

Newsletter 7: Launch of Table Tennis England |International successes

To: Members of Table Tennis England

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Table Tennis England

As part of our redevelopment as a national sport governing body fit for the 21st century, you will be aware of the changes we have made to date...a new senior management team, new premises, new Board structure, new departments, new regulations, new regional developments, new talent development plans,.....and now we have a new name and image.

Table Tennis England was launched on the May 19, 2014.

We want to be easily identifiable to people outside the table tennis world, as well as reconnect with those who participate in our clubs and leagues. Table Tennis England, our logo and rebrand will do that.

Over the next few months there will be a continuing process of change as our new logo and brand is phased in...and new projects and initiatives appear.

Head of Marketing and Communications Gerry Cronin has written an article about the new brand. It explains more about our redesign, literature and logos which are available to leagues and clubs, advice on using the new brand, how you can contact people via new email addresses, how you can be involved in this process and who to contact for more information.

<http://tabletennisengland.co.uk/news/featured-news/blog-our-new-brand/>

International Successes

It has been a good month for English teams and players in the international field. We are proud of all their achievements.....

- **England's men promoted to top division of world table tennis**
The England squad of Liam Pitchford, Paul Drinkhall, Daniel Reed and Sam Walker reached the final of the challenger division to clinch promotion back to the championship division after an absence of 17 years. They then added the divisional title by beating Italy in the final. Unfortunately, the women's squad of Joanna Drinkhall, Kelly Sibley, Tin-Tin Ho and Hannah Hicks were unable to make it a double celebration as they were eliminated in the quarter-finals.

<http://tabletennisengland.co.uk/news/englands-men-promoted-at-world-team-champs/>

- **Tom reigns in Spain**
Tom Jarvis continued the winning ways for England players by claiming victory in the Spanish Youth Open. The 14-year-old from Skegness took the Cadet Boys' Singles title, beating Denis Ivonin of Russia 3-1 in the final. It matched the achievement of Paul Drinkhall, who took the singles title at the senior Spanish Open the previous month.

<http://tabletennisengland.co.uk/news/featured-news/brilliant-jarvis-reigns-in-spain/>

- **VETTS medal haul in New Zealand**

While our cadets were triumphing in Spain, our more senior players were taking the medals on the other side of the world in the 14th World Veterans Championships in New Zealand. Our veterans won a collection of gold, silver and bronzes in age events ranging from Over 40 to Over 85.

<http://tabletennisengland.co.uk/news/featured-news/vetts-medal-haul-at-world-championship/>

- **GB Para team go for gold**

European champions Paul Davies and Rob Davies produced a great performance at the Slovakian Open to take gold in the men's class 1 team event. There were also medals for Will Bayley/Paul Karabardak (men's class 7 silver), Aaron McKibbin with Belgium's Marc Ledoux (men's class 8 silver), David Wetherill with Valentin Kneuss from Switzerland (men's class 6 silver) and Jane Campbell/Sara Head (women's class 1-3 bronze). The GB Para Table Tennis Team also picked up medals in the singles with Paul Davies (class 1) and Jack Hunter-Spivey (class 5) taking silver and Rob Davies (class 1) and David Wetherill (class 6) finishing with bronze medals.

<http://tabletennisengland.co.uk/news/davies-and-davies-lead-gb-medal-haul/>

<http://tabletennisengland.co.uk/news/featured-news/davies-and-hunter-spivey-serve-up-silver/>

- The GB Para Table Tennis Team also struck gold in Slovenia as Will Bayley (class 7) and Rob Davies (class 1) took gold in the singles and there were also bronze medals for Paul Davies (class 1), David Wetherill (class 6) and Jane Campbell (class 3).

<http://tabletennisengland.co.uk/news/featured-news/will-and-rob-strike-gold-in-slovenia/>

- **Umpire Alex off to China**

Congratulations to Alex Mercer, who has been chosen as one of the umpires for the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing in August.

<http://tabletennisengland.co.uk/news/featured-news/umpire-alex-relishes-youth-olympics-role/>

Deputy Chair

Susie Hughes has been elected unopposed as the new Deputy Chair of Table Tennis England. Susie was previously on the Board as Vice Chairman of Communications. She plays table tennis in Liverpool and Southport Leagues, as well as VETTS events and British League.

<http://tabletennisengland.co.uk/news/featured-news/susie-hughes-is-new-deputy-chair-at-table-tennis-england/>

The vacancy on the Board will be taken by Simon Griew who becomes a Non-Executive Director. Simon has more than 25 years' experience in the energy industry, is managing director of his own consulting company and has played table tennis for many years, competing in the Leamington and Coventry leagues and representing Warwickshire in the Veterans' County Championship.

Diary Dates

The conferences for the British League and County Championships will take place at Woodfield Table Tennis Club on Saturday, June 7, 2014. The agm of Table Tennis England will take place in Milton Keynes on Saturday July 12. For further details, contact

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Best wishes

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