There was a small but welcome improvement in recruiting this season, with 13 people being registered as Local Umpires and 10 as County Umpires, while Russell Southgate of Middlesex qualified as a National Umpire. This is still less than the rate needed to maintain the umpiring strength at its proper level but we were encouraged to see that among the new County Umpires was the ETTA Chairman, and we hope that his example will inspire others.
- ▶ 5.10.2 Internationally, David Cochrane, Barry Granger, Nick Osland and Bob Williamson were all successful in the ITTF 2006 International Umpire examination while the NURC Chairman, Andy Seward, became the fourth ETTA umpire to attain ITTF Blue Badge status.
- ▶ 5.10.3 English umpires or referees officiated at international competitions in Belgium, Bosnia, France, Germany, Ireland, the Isle of Man, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Scotland and the USA.
- ▶ 5.10.4 With the support of the Vice-Chairman (Competitions) we managed to secure improved subsistence arrangements for umpires at National Championships.
- ▶ 5.10.5 We were disappointed that our proposal to move towards adopting the ITTF uniform for match officials was rejected by National

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Council. We shall be reconsidering this proposal, which we believe would be in the long-term interests of all umpires and not just of those who wish to attend international competitions.

- ▶ 5.10.6 Finally, we were sorry to learn of the deaths of three long-serving members of the umpiring community - Frank Stevens of Warwickshire, George Turton of Yorkshire and George White. George White was the chief architect and last surviving member of the working party which in 1950 devised the County Umpire scheme, the foundation of ETTA's umpiring organisation. All of them will be greatly missed by their many friends and colleagues.

Congratulations go to two of our senior organisers, Dave Evans and Graham Rogerson, who passed the Level 4 test paper

- ▶ 5.10.7 On behalf of the Association the Vice-Chairman (Competitions) congratulates and thanks Colin Clemett for 50 years' service as a member of NURC.
- ▶ **5.11 Tournament Organisers Qualification Committee**
- ▶ 5.11.1 During the season we ran one course organised in Rotherham and for the first time ever all the 12 candidates passed the exam.
- ▶ 5.11.2 Congratulations go to two of our senior organisers, Dave Evans and Graham Rogerson, who passed the Level 4 test paper. A further candidate has been issued with a test paper but not yet completed it.
- ▶ 5.11.3 As this season draws to a close we have been asked to run two more courses, one in London and one at Cippenham. At the conclusion of these we will have trained around 100 Tournament Organisers in the last 6/7 years.
- ▶ **5.12 Thanks**
- ▶ 5.12.1 Special thanks for another excellent season go to:-
 - County Championships: Les Smith – Administrator, Ken Eliot - Premier weekend organiser, Barry Snowden - Press Officer, Terry Tresadern - Committee Member.
 - British League: Steve Kerns - National Press Officer, Malcolm Macfarlane - Results

Service, Aubrey Drapkin – Administrator, Tony Meredith - Committee Member, Derek Bunday - Committee Member.

- Bribar Women's British League: Gill Smith – Organiser, Alan Duke – Referee, Brenda Baldwin - Assistant Referee.

6 Development

▶ 6.1 Staff

- ▶ 6.1.1 Nicola Clarke (RDO South West) has joined the Youth Sport Trust in a national role. The Association acknowledges and thanks Nicola for her valued contribution over her three years of employment and wishes her every success in her new job. We would like to welcome Chris Brown to the team as Nicola's replacement in the South West region.

Matt Henaughan (National Club & Schools Officer) also decided to leave us this year; Matt secured a similar post within English Netball and we wish him well in his new appointment.

- ▶ 6.1.2 Phil Webster (RDO North East) resigned in May 2007.

▶ 6.2 ETTA Whole Sport Plan

- ▶ 6.2.1 The ETTA Whole Sport Plan 2005/9 mission of 'making table tennis the most popular and the most successful indoor sport in England' drives the work of the Development Department aims under the 'most popular' banner.

- ▶ 6.2.2 The Department agenda continues to be closely linked to the government's sports strategy that enables the sport to take advantage of schemes and funding streams created mainly through Sport England and the Youth Sport Trust.

▶ 6.3 Sport England

- ▶ 6.3.1 In general terms, Sport England is concerned with community sport (16+ years) with specific targets to increase and retain levels of participation. Their programmes broadly focus on clubs, coaches and volunteers, using schemes such as Clubmark, PE, School Sport & Club Links (PESSCL) – club links, Step into Sport (SIS) and the Community Club Development Programme (CCDP).

- ▶ 6.3.2 In line with the government agenda, Sport England is moving towards devolved powers through Regional Sports Boards into a 'single system' for developing sport that is organised through County Sports Partnerships, the emergence of Community Sports Networks down to the club, coach and volunteer, who deliver on the ground.



▶ 6.3.3 It will become increasingly important for table tennis to have strategic plans and engage in this network in order to attract resources that will help our sport to grow in the future.

▶ **6.4 Youth Sport Trust**

▶ 6.4.1 The Youth Sport Trust focus is on 'inside the school gates' and the Trust is the lead agency for a wide range of initiatives within education such as Sports Colleges, School Sport Co-ordinators, Competition Managers, Step into Sport (Young Leaders), Trust schools and the UK School Games. ETTA is heavily involved in most of these initiatives.

▶ 6.4.2 The wide range of initiatives provides ETTA with opportunities to support the development of table tennis at local level, thereby contributing to Sport England's aim to make England the most active and most successful sporting nation in the world.

▶ **6.5 Professional Workforce**

▶ 6.5.1 Sport England provide the major financial support which enables the ETTA to employ a professional staff team comprising of National Development Manager, nine Regional Development Officers, National Facilities Officer, National Equality & Child Protection Officer, National Volunteer Manager, National Club & Schools Officer and a Development Department Secretary. In tandem with national and regional volunteers, staff members drive development forward within the guidelines of set work programmes and specific targets that emanate from the Whole Sport Plan and ETTA policies.

▶ **6.6 Local League Support**

▶ 6.6.1 Although the focus of help and assistance from the ETTA is aimed at club level we recognise the importance of Local Leagues.

Each year an offer of help and a visit to a league meeting via a Regional Development Officer is made. Communication, funding, new opportunities and initiatives, contacts and other advice can all be provided to Local Leagues and their members. Local Leagues continue to receive copies of PremierClub mailings including 'Talking Points' (the national development newsletter for PremierClubs).

▶ **6.7 Table Tennis Development Officers (TTDOs)**

▶ 6.7.1 Unfortunately this programme has not been as proactive as in previous years as Nicola Clarke, the former South West RDO who spent some time reviewing the content of the award course and updating elements of it, has now left the Association. As a progression from TTDO, a County Development Officer post has been under consideration.

▶ **6.8 Multi Racket Skills Award**

▶ 6.8.1 This pilot course ran very successfully at Loughborough University in June 2006 with 15+ Higher Education Institute lecturers and eight sport specific tutors from all four main racket sports present, and a further pilot tutor training day took place in January 2007. A CD of racket skills activity cards has been produced for tutors.



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- ▶ 6.8.2 The Youth Sport Trust is assisting the four racket sports with this ground breaking new work and the education sector has warmly welcomed this pioneering National Governing Body collaboration – it is likely that the tutors present at the training day will deliver this new accredited award to undergraduates on teacher training courses who will then be qualified to teach racket skills at Key stage 2/3. The likelihood of table tennis being part of the National Curriculum is optimistic at best; whilst ‘racket skills’ is a more realistic introductory alternative and provides a direct lead into our sport.
- ▶ **6.9 Young People Competition Framework**
- ▶ 6.9.1 There has been some progress in this area with lots of new activity started mainly in primary schools using the Butterfly TT skills circuits, although the absence of a National Club & Schools Officer since November has limited our involvement in the design and development of this focus on competition and the emerging new infrastructure of Competition Managers.
- ▶ 6.9.2 We have added an ‘inclusion’ element of the table tennis framework and we hope to start work shortly on a competition review across our sport supported by funding linked to the UK School Games.
- ▶ 6.9.3 Phase 2 of Competition Managers commenced in September in Bedfordshire, Black Country, Cheshire, Essex, Hereford & Worcester, Humberside, London 1, London 2, Merseyside, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Somerset, Tyne & Wear and West of England. RDOs are linking into the programme where the strength of the local table tennis infrastructure allows.
- ▶ **6.10 Butterfly Table Tennis Skills Circuit**
- ▶ 6.10.1 A skills circuit has been devised, launched and is promoted via clubs and through the new Competition Manager network. The circuit comprises eight activity stations using transferable bat/ball skills to aid development of hand-eye co-ordination within a competitive environment. It is suitable for use in pairs or as an inter-school team festival involving up to 64 players and is primarily aimed at 9-12 year olds.
- ▶ 6.10.2 The circuit will be promoted as part of the wider Butterfly Table Tennis skills programme and can be used within the young people table tennis competition framework and as part of the TT Networker leadership award.
- ▶ **6.11 Club & Coach Fund**
- ▶ 6.11.1 Working alongside the Coaching Department, Development has helped to devise and



submit a bid for a Sport England led initiative entitled ‘Club & Coach Fund’ with its aim of increasing participation in sport and helping to retain new young players. Although a national bid was submitted, the decision-making process has now been devolved to Regional Sports Boards who will decide which sports are funded and to what level. The ETTA bid centred around the appointment of a network of regional ‘hub club’ coaches tasked with delivering coaching to new young players in 3-4 selected PremierClubs. In addition, a coach development programme has been submitted that would have a wider regional impact involving coaches across each region. It has been confirmed that Sport England will fund a coach in all regions except South West and national posts to support club and coach development. ETTA is looking at alternative ways to support the South West.

- ▶ **6.12 National Junior League and National Cadet League**
- ▶ 6.12.1 The National Cadet League and National Junior League are key elements of ETTA’s ambition to drive up participation and retain young players in our sport. These competitions are leagues for U18 and U15 girls and boys played over four set weekend days throughout the season.
- ▶ 6.12.2 Both competitions aim to offer good value and relatively local competition opportunities for improving players providing a stepping-stone into higher levels of competition.
- ▶ **6.13 PremierClub**
- ▶ 6.13.1 The PremierClub programme is the ETTA National Programme for club development. It is aimed at creating a strong, sustainable club



structure and is directly aligned to Clubmark, the Sport England cross-sport accreditation scheme. The programme operates at four levels to a series of high national standards providing table tennis with a solid platform enabling full participation in government initiatives. The PremierClub programme alongside other initiatives places table tennis firmly within the agenda aimed at increasing the number of people playing, organising and supporting the sport in this country.

- ▶ 6.13.2 The membership year for PremierClub runs alongside the ETTA administrative year (July – June) and it is not possible therefore to give end of year membership figures for 2006/7. In the year ending June 30th 2006, 161 clubs had registered on the programme. Although this is less than 2004/5 (194), it represents the core clubs that are striving to develop and offer more quality opportunities for members and participants. As a department we are concerned with the 'drop off' rate and have concluded that the majority of the clubs that have dropped off the programme are school clubs, which in the most part were simply after-school sessions often organised by a single teacher and as such were not proper community clubs.
- ▶ 6.13.3 During the year the PremierClub 'design team' has worked to update the current programme, in particular to take account of the changes made to the programme that are being introduced by Sport England and their programme administrators, Knight Kavanagh and Page, but also reviewing the content of the programme to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness.
- ▶ 6.13.4 The key changes proposed are:
 - initial registration will be simplified
 - a club will have up to 12 months from registration to achieve accreditation
 - a club will only be awarded a 'level' when it achieves accreditation
 - 'update' assessments will be needed every 12 months to retain accreditation. Subject to National Council approval the new system is anticipated to take effect from July 2007.
- ▶ 6.13.5 As at March 31st, 78 clubs have achieved Clubmark; up 31 from last year. Disappointingly the target of 85 has not been met and we will therefore be penalised with a reduction of our PESSCL club links funding. This is, and will continue to be, an important priority work area for our RDOs. On a positive note, evidence from clubs that have gone through the process indicates that

it is a worthwhile exercise and that it does support club organisation and effectiveness.

- ▶ **6.14 PremierClub 'Club of the Year' Awards**
 - ▶ 6.14.1 The 2005/6 awards are currently being judged and have therefore not yet been awarded. Only clubs registered by November 15th 2006 were eligible.
- ▶ **6.15 Sports Club of the Year 2006**
 - ▶ 6.15.1 Congratulations go to Scarborough TTC who came third in the Central Council for Physical Recreation/Foundation for Sport and the Arts Sports Club of the Year Awards winning £1,000. To be considered for the award a club has to be nominated by their National Governing Body and an integral component of their successful nomination was Scarborough's achievement in gaining Clubmark accreditation and becoming the National Advanced Level winner of the ETTA PremierClub 'Club of the Year' award 2004/5.
- ▶ **6.16 PE, School Sport & Club Links (PESSCL) – club links**
 - ▶ 6.16.1 The third year of the club links programme concluded at the end of March and year four funding of £92,625 for 2007/8 has been confirmed by the Department for Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) via Sport England.
 - ▶ 6.16.2 During this reporting year new part-time coaches have been appointed and attached to the following PremierClubs: Horsham TTC (Sussex), Crawley Community TTC (Sussex), Scarborough TTC (Yorkshire) and NETTS TTC (Essex).



- ▶ 6.16.3 A full time coach has also been appointed in Northamptonshire attached to Westfield TTC. Each of the coaches is part funded by ETTA with the balance of funding sourced locally. RDOs have played a lead key role along with the clubs to attract additional funding and to help both with coach recruitment and management.

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- ▶ 6.16.4 The following coaches are working through club links funding:
 - Martyn Clarke (Ormesby TTC)
 - Wayne Clews (Ilfracombe TTC)
 - Duncan Crawford (Barrow TTC)
 - Eric Duduc (Generation Fareham TTC, PortsmouthTTC, Waterside TTC)
 - Alan Dunn (Rotherham Scorpions TTC)
 - Aaron Fennell (Baddow Village TTC & NETTS TTC)
 - Shu Huang (Eastlea Community TTC)
 - Frank James (Halton TTC)
 - Martin Jezisek (Crawley Community TTC)
 - Ejaz Moghul (Westfield TTC)
 - Shirley Pickering (Knighton Park TTC)
 - Mike Prior (Evesham TTC)
 - Brian Quinn (Scarborough TTC)
 - Darren Rush (Humber Sports Partnership)
 - Rory Scott (Horsham TTC)
 - Lewis Siket (St George's Primary School)
 - Helen Turner (Wood Green High School)
 - Bryan Wearden (St Helens Junior TTC)
- ▶ 6.16.5 A training day for PESSCL club links coaches was jointly organised and hosted by the Development and Coaching Departments at Woodfield TTC (Wolverhampton) on 29th October 2006.
- ▶ **6.17 Facilities**
- ▶ 6.17.1 Work continues to assist facility development at all levels with the range of issues addressed as wide as ever.
- ▶ **6.18 DCMS Community Club Development Programme (CCDP)**
- ▶ 6.18.1 Phase One
 - The projects for Draycott and Long Eaton TTC in Draycott, Derbyshire, for Westfield TTC at Weavers School, Wellingborough, and for Ellenborough TTC in Enfield, London, were all completed during the year with official openings in November 2006 and January 2007.



All the Phase One projects are now complete and the new facilities are already showing their worth with extensive weekly programmes of activities and the staging of events at all levels.

Ormesby TTC in Middlesbrough has been chosen as one of the schemes from all sports to highlight the success of the programme and it will feature in a specially commissioned DVD about the CCDP.

Funding for the ETTA Volunteer Support Strategy, part of the Department of Culture Media and Sport's wider 'Step into sport' programme, has been extended to a fifth year

- ▶ 6.18.2 Phase Two
 - To date six projects have been nominated by ETTA and all have received Stage 1 approval from Sport England. The projects are for BATTs in Harlow, Kidlington Forum TTC, St Neots TTC, Uxbridge TTC in Burton-on-Trent, Waterside TTC in Southampton and Wood Green High School TTC in Sandwell. The planned works include construction of a new hall, upgrading of existing halls to suit table tennis and/or the provision of additional ancillary facilities to create facilities for table tennis.
 - The six projects have received provisional allocations of funding from £60,000 to £250,000 to a total of £640,000. All are currently progressing with their Stage 2 applications, which it is anticipated they will be completed during the course of 2007/8, with construction to follow.
 - Changes introduced by Sport England to the CCDP criteria for Phase Two have made it more difficult for many prospective projects although funding is still available for additional projects, which it is hoped can be developed during 2007/8 to ensure maximum benefit to table tennis.
- ▶ **6.19 Sport England Funding**
- ▶ 6.19.1 The changed remit of Sport England is likely to lead to changes in its funding priorities,



which may impact on the opportunities for table tennis groups to fulfil their ambitions for new or better facilities in the future.

- ▶ 6.19.2 Recent announcements on the amount of the budget for the London 2012 Games to come from the Sport England share of the National Lottery may also impact on the future developments of facilities.

▶ **6.20 Building Schools for the Future**

- ▶ 6.20.1 The Building Schools for the Future programme is now in full swing in many parts of the country. Local education authorities are busy formulating strategies for the development of their secondary schools in consultation with their local communities.

- ▶ 6.20.2 There are great opportunities for table tennis groups to 'get involved' with their local authorities and to make their ambitions for new or better facilities known.

- ▶ 6.20.3 ETTA will continue to liaise with local authorities and local table tennis groups to ensure that the needs of table tennis are represented, and hopefully to ensure that table tennis can benefit from the massive construction programme in secondary schools over the next ten years.

▶ **6.21 London 2012 Olympic Games**

- ▶ 6.21.1 Many table tennis groups have either applied directly or are part of consolidated bids by local authorities to host pre-Games training camps for table tennis.

- ▶ 6.21.2 ETTA continues to work with the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) to process the applications for inclusion in the pre-Games Training Camp guide that will be sent to all international Olympic countries in 2008.

▶ **6.22 Volunteer Support Strategy**

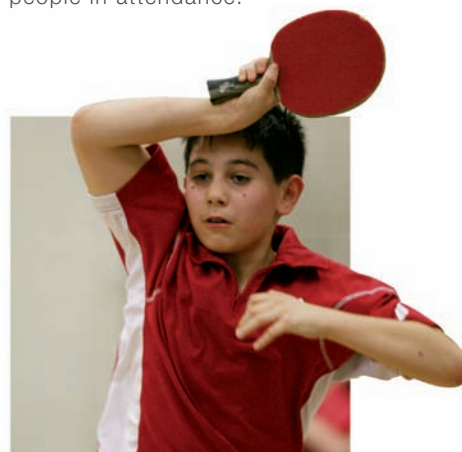
- ▶ 6.22.1 Funding for the ETTA Volunteer Support Strategy, part of the Department of Culture Media and Sport's wider 'Step into sport' programme, has been extended to a fifth year. This programme is led by Martin Ireland in his role as National Volunteer Manager and is focussed on recruiting more (young) volunteers and leaders into sport.

- ▶ 6.22.2 The ETTA mission statement is 'to help build a brighter future for table tennis through the co-ordination of a well-trained and effective volunteer workforce'. An executive summary of the strategy outlining a focus on Recruitment, Retention and Recognition through creating partnerships and improving communication is available from the ETTA.

- ▶ 6.22.3 The number of registered PremierClub/Local League Volunteer Co-ordinators has doubled

to 109 (106 club, 3 Local League). They receive direct mailings and personalised e-mails promoting items such as the Volunteer of the Year Awards and Volunteer Co-ordinator Incentive Scheme (VCIS).

- ▶ 6.22.4 The National Volunteer Awards were made at the ETTA Conference in September and received 46 nominations, an increase of 12 on the previous year. A volunteering update session was also held at the conference on recruiting and supporting volunteers with 24 people in attendance.



- ▶ 6.22.5 A second round of the Volunteer Co-ordinator Incentive Scheme was launched at the ETTA Conference in September, with applications being invited from clubs and Local Leagues in all regions. The closing date was 31st March with decisions made regionally by 30th April 2007. Each PremierClub/Local League can apply for vouchers from ETTA (worth up to £200), which can be used to implement a volunteer support plan, and offer discounts on a range of ETTA, Running Sport and sports coach UK courses. The funding is restricted to a maximum of six projects per region. 26 clubs and 2 Local Leagues have applied for vouchers totalling £4,628 this financial year.

- ▶ 6.22.6 The volunteering pages on the ETTA website have been fully updated in line with the launch of the new website. New sections include: volunteer role outlines as templates for clubs and Local Leagues to use in the day-to-day running of their organisations; recipients of the Volunteer of the Year Awards 2006, with a copy of all the presentation handouts from guest speakers and deliverers over the conference weekend; and details of Running Sports and sports coach UK courses by date and region.

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- ▶ 6.22.7 The TT Networker - Table Tennis Leadership Award is aimed at 15-18 year olds, and gives candidates an opportunity to experience and learn about the variety of volunteering opportunities in table tennis clubs, Local Leagues and schools. The scheme has increased greatly over the last 12 months, 22 courses have been held this financial year with 317 young people in attendance.
- ▶ 6.22.8 The Junior Umpire Award (JUA) continues to be a popular way of introducing umpiring skills to young people, 219 have passed the award so far this year.
- ▶ 6.22.9 The Network e-mail bulletin is currently circulated to 1,000+ key contacts and players in PremierClubs and Leagues. It is aimed at improving communication and disseminating information on development, courses and other topics. Anyone with access to an e-mail address can subscribe.
- ▶ **6.23 Equality**
- ▶ 6.23.1 One of the main aims this year has been the gathering of evidence for the portfolio for the Preliminary Level of the National Equality Standards. This has now been completed and submitted for assessment.
- ▶ **6.24 Child Protection**
- ▶ 6.24.1 The emphasis this year has been on ensuring that all of our registered coaches have been Criminal Records Bureau checked. To date 788 coaches have been through the process with a further 50 currently ongoing. The full list of approved coaches has now been completed and has been circulated to all RDOs, Regional Coaching Co-ordinators and Regional Chairmen.
- ▶ 6.24.2 With the agreement and help of the NURC, checks on all match officials are underway as are those for the 212 PremierClub/Local League Welfare Officers and members of the Management Committee.
- ▶ 6.24.3 The work on the Intermediate/Silver level of the Child Protection in Sport Standards has also been completed and the portfolio submitted for assessment.
- ▶ **6.25 Disability**
- ▶ 6.25.1 The Disability Forum has continued to meet on a regular basis and is working towards increasing the competitive structure for disabled table tennis players with a National Championships, four Grand Prix events and a team competition in place for next season.
- ▶ 6.25.2 For the first time a disabled demonstration event was included within our National Championships in March 2007 and will also be included in the UK School Games to be held in Coventry in August 2007.
- ▶ 6.25.3 Also two 'elite' players/coaches were invited to Saudi Arabia in May 2007 in order to deliver the ETTA's disability awareness training to Saudi Arabian coaches and also to provide some exhibition matches and coaching.
- ▶ **6.26 ETTA Conference**
- ▶ 6.26.1 The ETTA conference and National Volunteer Awards dinner – "Opportunity Knocks" – took place at Lilleshall National Sports Centre over the weekend of 16th/17th September. Keynote speakers included senior sports administrators from UK Sport, Sport England and the British Olympic Association as well as former England no. 1 and Commonwealth Champion, Matthew Syed.
- ▶ 6.26.2 Eighty-five delegates attended - many from PremierClubs, whilst fifteen Local Leagues and seven County Associations were represented along with all of the current Management Committee.
- ▶ 6.26.3 The awards dinner was well received, in an excellent setting enhanced by the new ETTA 'banner ups' (presentation boards), and a lively after dinner speech from Don Parker (former England Team Manager).





▶ **6.27 Liaison - School & Sport Partnership + Sports College Conferences**

▶ 6.27.1 ETTA representatives were present at both of these important conferences held at the International Centre, Telford, in November 2006 and February 2007. The Development stand provided information, contacts and advice to conference delegates, mainly from the education sector (including head teachers, heads of faculty, partnership development managers, school sport co-ordinators, etc). The conferences also provided the opportunity for networking with colleagues from other governing bodies, including Youth Sport Trust, and civil servants.

ETTA with reciprocal representation at BTTAD executive and ETTA National Development & National Council meetings. Positive development work is going on following the formation of the Disability forum at which other disability groups are also involved. This has brought improved competitive opportunities for disabled table tennis players with further competitive events being explored.



For the first time a disabled demonstration event was included within our National Championships

▶ 6.27.2 At the School & Sport Partnership Conference ETTA co-supported a Youth Sport Trust 'Out of School Hours Learning' award which was won by a School Sport Partnership from Nottinghamshire and for which ETTA donated 25 new bats and a TT Networker course.

▶ **6.28 Liaison - English Schools' Table Tennis Association (ESTTA)**

▶ 6.28.1 Close liaison continues with ESTTA with reciprocal representation at the ESTTA executive and ETTA National Development and National Council meetings. Significant development work is ongoing between the two organisations that includes the Butterfly TT skills programme, the Young People Competition Framework and the UK School Games.

▶ **6.29 Liaison - British Universities Sports Association (BUSA)**

▶ 6.29.1 Although there has been some liaison, the partnership has not progressed as much as had been hoped due to the lead officer leaving both organisations over the year. Table tennis volunteers on the BUSA management group, Mike Smith and Mike Payne, are very active in this area and are keen to develop closer ways of working with the ETTA.

▶ **6.30 Liaison - British Table Tennis Association for People with a Disability (BTTAD)**

▶ 6.30.1 BTTAD continues to liaise closely with

▶ **6.30 Thanks**

▶ 6.30.1 Thanks are once again extended to the National Cadet League organiser, Mike Atkinson, and to National Junior League organiser, Graham Rogerson, who is stepping down from this role at the end of the season. ETTA is grateful for Graham's input over the years and hope that he will be able to continue in other local/national volunteer roles in the future.

7 National Coaching

▶ **7.1 Staff**

▶ 7.1.1 Gina Roger's employment has been extended and she is proving to be a very capable addition to the Department. Karen King, UKCC Project Manager's contract has also been extended in order to complete the development of the Level 4 UKCC course. A decision about whether there will be a Level 5 qualification is still awaited.

▶ **7.2 United Kingdom Coaching Certificate (UKCC)**

▶ 7.2.1 A pilot for the Level 1 course was held at Uxbridge TTC in August 2006.

▶ 7.2.2 The Table Tennis Pathway unit at Level 1 was accredited by the Qualification and Curriculum Authority in September and Level 2 in December 2006.

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- ▶ 7.2.3 Level 1 was endorsed by sports coach UK in January 2007.
 - ▶ 7.2.4 Level 2 was endorsed and Level 3 sent in for endorsement in March.
 - ▶ 7.2.5 The training of tutors for the Certificate for Tutoring in Sport (CTS) and assessors for the Introduction to Assessment Practice in Sport (IAPS) is on going but to date:-
Tutors attended CTS = 20
Assessors attended IAPS =15
Tutors qualified =15
Assessors qualified =16 (includes some teachers who qualified by right)
 - ▶ 7.2.6 The training of Internal Verifiers has been organised and an external verifier has been appointed by 1st4sport, the awarding body.
 - ▶ 7.2.7 Orientation days have been held at Lilleshall for Level 1 & Level 2 tutors and assessors. Attendance at these days was a requirement of delivery.
 - ▶ 7.2.8 ETTA has satisfied the criteria for becoming an 'Approved Centre' for delivery of 1st4sport qualifications. The first Level 1 courses have now been delivered.
 - ▶ 7.2.9 Accredited Prior Learning and Accredited Prior Experiential Learning and the mechanisms to enable existing coaches to gain UKCC qualifications have yet to be agreed.
- ▶ **7.3 ETTA Courses**
 - ▶ 7.3.1 We have organised a number of courses this season with the following numbers qualifying:-
 - TT Networker = 201
 - Introduction to Coaching = 25
 - Sports Leader Award = 58
 - Teachers Awards = 39
 - Level 2 Award = 200
 - Level 3 Award = 25
 - Attendance at Level 3 courses = 56
 - ▶ 7.3.2 A number of outstanding Level 2 assessments were made prior to UKCC qualifications being adopted.
 - ▶ 7.3.3 We are in the process of setting up a team of coaches to revise the ETTA Teacher and Leaders Courses ready for next season and another team to develop an award for coaching disabled players.
 - ▶ **7.4 Coaches and Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Checks**
 - ▶ 7.4.1 An audit of the coach workforce by region was completed in August 2006 and we now operate two separate lists, one for coaches with CRB checks and one for coaches without.
 - ▶ 7.4.2 As from January 2007 only coaches with CRB checks will be recommended by the ETTA for coaching positions.





- ▶ 7.4.3 Discussions are continuing about the development of a coach licensing scheme for tutors and assessors which will include CRB checks and Continual Professional Development as a requirement.
- ▶ 7.4.4 CRB checks are handled by Tigerbrook and can be obtained via Gina Rogers at the ETTA office.
- ▶ **7.5 Skills Awards**
- ▶ 7.5.1 Dunlop Skills Awards made this season were:
 - Rookie = 891
 - Improver = 165
 - Player = 43
 - Matchplayer = 13
 - Master = 5
- ▶ **7.6 Butterfly Skills Award Programme**
- ▶ 7.6.1 The contents of the two teachers' resources at Key Stage 2 and Key Stages 3/4 are completed and were endorsed by ESTTA in February 2007.
- ▶ 7.6.2 The input of Don Parker, John Blackband (ESTTA) and Alan Ransome (Butterfly) at the resource development meetings was very helpful in completing the programme.
- ▶ **7.7 National Coaching Committee**
- ▶ 7.7.1 A meeting was held in July 2006 at Lilleshall which was chaired by the Vice-Chairman (National Coaching), attended by the Vice-Chairman (Selection), Performance Manager, Technical Administrator and the Regional Coaching Chairmen.
- ▶ 7.7.2 The need for an outline document of the ETTA Long Term Athlete Development programme was discussed.
- ▶ 7.7.3 It was decided to pilot regional coaching weekends on two occasions this season with a subsidy of £200 per weekend for the payment of a high performance lead coach.
- ▶ 7.7.4 The first three regions to pilot these events were Yorkshire, South East and West Midlands in November 2006. They proved to be very popular with parents, players and coaches.
- ▶ 7.7.5 The regions have been given more autonomy with the organisation of 'performance centres' this season. Eleven centres have been operating with new ones in the East (Harlow) and South East (Cranbrook) regions.
- ▶ **7.8 The UK Coaching Framework**
- ▶ 7.8.1 The UK Action Plan for Coaching has been renamed the UK Coaching Framework. The plans contained in the document have been accepted by government and will be implemented over the 3-7-11 year periods from 2006 culminating in 2016 with the aim of every sport having in place a world class coaching system.



- ▶ 7.8.2 We met with Pat Duffy, the Chief Executive Officer of Sports Coach UK, to present and discuss our plans for developing the ETTA coaching structure in line with the UK Coaching Framework. Priorities and the required funding were high on the agenda at this meeting and our plans were received very positively.
- ▶ **7.9 Club and Coach Application**
- ▶ 7.9.1 An application for funding from the Lottery originally intended for talent development had a change of emphasis towards retention and participation. The change of emphasis did not alter the main focus of the application which is for a network of regionally based full-time coaches and a national manager to drive the programme. This application has been successful.
- ▶ **7.10 Table Tennis Academies**
- ▶ 7.10.1 The academies at Filton and Grantham Colleges continued to run this season, and an application to set up a new one in Preston next season was approved by the Management Committee in January.

8 Selection

- ▶ **8.1 Players**
- ▶ 8.1.1 The best England players continue to improve although, as in this case, every step up the ladder gets more difficult with new, searching questions being asked of our youngsters. A thorough and comprehensive approach to the development programme for Paul Drinkhall, Darius Knight and Gavin Evans in particular will be put in place. This methodical, systematic programme is needed to bring these (and others) to the position we all want them to be in 2012. Apart from these three, a small group led by Danny Reed are hot on their heels and Kelly Sibley seems to be moving up another level. England probably

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has the youngest squad in international table tennis. We have a responsibility to bring our players to their peak before 2012. Although our young players show huge promise, it is, in international senior terms, only potential.

► 8.2 National Training Centre

- 8.2.1 The need for the return of centralised training should now become a reality in August with the opening of a National Training Centre in Sheffield. This will be funded through the British Table Tennis Federation (BTTF) and, because of the 'carer' costs, will be for players aged 16 years and over.



- 8.2.2 The change to the UK Sport funding of ETTA performance activity from Sport England, whilst initially causing some uncertainty over roles and responsibilities, has now for the most part bedded in. Whilst the funding is provided for all of Great Britain, the formation of the BTTF and the setting up of the service level agreement with the ETTA to manage the programme has resulted in most of the early problems being ironed out.
- 8.2.3 English players feature prominently in the BTTF squads. Only two of the players in the top group (Development) are other than English. England currently has the major share of players in the other two groups, namely Talent Identification and Observation.
- 8.3 UK School Games
 - 8.3.1 The UK School Games were held in Glasgow last September and proved to be a success. England was divided into five regions and competed against one team each from Scotland, Wales and Ireland. The competition was played at the Under 18 age group with English teams winning all events. The Games were played in good competitive spirit.
 - 8.3.2 The second of this annual event (heading towards 2012) will be staged in Coventry in August. Again England will have five regional teams.

► 8.4 Performance Centres

- 8.4.1 A new performance centre has opened up in Cranbrook, Kent, in addition to the ones operational in Nottingham, Leeds, Sheffield, West Midlands, Halton and Sunderland. Nottingham has been granted 'high performance' status in recognition of the standard of players attending. Whilst all centres have to be self-funded, Nottingham receives money from the ETTA to finance an extra sparring partner.

► 8.5 Performance Staff

- 8.5.1 The ETTA/BTTF Performance Staff have, this season, welcomed two new members on a job share basis. Alan Cooke and Alex Perry have been appointed as performance coaches to join Steen Kyst Hansen (Technical Manager) and Jia Yi Liu (National Coach). Jill Parker (Technical Administrator) links all activities together dealing with administration and organisation.
- 8.5.2 One meeting of the ETTA High Performance Management Group was held during the season. Matthew Syed was co-opted on to this committee to add his experience and forward vision to the meeting.

► 8.6 Talent Identification

- 8.6.1 The search for a comprehensive nationwide Talent Identification programme continues but in the meantime, the National Trials fit some of the criteria needed. Some regional trials again this season ran well and fulfilled their main purpose of giving regional coaching personnel the opportunity to identify young players of talent within their regions. The National Finals at Filton threw up some interesting newcomers.

► 8.7 Junior and Cadet Masters

- 8.7.1 Both Cadet and Junior Masters events took place in May at Cippenham Table Tennis Centre and again proved what beneficial competitions they are for our top ranked youngsters. The concept of a large group/round robin event towards the end of the season is a valuable one because it can highlight differing aspects of players' ability.

► 8.8 Youth Development Squads

- 8.8.1 The two Youth Development Squads are functioning well and have become an important part of our Talent Development Programme. The Under 12 group, run by Carole Moore, has been introducing some very young players into residential weekend training camp experiences.
- 8.8.2 The Under 15 group, organised by Peter Charters, has met a weekend a month to take players further with the intention that



at least a few emerge from the pack to be of a standard to be included in ETTA training camps.

- ▶ 8.8.3 Both the Under 12 and the Under 15 groups work mainly in training good attitudes and techniques. Both groups include some promising young players.

▶ **8.9 Junior and Cadet Six Home Nations**

- ▶ 8.9.1 The Six Home Nations Junior and Cadet Championships were held in Coventry this year and provided England with a clean sweep of events. Even without our top four junior boys England was too strong for the other home countries.

- ▶ 8.9.2 Bradley Evans (Junior Boys), Emma Vickers (Junior Girls), Liam Pitchford (Cadet Boys) and Melissa Wright (Cadet Girls) were the individual champions and each had excellent support in the team event from Damien Nicholls, Sarra Wang, Sean Cullen and Karina Lefevre respectively. However, the standard of competition was not good enough to contribute towards developing our players to a truly international standard.

▶ **8.10 Performance Highlights**

- ▶ 8.10.1 At the end of last season, the European Youth Championships took place in Sarajevo. After the cadet successes of the previous year, on this occasion the team returned with just one silver medal, Paul Drinkhall and Darius Knight taking second spot in the boys doubles. However, this was their first year in the junior ranks.

- ▶ 8.10.2 Following this, in the China Open, Paul so nearly achieved a famous victory holding three match points against the Athens Olympic Champion, Ryu Seung Min.

- ▶ 8.10.3 Not to be outdone, the English women won their group in the European League and also took the Team Event Gold in the Finland Open.

- ▶ 8.10.4 After a short Christmas break, four players and two coaches travelled to China for training and then on to Australia for the Youth Olympics at which Paul Drinkhall and Darius Knight won Team Silver and the doubles. Paul Drinkhall won Silver in the singles with Darius Knight fourth. Emma Vickers and Melanie Farquhar gained valuable experience in both China and Australia.

- ▶ 8.10.5 Paul Drinkhall returned from Australia to win the European Top 12 with Darius Knight finishing sixth. Both are eligible to play in this most prestigious event next season, when it will be staged in England.

- ▶ 8.10.6 The European Championships produced little in the way of success, but more senior experience was gained by our youthful players. The women's team finished in fifteenth position and hold their place in the top category. The men (or boys) finished in twenty-fifth position.

- ▶ 8.10.7 A junior boys' team took part in the Canadian Junior Open and won all events entered whilst at the Spanish Youth Open in May, the English boys again triumphed.



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9 International Matters

- ▶ 9.1 British Table Tennis Federation Limited (BTF)
- ▶ 9.1.1 The function and responsibility of the British Olympic Table Tennis Federation changed once the elite funding for Great Britain teams was announced in April last year. This involved a restructure of the organisation making it a limited company, changing the name, setting up a new board and adding a performance management group.
- ▶ 9.1.2 A significant amount of corporate governance work took place very quickly to meet the needs of our funding partners. This included memorandum and articles and company registration taking place, a service level agreement with all the home countries allocating ETTA as the lead nation and documents in regard to Anti-Doping Regulations.
- ▶ 9.1.3 I thank the board and others in making this possible, despite the short time available, and to UK Sport for their help in getting us through these changes. I must compliment Steen Hansen, Technical Manager, and his team for the work they do and the results the Great Britain team are having.
- ▶ 9.1.4 As Chairman of this organisation, I am a member of the British Olympic Committee

and will be involved with the London 2012 Olympic Games. Regular updates are given to the national governing bodies and, despite some expected negative publicity, significant progress is being made towards a fantastic Olympic Games on 'home turf'.

- ▶ 9.1.5 Recently, a request was put out for an initial letter of intent from interested parties in proving facilities for the 28 sports prior to 2012. This resulted in over 700 applications and table tennis was included in 50% of them.
- ▶ 9.2 International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)
- ▶ 9.2.1 I attended the AGM, Board of Directors, Women's Forum and Development meetings in Bremen, as well as the World Championships, which was once again dominated by China.
- ▶ 9.2.2 The solvent glue ban was eventually approved by the Board of Directors to commence from September 2008; a new proposition is being placed before the Board during the 2007 World Championships in Zagreb to bring this date forward to January 2008.
- ▶ 9.2.3 The World Team Championships was allocated to China in 2008.
- ▶ 9.2.4 Some changes took place on the Executive Board of the ITTF including a new Deputy President.





- ▶ 9.3 Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation
- ▶ 9.3.1 At the BGM which took place in Bremen, during the World Championships, Alan Ransome OBE was re-elected as Chairman, Tony Chatwin was elected onto the Technical Committee and I was elected as the European representative on the Management Committee.
- ▶ 9.3.2 The next Championships will take place in India during June this year and significant progress is being made with many countries attending.
- ▶ 9.3.3 Reports are given to National Council by Alan Ransome OBE and we thank him for all his work for and on behalf of this organisation.
- ▶ 9.4 European Table Tennis Union (ETTU)
- ▶ 9.4.1 I attended the European Championships in Belgrade, the ETTU Congress and European Women's Forum. A number of ETTA personnel were nominated and elected to ETTU Committees. They were:
 - Martin Clark - Financial Expert Officer and Veterans Committee Member
 - Malcolm Macfarlane - Ranking Committee Member

- Tony Chatwin - Technical Committee Member
 - Mick Strobe - Umpires and Referees Committee Member
- Congratulations to them all!

- ▶ 9.4.2 I would like to thank Richard Scruton who served as Chairman of the Umpires and Referees Committee but did not want his name put forward this time due to other international responsibilities.
- ▶ 9.4.3 The next European Championships will take place in St Petersburg in 2008.
- ▶ 9.5 England Commonwealth Games Council
- ▶ 9.5.1 A number of meetings were attended and Team England, including table tennis, participated in the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne 2006.
- ▶ 9.5.2 The next Commonwealth Games will be in India in 2010 and the Commonwealth Youth Games will also take place in India in 2008. Table tennis is included in the events of both these Games.
- ▶ 9.5.3 It was announced that Canada had pulled out of the bid for the 2014 Games which leaves the field open to Scotland and Nigeria. Table tennis has been included in the applications from both of these candidates.



Awards and Thanks

Awards

Male Coach of the Year	Paul Whiting
Female Coach of the Year	Ruth Purseglove
Community Coach of the Year	Eric Jenkins
Young Coach of the Year	Katy Parker
Contribution to Coaching	Valerie Clack
Equality Award	Jon Kaufman
Development Officer of the Year	Phil Vickers
PremierClub Volunteer of the Year	Jan Chapman
Young Volunteer of the Year	Catherine Hayes
Press Officer of the Year	John Vincent
Volunteer Co-ordinator of the Year	Bryan Wearden

CCPR/FSA Sports Club of the Year (3rd place) - Scarborough TTC

**Kelly Sibley
being presented
with Young
Sportswoman
of the Year
at Warwickshire
Sports Awards
2006**



► Maurice Goldstein Awards 2006/7

Simon Upson
Hugh Bartholomew
Gavin Bestford
David Power
Jacquie Lovell
Ken Philcox
Michael Sint
Alan White
Don Bryning
Caroline Williams
John Rattle
Martin Bolton
Jason Woodfield

► Ivor Montagu Junior Fund 2006/7

The following players have received grants:

James Winchester
William Maybanks
Karina Lefevre
Mary Fuller
Melissa Wright
Christopher Doran

► Tom Blunn Fund for Administrators 2006/7

The following officials have received grants:

Derek Baseley
Margot Fraser
Alan Harwood
John Mackey
Tom Purcell
Lynda Reid
Brian Watkins
Alan Woollven

► Honours bestowed on Members at 2006 AGM:

Vice Presidents:

Alan Cooke
Sandra Deaton
John Burtenshaw
Jim Beckley
Peter Charters

Victor Barna Award:

England Boys' Cadet Team - Paul Drinkhall, Darius Knight, Damien Nicholls, Gavin Evans

**Johnny Leach Most Improved
Player of the Year Award:**

Ivor Montagu Award:

Malcolm Scott Award:

Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy:

A K Vint OBE Staff Award:

Gavin Evans
Steve Kerns
Martin Clark
John Brittle
Judy Rogers



The ETTA would like to say a big thank you to the wide range of supporters and partners who help fund our work. Every penny counts and goes towards building a brighter future for the nation's table tennis, we would also like to extend these thanks to the exceptional efforts of our volunteers whose continued commitment and expertise help us make table tennis a sport for everyone, everywhere.

Chairman's special thanks go to...

Each of the Departmental Vice-Chairmen who have included reports in this document together with their committee chairmen and all committee members, for their significant contribution to the ongoing and often demanding workload that helps to keep the ETTA's wheels turning.

Richard Yule, our Chief Executive, in particular for his efforts with our funding partners. Also the support and commitment shown by him and his team of professional staff who continue to be fundamental to the successful growth and development of table tennis.

Trade suppliers and local councils, especially Joola, Butterfly and the Sheffield City Council, for their continued outstanding financial and general support.

Thanks also to our many volunteers who work daily at local club, league, county, regional and national level. Most are unsung heroes who make sure our sport continues to function at every level. Thanks go also to the referees, umpires and organisers who ensure our significant events programme runs efficiently.

Gavin Evans was awarded Young Sportsman of the Year at the East Midlands BBC Sports Awards



Results

International Events

► British & Irish Men's Team Championships September 2006

England v Scotland	win	3-1
England v Guernsey	win	3-0
England v Isle of Man	win	3-0
England v Wales	loss	1-3
England v Ireland	loss	1-3

► British & Irish Women's Team Championships September 2006

England v Ireland	win	3-0
England v Wales	loss	1-3
England v Isle of Man	win	3-0
England v Guernsey	win	3-0
England v Scotland	win	3-0

► Maderia Open Championships September 2006

England v ACM Madeira	win	3-0
England v Club Vallodolid	win	3-0
England v Spain Junior	win	3-0
England v Sporting Ponta Sorto	win	3-1
England v ADC Ponta de Porgo	win	3-1
England v Sporting Ponta Sorto	win	3-2

► Men's European Championships Qualification October 2006

England v Netherlands	loss	0-3
England v Portugal	loss	0-3
England v Slovenia	loss	1-3
England v Luxembourg	win	3-0
England v Switzerland	win	3-0

► Women's European Championships Qualification

October 2006

England v Estonia	win	3-0
England v Luxembourg	win	3-0
England v Portugal	win	3-0

November 2006

England v Netherlands	loss	1-3
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January 2007

England v Netherlands	loss	0-3
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February 2007

England v Portugal	win	3-0
England v Portugal	win	3-2

► Slovak Cadet Open Championships November 2006

Boys

England A v HRV B	win	3-0
England A v Italy B	win	3-0
England A v Germany B	loss	2-3
England B v Luxembourg	win	3-2
England B v Croatia A	loss	0-3
England B v Romania B	win	3-0
England B v Belarus	win	3-2
England B v Russia B	win	3-0
England B v Czech Rep. B	win	3-1

Girls

England A v Portugal	loss	0-3
England A v Russia A	loss	0-3
England A v Belarus	loss	0-3
England B v Ukraine	loss	0-3
England B v Austria B	win	3-0
England B v Italy	loss	0-3
England B v Serbia B	loss	0-3

► Finland Open Championships November 2006

Men

England v Russia	win	3-0
England v Finland	win	3-0
England v Russia	loss	0-3

Women

England v Canada/Russia	win	3-0
England v Australia	win	3-0
England v Netherlands	win	3-2

► Portuguese Youth Open Championships December 2006

Cadet Boys

England v Portugal C	win	3-0
England v Belgium A	loss	1-3
England v Italy A	loss	0-3
England v Spain B	loss	0-3

Junior Boys

England v Italy B	win	3-0
England v Spain B	win	3-2
England v Luxembourg	loss	0-3
England v Portugal B	loss	0-3
England v Italy A	loss	1-3

Junior Girls

England v France A	loss	0-3
England v Portugal A	loss	1-3
England v Guernsey	win	3-0
England v Spain B	win	3-1
England v Wales	win	3-2



► Australian Olympic Youth Festival January 2007

Boys

Great Britain v Oceania	win	3-0
Great Britain v New Caledonia	win	3-0
Great Britain v Hong Kong	win	3-0
Great Britain v New Zealand	win	3-0
Great Britain v China	loss	2-3
Great Britain v Australia	win	3-2
Great Britain v Chinese Taipei	win	3-2

Girls

Great Britain v New Zealand	loss	2-3
Great Britain v Chinese Taipei	loss	0-3
Great Britain v Hong Kong	loss	0-3
Great Britain v China	loss	0-3
Great Britain v New Caledonia	win	3-0
Great Britain v Oceania	win	3-0
Great Britain v Australia	win	3-1

► Six Nations Junior Championships March 2007

Cadet Boys

England v Guernsey	win	5-0
England v Ireland	win	4-1
England v Isle of Man	win	5-0
England v Scotland	win	5-0
England v Wales	win	5-0

Cadet Girls

England v Guernsey	win	3-2
England v Ireland	win	5-0
England v Isle of Man	win	5-0
England v Scotland	win	4-1
England v Wales	win	5-0

Junior Boys

England v Guernsey	win	5-0
England v Ireland	win	4-1
England v Isle of Man	win	5-0
England v Scotland	win	3-2
England v Wales	win	5-0

Junior Girls

England v Guernsey	win	5-0
England v Ireland	win	5-0
England v Scotland	win	3-2
England v Wales	win	5-0

► European Championships March 2007 - Belgrade

Men – Challenge Division

England v Bulgaria	loss	1-3
England v Scotland	win	3-1
England v Estonia	win	3-1
Final Position – 25th		

Women – Premier Division

England v Italy	loss	1-3
England v Sweden	win	3-1
England v Poland	loss	1-3
England v Belgium	loss	2-3
Final Position – 15th		

► European Youth Championships July 2006 - Sarajevo

Cadet Boys

England v Hungary	loss	0-3
England v Croatia	loss	0-3
England v Serbia	loss	0-3
England v Netherlands	win	3-1
England v Germany	win	3-1
England v France	loss	1-3
England v Russia	loss	0-3
England v Hungary	loss	0-3
Final Position 8th		

Cadet Girls

England v Turkey	win	3-1
England v Netherlands	win	3-0
England v Kosovo	win	3-0
England v Italy	loss	1-3
England v Bosnia Herzegovina	win	3-0
England v Montenegro	win	3-0
England v Belgium	win	3-1
England v Greece	loss	0-3
Final Position 18th		

Junior Boys

England v Latvia	win	3-0
England v Slovenia	win	3-0
England v Czech Republic	win	3-1
England v Turkey	win	3-0
England v France	loss	2-3
England v Austria	win	3-1
England v Sweden	win	3-2
Final Position 5th		

Junior Girls

England v Poland	loss	1-3
England v Slovakia	loss	0-3
England v Hungary	loss	0-3
England v Italy	loss	2-3
England v Netherlands	win	3-1
England v Czech Republic	loss	2-3
England v Estonia	loss	1-3
England v Belarus	loss	1-3
Final Position 22nd		

Results

National Championships

► English National Championships March 2007 - Sheffield

Men's Singles	Paul Drinkhall (Cv)
Women's Singles	Helen Lower (St)
Men's Doubles	Paul Drinkhall (Cv) Darius Knight (Sy)
Women's Doubles	Helen Lower (St) Natalie Bawden (E)
Mixed Doubles	Kelly Sibley (Wa) Darius Knight (Sy)
Under 21 Men	Darius Knight (Sy)
Under 21 Women	Kelly Sibley (Wa)
Veteran Men	Joe Kennedy (E)
Veteran Women	Shu Huang (K)
Veteran Men's Doubles	Clive Carthy (E) Joe Kennedy (E)

► English Junior National Championships April 2007 - Doncaster

Junior Boys' Singles	Paul Drinkhall (Cv)
Junior Girls' Singles	Melanie Farquhar (Bk)
Junior Boys' Doubles	Paul Drinkhall (Cv) Darius Knight (Sy)

Junior Girls' Doubles	Caroline Hallows (Ch) Emma Vickers (Dy)
Junior Mixed Doubles	Darius Knight (Sy) Sarra Wang (E)
Cadet Boys' Singles	Gavin Evans (Bu)
Cadet Girls' Singles	Melissa Wright (Ys)
Cadet Boys' Doubles	Michael Bates (Li) Gavin Evans (Bu)
Cadet Girls' Doubles	Ayonija Sundararajan (Bk) Melissa Wright (Ys)

**Paul Drinkhall
became England number 1
at just 16 years old**

► English U11/12/13/14 National Championships 2nd/3rd June 2007 - Norwich

U11 Girls' Singles	Emma Torkington (Sx)
U11 Boys' Singles	John Pilgrim (Ng)
U12 Girls' Singles	Emily Bates (Li)
U12 Boys' Singles	Zak Zilesnick (Mi)
U12 Girls' Doubles	Emily Bates (Li) Jessica Dawson (Cv)
U12 Boys' Doubles	Ross Wilson (K) Helshan Weerasinghe (Sx)
U13 Girls' Singles	Emily Bates (Li)
U13 Boys' Singles	Zak Zilesnick (Mi)
U14 Girls' Singles	Karina Lefevre (Cv)
U14 Boys' Singles	Liam Pitchford (Dy)
U14 Girls' Doubles	Karina Lefevre (Cv) Martha Travis (Co)
U14 Boys' Doubles	Liam Pitchford (Dy) Danny Lowe (Dy)

► Junior & Cadet Masters May 2007 - Crippenham

Junior Boys	David Meads (Du)
Junior Girls	Emma Vickers (Dy)
Cadet Boys	Gavin Evans (Bu)
Cadet Girls	Mary Fuller (Y)

British League

► Senior British League	
Premier Division	DHS London Progress
Division 1 North	Drumchapel Glasgow
Division 1 South	DHS London Progress 2





Division 1 South & Mid.	TTK Greenhouse
Division 2 North	Chesterfield
Division 2 South	Generation 2
Division 2 South & Mid.	Guinness Polska
Division 3 North	Barrow
Division 3 South	Brighton 2
Division 3 South & West	Kingfisher Reading
Division 4 North	Hartlepool Brierton
Division 4 South	York Gardens 2

► Junior British League Divisional Champions

Premier Boys	Ormesby A
Premier Girls	Fastbats A
Division 1 Boys	Darlington B
Division 1 Girls	Draycott & Long Eaton
Division 2a Boys	Cliffdale Chandlers
Division 2b Boys	Hull St Mary's
Division 2 Girls	Byng Hall Girls
Division 3a Boys	DML Woolwell
Division 3b Boys	Ellenborough
Division 3 Girls	Club Mid-Cheshire
Division 4a Boys	St Andrew's
Division 4b Boys	Morpeth School

► Womens' British League Divisional Champions

Premier Division	DHS London Progress
Division 1	Wirral Premier Ladies B
Division 2	Ormesby
Division 3	Uxbridge TTC
Division 4	DML Woolwell B

► Veterans' British League Divisional Champions

Premier Men	Thompson Insurance A
Premier Women	Colebridge BC
Division 1 Men	Unity Northampton
Division 1 Women	Ashford Ladies
Division 2 Men	Tameside
Division 3 Men	Brassring St Neots
Division 4 Men	Cardale Stockbrokers
Division 5 Men	St Mary's Table Tennis

► Veterans' National League Divisional Champions

Division 1 Men	Ulster Annahilt
Division 2 Men	Bribar Fusion Vets
Division 3 Men	Draycott & Long Eaton
Division 1 Women	Milton Keynes Girls

County Championships

► Senior

Premier	Sussex
Division 1A	Leicestershire
Division 1B	Gloucestershire
Division 2A	S Yorkshire
Division 2B	Cornwall

Division 2C	Hertfordshire
Division 2D	Surrey 2

► Junior

Premier	Hampshire
Division 1A	Hertfordshire
Division 1B	Sussex
Division 2A	Staffordshire
Division 2B	Avon 1
Division 2C	Essex 3
Division 2D	Middlesex 2



► Veteran

Premier	Leicestershire
Division 1A	Middlesex
Division 1B	Sussex
Division 2A	Yorkshire 2
Division 2B	Essex 4
Division 3A	Durham
Division 3B	Bedfordshire
Division 3C	Hampshire 2
Division 3D	Glamorgan
Division 4A	Norfolk 4
Division 4B	Essex 5
Division 4C	Surrey 5
Division 4D	Sussex 4

► Cadets

Premier	Sussex
Division 1A	South Yorkshire
Division 1B	Sussex 2

► Over 60s

Division 1A	Worcestershire
Division 1B	Kent

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Directors' Report

For The Year Ended 31 March 2007
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The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2007.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of acting as the governing body for the sport of table tennis.

Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 April 2006

A. N. MURDOCH
P. R. BRADLEY
M. G. CLARK, FCCA

Directors' interests

The company has no share capital and no directors have any interest in the company.

Auditors

Manningtons were re-appointed as auditors during the year in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985. A resolution proposing that Manningtons be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.



Directors' Responsibilities

For The Year Ended 31 March 2007
English Table Tennis Association Limited

The Directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors of a company must, in determining how amounts are presented within items in the income and expenditure account and balance sheet, have regard to the substance of the reported transaction or arrangement, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practice.

In so far as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor's are aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the board

R. Yule
Secretary

Date: 31st May 2007

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Members of English Table Tennis Association Limited

We have audited the financial statements of ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION LIMITED for the year ended 31 March 2007 on pages 4 to 11. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005), under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed. We acknowledge that our report is being relied on by Sport England.

► Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

► Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

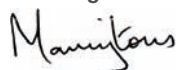
We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurances that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

► Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31st March 2007 and of its surplus for the year then ended;

the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and the information given in the Directors' report is consistent with the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2007.

Manningtons



Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditor

Hastings

1st June 2007



Income And Expenditure Account

For The Year Ended 31 March 2007
English Table Tennis Association Limited

	Notes	2007 £	2006 £
▶ Turnover	2	2,189,476	1,884,289
Administrative expenses		(2,189,538)	(1,881,309)
▶ Operating(deficit)/surplus	3	(62)	2,980
Other interest receivable and similar income	4	31,350	24,446
▶ Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation		31,288	27,426
Taxation	5	5,956	3,431
▶ Surplus on ordinary activities after taxation	10	25,332	23,995

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Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2007
English Table Tennis Association Limited

	Notes	£	2007 £	£	2006 £
► Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	6		50,683		59,527
► Current Assets					
Stocks	7	3,599		5,738	
Debtors	8	91,413		49,764	
Cash at bank and in hand		916,768		752,323	
		1,011,780		807,825	
► Current Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	631,975		462,623	
► Net Current Assets					
			379,805		345,202
► Net Assets					
			430,488		404,729
► Represented by:					
► Reserves					
Income and expenditure account	10		388,379		363,047
Testimonial Funds	11		42,109		41,682
			430,488		404,729

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005) relating to small companies. The financial statements on pages 4 to 11 were approved by the board on 22nd May 2007 and were signed on their behalf by:



Director M. G. Clark, FCCA



Director A. N. Murdoch



Notes to the Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 March 2007
English Table Tennis Association Limited

► 1. Accounting policies

► 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005). The directors have adopted a format for the income and expenditure account that is considered more suitable than the format laid down in the Companies Act 1985.

► 1.2 Limited Liability Status

The company is limited by guarantee and is a non-profit making body. In the event that the company is wound up and funds are insufficient to pay creditors, members each guarantee to pay such amount as may be required not exceeding £10.

► 1.3 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT, grants receivable from Sport England (including Lottery Grants) and income associated with events and competitions and sundry other activities.

► 1.4 Grants Received (see Note 15)

The Sport England Core Funding Grant is shown in full as it is a contribution towards ETTA expenditure. Other Grants are matched against related expenditure as a surplus should not occur from these grants. The exception to this is where the English Table Tennis Association Limited makes a contribution to a specific programme and then the expenditure will exceed the income by the value of the contribution made.

► 1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures and fittings, equipment, and vehicles	25% - straight line on cost
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► 1.6 Leasing

Any rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

► 1.7 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

► 1.8 Foreign currency transaction

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of transaction. All differences are taken to income and expenditure account.

► 1.9 Regions

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.

► 2. Turnover

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity wholly undertaken in the United Kingdom.

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▶ 3. Operating Surplus	2007 £	2006 £
Operating surplus is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible assets	35,543	33,167
Operating lease rentals	17,482	17,205
Auditors remuneration	2,503	2,829
Directors' remuneration (Honorarium)	4,400	4,000
	<u>31,350</u>	<u>24,446</u>
▶ 4. Other interest receivable and similar income	2007 £	2006 £
Bank interest: core funding	26,702	23,172
: BTTF Performance Programme	3,496	0
: Sports Match Skills Award	1,152	1,274
	<u>31,350</u>	<u>24,446</u>
▶ 5. Taxation	2007 £	2006 £
U.K. taxation		
U.K. corporation tax at current rates: core funding	5,073	3,129
: BTTF Performance Programme	664	0
: Sports Match Skills Award	219	302
	<u>5,956</u>	<u>3,431</u>

Due to the company's non-profit making status, corporation tax is only chargeable on investment income received.



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► 6. Tangible fixed assets

	Vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2006	69,459	77,268	146,727
Additions	13,830	13,335	27,165
Disposals	(7,400)	(3,531)	(10,931)
At 31 March 2007	75,889	87,072	162,961
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2006	41,530	45,670	87,200
Charge for the year	17,423	18,120	35,543
Disposals	(7,400)	(3,065)	(10,465)
At 31 March 2007	51,553	60,725	112,278
Net book value			
At 31 March 2007	24,336	26,347	50,683
Net book value			
At 31 March 2006	27,929	31,598	59,527

► 7. Stocks

	2007 £	2006 £
Goods for resale and stationery	3,599	5,738

► 8. Debtors

	2007 £	2006 £
Trade debtors	13,395	17,101
Other debtors	78,018	32,663
	91,413	49,764

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► 9. Creditors: amounts falling within one year			
	Notes	2007 £	2006 £
Taxation and social security		27,443	27,975
Grants	15	382,789	267,461
Other creditors		221,743	167,187
		<u>631,975</u>	<u>462,623</u>

► 10. Statement of movements on income and expenditure account			
		2007 £	2006 £
Balance at 1 April 2006		363,047	339,052
Retained surplus for the year		25,332	23,995
Balance at 31 March 2007		<u>388,379</u>	<u>363,047</u>

► 11. Testimonial Funds			
		2007 £	2006 £
Balance at 1 April 2006		41,682	39,451
Net Movements in the year		427	2,231
Balance at 31 March 2007		<u>42,109</u>	<u>41,682</u>

► 12. Financial commitments

At 31 March 2007 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

		2007 £	2006 £
Expiry date within two to five years:	Property Lease	<u>17,760</u>	<u>17,482</u>



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► 13. Related party transactions

The directors are of the opinion that Sport England is a related party as it has significant influence over the financial and operating policies of the Company. During the year the Company received Grants from Sport England in the sum of £1,034,491 (2006: £1,292,355).

► 14. Loans to employees

	2007 £	2006 £
Balance at 31 March 2006	5,833	0
Loans	0	10,000
Repayments	(5,833)	(4,167)
Balance at 31 March 2007	0	5,833

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► 15. Grants and Expenditure

	01/04/06 b/fwd £	Received in year £	Expenditure £	ETTA Contrib'n £	31/03/07 c/fwd £
Sport England : Core Funding	0	825,000	825,000	0	0
Other Grants:					
Sport England : Club Links (PESSCL)	104,172	107,313	107,355	11,300	115,430
Sport England : Step into Sport	31,427	25,107	36,074	0	20,460
Sport England : UK Coaching Certificate	48,028	77,071	77,585	0	47,514
UK Sport: BTTF World Class Programme	0	544,994	479,636	0	65,358
Youth Sport Trust	0	60,000	16,081	0	43,919
Big Lottery Fund (Out of School Learning)	7,749	6,533	14,282	0	0
Sport Coach UK: Teacher Training	0	15,000	0	0	15,000
Sportsmatch Skills Award	61,193	1,152	36,677	5,000	30,668
Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS)	0	21,378	21,378	0	0
Regions	0	32,404	11,711	0	20,693
Miscellaneous	14,892	22,944	14,089	0	23,747
	267,461	913,896	814,868	16,300	382,789
Total	267,461	1,738,896	1,639,868	16,300	382,789

Note:

Grants received in year figure include the following:

	UK Sport: BTTF	PESSCL	Step Into Sport	Sportsmatch Skills Award
Grant	541,498	97,500	20,000	0
Bank Interest	3,496	0	0	1,152
Other Income	0	9,813	5,107	0
	544,994	107,313	25,107	1,152



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	Notes	2007 £	2006 £
► Income			
Affiliation Fees	1	161,982	160,246
Sponsorship		6,883	10,277
Sport England Core Funding Grant		825,000	1,000,000
Other Grants		798,568	313,978
Bank Interest		26,702	23,172
Tournament Levies		3,504	3,526
Ranking Levies		29,430	30,636
Magazine		27,319	30,931
Coaching		42,407	47,062
Competitions	3	225,029	219,254
Miscellaneous Sales		1,676	3,385
International Programme	10	6,363	0
Youth Development		20,900	31,894
High Performance Centres		11,105	9,099
Regions		33,958	25,275
		<u>2,220,826</u>	<u>1,908,735</u>
► Less Expenditure:			
Overheads	2	536,900	507,528
Development	9	351,732	349,152
Other Grants		814,868	221,583
Competition Costs	3	182,479	179,218
Magazine		25,913	31,413
Coaching	4	81,352	80,690
International Programme	10	13,237	7,250
Youth Development		44,783	44,957
High Performance Centres		17,021	14,472
Sundry Costs	5	6,535	6,849
Regions		31,836	25,121
Modernisation		13,161	5,733
England Performance	11	70,604	407,645
Corporation Tax		5,073	3,129
		<u>2,195,494</u>	<u>1,884,740</u>
Net Surplus		<u>25,332</u>	<u>23,995</u>

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► 1. Affiliation Fees

	2007 £	2006 £
Leagues	115,578	114,828
Licences	40,305	39,453
PremierClubs	5,500	5,635
Other	599	330
	<u>161,982</u>	<u>160,246</u>

► 2. Overheads

	Notes	2007 £	2006 £
Salaries		272,988	255,197
Committee Costs	6	34,279	26,534
Staff/Officers' Expenses		43,550	37,789
Rent and Rates		33,336	29,704
Sundry Office Expenses		15,768	12,605
Telephone		8,638	8,973
Postage		17,124	18,470
Printing and Stationery		24,007	20,521
Insurance		10,692	11,355
Audit Fees		2,503	2,829
Legal & Professional Fees		4,570	5,015
Depreciation		35,543	33,167
Charge to Step into Sport Grant re Car		(1,860)	(3,027)
Irrecoverable VAT - Partial Exemption		29,733	23,600
Profit on Sale of Vehicles & Equipment		(134)	(153)
Costs re Player's Licence Affiliation Scheme		15,857	13,238
Marketing Costs		18,240	17,545
Contribution from PESSCL Programme		(6,500)	(9,287)
Contribution from BTTF Programme		(25,000)	0
Other		3,566	3,453
		<u>536,900</u>	<u>507,528</u>

► 3. Competitions

	Income £	Expenses £	2007 Contribution to Overheads £	Income £	Expenses £	2006 Contribution to Overheads £
English Championships						
English Nationals	11,712	11,447	265	10,254	10,021	233
English Junior Nationals	8,028	5,955	2,073	6,021	6,359	(338)
Grand Prix	84,976	66,572	18,404	78,075	64,923	13,152
	<u>104,716</u>	<u>83,974</u>	<u>20,742</u>	<u>94,350</u>	<u>81,303</u>	<u>13,047</u>
National Competitions						
County Championships	10,197	6,744	3,453	8,891	5,550	3,341
British Leagues	77,781	61,397	16,384	80,952	60,998	19,954
Other Competitions	28,710	27,154	1,556	28,810	28,501	309
Ranking Trials	3,625	3,210	415	6,251	2,866	3,385
	<u>120,313</u>	<u>98,505</u>	<u>21,808</u>	<u>124,904</u>	<u>97,915</u>	<u>26,989</u>
	<u>225,029</u>	<u>182,479</u>	<u>42,550</u>	<u>219,254</u>	<u>179,218</u>	<u>40,036</u>

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	2007 £	2006 £		2007 £	2006 £
► 4. Coaching					
Salaries	40,948	42,222			
Other Coaching Costs	40,404	38,468			
	<u>81,352</u>	<u>80,690</u>			
► 5. Sundry Costs					
Bank Charges	1,027	1,025			
Transfer to Ivor Montagu Fund	2,312	2,296			
Transfer to Tom Blunn Fund	2,311	2,296			
Costs of Miscellaneous Sales	885	1,232			
	<u>6,535</u>	<u>6,849</u>			
► 6. Committee Costs					
National Council	14,807	12,718			
Management	6,806	3,665			
Other	12,666	10,151			
	<u>34,279</u>	<u>26,534</u>			
► 7. Ivor Montagu Fund					
Balance at 1st April 2006	20,313	19,142			
Income - 2% of league affiliation fees	2,312	2,296			
	<u>22,625</u>	<u>21,438</u>			
Less awards to juniors	350	1,125			
Balance at 31st March 2007	<u>22,275</u>	<u>20,313</u>			
► 8. Tom Blunn Fund					
Balance at 1st April 2006	21,369	20,309			
Income - 2% of league affiliation fees	2,311	2,296			
	<u>23,680</u>	<u>22,605</u>			
Less Grants paid out	3,846	1,236			
Balance at 31st March 2007	<u>19,834</u>	<u>21,369</u>			
► 9. Development					
Salaries	293,512	288,965			
Other development costs	58,220	60,187			
	<u>351,732</u>	<u>349,152</u>			
► 10. International Programme					
	Income	Expenses	2007	Income	2006
	£	£	Net Costs	£	Net Costs
			£		£
Womens European League	286	1,908	(1,622)	0	0
Cadet & Junior Six Nations	6,077	11,142	(5,065)	0	0
European Youths	0	0	0	0	(6,500)
Other	0	187	(187)	0	(750)
	<u>6,363</u>	<u>13,237</u>	<u>(6,874)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(7,250)</u>

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► 11. Performance

	2007 (BTTF) (1) £	2007 (ETTA) £	2006 (ETTA) £
Income			
UK Sport (2)	476,140	-	-
Sport England: Core Funding	-	-	264,000
Sport England: Commonwealth	-	-	96,395
Sport England: Commonwealth - EAD	-	-	15,000
Bank Interest	3,496	-	551
Income	479,636	-	375,946
Expenditure			
Staff Costs	131,072	13,601	158,070
Training Programme			
Commonwealth	-	-	67,689
Other	139,560	15,568	81,513
International Competition			
Commonwealth	-	-	44,787
Other	122,235	41,435	40,586
Commonwealth - EAD	-	-	15,000
Sports Science (3)	26,767	-	-
Miscellaneous	60,002	-	-
Total Expenditure	479,636	70,604	407,645
Excess Expenditure Over Income	-	(70,604)	(31,699)
Contribution By ETTA	-	(70,604)	(31,699)

Notes:

(1) The British Table Tennis Federation Limited (BTTF) is the governing body for performance of UK table tennis 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 BTTF Performance Management Group.

(2) Actual UK Sport Funding in the year was £541,498. This figure has been reduced by £65,358 which was the surplus for the year and has been carried forward to 2007/8.

(3) ETTA Sports Science is included in Training and International Competition in 2005/6



Glossary of Abbreviations

- BTF – British Table Tennis Federation
- BUSA – British Universities Sports Association
- CCDP – Community Club Development Programme
- CRB – Criminal Records Bureau
- CTS – Certificate for Tutoring in Sport
- DCMS – Department for Culture, Media & Sport
- ETTA – English Table Tennis Association
- ESTTA – English Schools Table Tennis Association
- ETTU – European Table Tennis Union
- IAPS – Introduction to Assessment Practice in Sport
- ITTF – International Table Tennis Federation
- JUA – Junior Umpire Award
- LOCOG – London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games
- NURC – National Umpires and Referees Committee
- PESSCL- Physical Education, School Sport & Club Links
- RDO – Regional Development Officer
- SIS – Step Into Sport
- TTDO – Table Tennis Development Officer
- TTN – Table Tennis News
- UKCC – United Kingdom Coaching Certificate
- VCIS – Volunteer Co-ordinator Incentive Scheme



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