



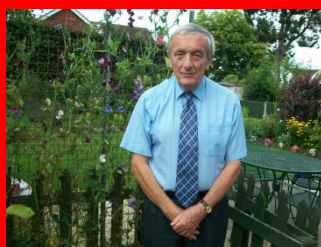
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News from Table Tennis Wales

March 2013

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A View from the Chair

The NSPCC on behalf of SportWales is introducing new child protection standards to all sports in Wales.

In January this year they gave a presentation to TTW directors outlining the details of the

new standards.

We have already attained level 1 with our present procedures and now need to move to level 2 of a three-level programme.

I am pleased to confirm that Lesley O`Connell has volunteered to help us with the work required to progress to the higher levels. Lesley currently works with multi-agencies dealing with child protection in the community and we are grateful for the additional knowledge and experience she brings.

One of the most important elements of the standards is the appointment of local child protection welfare officers in all regions. I would be very pleased to hear from any individuals who might have some experience of such work and is interested in volunteering - or who may be interested in being trained for such a vitally important role.

Bernard Carter - Chair

Coaching Corner -by Ryan Jenkins

Performance

Charlotte Carey attended the ITTF World Junior singles in Guatemala 25-27th January. This was the first time a Welsh player had qualified for the event and Charlotte played well and proudly finished 11th place.

Charlotte also had 2 gold medals to showcase after the 6 Nations event in Preston 8-10 March. Along with Nicole Hall and Beth Roberts in the junior girl's team, she got the individual gold to make it a double. Conor Edwards, Lewis Williams and Chris Griffiths claimed the silver medal in the boy's team.

Jac Jenkins & Callum Evans will be joined by Charlotte Carey to play the Malta Junior Open in April.

3 boys and 3 girls aged between 15-17 years old have been invited by the German Association to stay 2 weeks in Hamburg this summer as an exchange programme with 2 other nations



Selections:

Commonwealth Championships (India 5-10th May)

Men – Daniel O’Connell, Stephen Jenkins, Conor Edwards

Women – Charlotte Carey, Chloe Thomas, Angharad Phillips & Megan Phillips

World Championships (Paris 13th-20th May)

Men – Ryan Jenkins, Conor Edwards & Daniel O’Connell

Women – Naomi Owen, Charlotte Carey & Megan Phillips

Development

The Eurokids programme moved to Slovakia where Lydia John and Joseph Roberts were selected with coach Simon Oyler. From 9-14th March the players were matched-up with their counterparts from all over Europe in an intense and progressive setting see www.ettu.org

Aerobic TT came to South Wales 12-14th March with the intention of getting hundreds of youngsters, mainly girls, active with table tennis related fitness. The programme, headed by Steve Rowe who is the founder, has a series of aerobic exercises combined with table tennis shots. The next step will be to engage and train around 100 teachers in the summer so they can interact and teach thousands of school pupils at their schools -see <http://youtu.be/U6-sa8l2jqw>

Table Tennis will feature in ‘Gemau Cymru’ for the first time in July 2013. The event will see 5 Welsh regions battle it out with each other 5-7th July in Cardiff. This is a multisport event organised by the Urdd and will see Charlotte Carey as TTW’s ambassador for the weekend – please visit Gemau Cymru <http://www.urdd.org/en/gemaucymru/home> for further information.

S4c were present at the Welsh Euro Challenge 15-17th February at Cardiff City TTC to interview Welsh speaking players about the event and the future. Norway, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Guernsey, England & Scotland were present during the weekend.

4 young boys and 4 young girls will travel to Ireland 5-7th April for International Primary Schools event. The event, which will be played in Dublin, will see Wales face England, Ireland, Scotland, Jersey, Isle of Man and Guernsey

Squads

The Easter break will see 2 camps: 26-28th March + 2-4th April in Cardiff.

Congratulations to winners at the Butterfly Welsh Championships 2013

Stephen Jenkins (men)
Naomi Owen (women)
Daniel O'Connell (U21 men)
Charlotte Carey (U21 women)
Conor Edwards (junior boys)
Charlotte Carey (junior girls)
Callum Evans (cadet boys)
Laura Edwards (cadet girls)
Mark Farrow (Vets men)
Daniel O'Connell/Megan Phillips (mixed doubles)
Dean Cundy/Lee Morgan (men doubles)
Charlotte Carey/Chloe Thomas (women doubles)
Jac Jenkins/Callum Evans (junior boy's doubles)
Charlotte Carey/Nicole Hall (junior girl's doubles)
Nigel Gore/Tony Collins (Vets doubles)

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Coach Education Report

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Coaching spotlight

Name- Greg Price
Area- Blaenau Gwent
Club- Abertillery
Number of years coaching – 2
Coaching ambition- to increase participation in Welsh table tennis and to develop players to a high standard which will enable them to represent Wales at international competitions
Coaching philosophy- to promote an inclusive environment where players of all abilities can fulfil their potential

Other

TTW Awards – will be held 6th July at Bridgend Tennis club. Tickets will be limited to 75 places and will be on sale in May and June

Ryan Jenkins

Welsh Success at Cardiff Grand Prix

On 26 & 27 January Table Tennis Wales hosted a Grand Prix event at SportWales National Centre Cardiff with some of the top players in the UK on show.

Angharad Phillips won the womens singles beating Abbie Milwain over 5 sets.

Welsh boys Dan OConnell Ryan Oyler & Chris Griffiths won bands 2 4 & 6 respectively.

Nicole Hall was under 21 ladies runner-up, winner of the band 2 womens singles and runner up in the band 1.

In the Under 21 event Paul McCreery beat Dan OConnell in 3 close games Chris Griffiths of Wales reached the semi-final losing to the eventual winner McCreery

Paul Beck of England (AKA "The Octopus") won the Vets Singles.

In the mens open McCreery beat Yongbo Zhang 3-0 Zhang had previously won a fantastic semi against Chris Doran the highly ranked English player but his efforts seemed to leave him short of energy for the final.

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Calls are restricted to 10 minutes in duration and to one call per topic and must be on matters that are within the range of expertise of the firms.

To access this service simply call them on directand state you are a paid up TTW member.

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O`brien & partners Chartered Accountants - (ask for Gareth Francis)
Highdale House, 7 Centre Court, Treforest Industrial Estate, Treforest
CF37 5YRTel: 01443 841184

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Welsh Primary Schools Championships

On 20 Feb the Welsh Primary School Championships were held at Sophia Gardens. A full entry of 36 teams made for a busy day for the children, their coaches and indeed the organisers!

After a tight last group the winners were St Marys A from Cardiff - narrowly pipping Grange A from Swansea who took the runners-up spot. Upper Rhymney was third with Llangan A from near Cowbridge finishing fourth.

The behavior of the youngsters was exemplary. An award was made to the team which showed the most sporting, respectful and friendly attitude. This was very difficult as all the children behaved impeccably but TTW director Gareth Evans made the award to Llangan B – who finished 15th overall.

Forthcoming events

24 March- Welsh Closed Veterans U11, U13 & Vets over 50, 60 & 70

30-31 March Team Championships of Wales (Juniors)

4th April - South Wales Super League (Open singles with prize money)

14 April Rhondda Dragon competition- Tonyrefail Sports Centre under 11s, under 13s, under 15s

21 April Joe Morris Memorial - Juniors & Cadets (Carmarthen Leisure Centre)

27 April- Glamorgan Closed Juniors & Cadets- Cardiff City TTC Maindy, Cardiff

28 April- Glamorgan Closed Seniors & Veterans - Cardiff City TTC Maindy Cardiff

Entry forms where applicable can either be found on the TTW website or by email to philipaveryco@hotmail.com

Butterfly Team Championships of Wales

Veterans - 16/17 February 2013



In the Veterans final weekend of the season at W.I.S. the outcomes of both divisions went down to the final round of matches in both divisions.

On the Saturday Cardiff gave themselves hope of snatching the Division 1 championship by recording a very good 7 - 0 win over the leaders Ynys Mon leaving them level on points with Ynys Mon, who stayed top by having a slender two game advantage going into the Sunday matches.

On the Sunday they both won their first match 7 - 0, so Cardiff needed to win 7 - 0 and hope that Ynys Mon would drop 2 games to Eastern Valley A. Cardiff went on to beat Carmarthen 6 - 1 but it was to no avail as Ynys Mon also showed their championship qualities by defeating Eastern Valley - also 6 - 1. Cardiff A received some compensation as Neil Wright topped the averages with 90 % - closely followed by Phil Biggs (Ynys Mon) with 87.5% and Paul Collins (Ynys Mon) with 85 %.

In division 2 the fight for the championship was between unbeaten Swansea A and Bridgend who were 2 points behind but still had Swansea to play. On the Saturday Swansea suffered a major reverse when Cardiff C beat them 4 - 3. This enabled Bridgend to go top by virtue of a better game difference. The outcome of the championship rested on the final match of the session on Sunday between the 2 teams.

Bridgend won the first 2 rubbers with Swansea taking the 3rd. In the crucial doubles Bridgend won 3 - 2 to take a 3 - 1 match lead. Swansea's Nigel Stopher gave some hope when he narrowly defeated previously unbeaten Paul Booth to make it 3 - 2. Ceri Higgon sealed it for Bridgend when he overcame Mike Rees, with Hywel John going on to win the final rubber for a 5 - 2 win.

In the play-off match for Division 1 status Eastern Valley B had to play Swansea A in what was to be the closest and most exciting match of the day. The first two matches saw Eastern Valley's Nigel Gore beating Kevin Gertsen 3 - 1 & Andrew Ryder beating Nigel Stopher 3 - 0. Swansea's Mike Rees then defeated Frank Hillier 3 - 1. The Swansea pair won the doubles to level the match at 2 - 2. Nigel Gore then beat Nigel Stopher and Kevin Gertsen levelled the match by defeating Frank. The last match was a very hard fought game going to the fifth which Mike Rees won to give Swansea victory.

Team Championship of Wales Seniors March 9/10. 2013

Unfortunately this final session was spoilt by a clash with the 6 Nations Junior & Cadet Tournament which robbed some clubs of their foremost players particularly Ael Y Bryn & North Gwent. However due to the strength of the clubs they were able to complete their fixtures with a full complement of players. This was unavoidable due to the rescheduling of the 6 Nations after the Championship dates were set.

Seniors Division 1

The Championship title went to the very strong Cardiff City T.T.C. trio of Yongbo Zhang, Wiktor & Waldemar Dzwonkowski who won all their matches. The second placed team being North Gwent A. Cardiff League B was the relegated team. The Cardiff trio only dropped 4 sets throughout the tournament with each of the three losing one match each during the final weekend. Neil Wright of Cardiff League A was the only player to defeat Yongbo. The next to lose his unbeaten tag was Wiktor who was beaten in the fifth game by Dean Cundy of Ael Y Bryn. Waldemar was unbeaten going into the Sunday fixtures but in the final match against North Gwent he also lost in 4 against Scott Johnston. Other notable wins were Andy Smith over Patrick Thomas, Ben Avery beating Dean Cundy and Alex O'Connell overcoming Neil Wright. The top player in Division 1 averages ultimately went to Wiktor Dzwonkowski by virtue of winning one more leg than Waldemar.

Seniors Division 2

In what was the most competitive division the title went to Carmarthen A who pipped both Cardiff City C and North Gwent by 2 points with Cardiff City in second place on game difference. For Carmarthen Jason Peckham was unbeaten but due to illness was unable to play on the Sunday and this probably accounted for their 2 losses that day. He was ably supported by David Lloyd who only lost 2 matches throughout the tournament and Vince Dragone. The Cardiff City trio of Xiaotian Wang, Xiao Ling Qiang & Yanying Guan made huge improvements over the season to finish worthy runners up losing only to Carmarthen in the final 2 days. Laura Price of North Gwent B took a significant scalp when she defeated David Lloyd. The relegated team was Bridgend A. The top player went to Jason Peckham as the only undefeated player with David Lloyd in second place.

Seniors Division 3

This division was dominated by St. Mellons who went through unbeaten. The team of Peyman Mollaei, Thomas Goodall and Tony Williams sweeping all before them.

Swansea B was in second place although they were unfortunate to lose unbeaten Tommy Heydon to the 6 Nations. Laurence John, Marc Castro were ably supported by James Lobb. The veteran team of Martyn Fenner, Simon Packer & Andrew Joules competed well to finish third. The top player went to Peyman Mollaei who was undefeated throughout the tournament with Laurence John in second place and Thomas Goodall third.



All league & club organisers are urged to let us have information on what is going on in their areas - which we will do our best to publish. Email your copy to philipaveryco@hotmail.com

Around the regions

Cardiff

In February four Cardiff regional players travelled to Burton Uxbridge for the 1*Star Junior Open. Macauley Morgan, Alasdair Weir, Elliot Wiendburg and Joseph Roberts made the trip with Regional Coach Simon Oyler.

After an early morning trip it was Joseph Roberts who showed what he is capable of by winning all his matches in the Under 11's Round Robin Group of 7 players to make up for his second place last time around. Joseph played extremely well and was very happy to win his first 1*Star title.

Macauley was the only player to get through both Junior and Cadet groups and lost in the Quarter finals of both to the same player. Elliot Wienburg and Alasdair Wier lost out in both Junior and Cadet Groups on count back.

The young welsh superstar Joseph Roberts continued his form into the under 13's event and won his group beating Sam Welsh to top spot. Joseph won his quarter final match 3-0 to set up a semi finals showdown with the young and talented Joey Chen, Joseph started well in the first set but went down 11-9, the second set also went to the young Chen 11-6. After being 2-0 down Joseph showed some great determination to try and get back into the game but it just wasn't to be on this occasion and lost out 13-11 in the 3rd set.

All the players showed great courage and determination to do their best at the tournament, it is now back to the training hall to put in more hard work to better ourselves next time around.

Congratulations to the Joseph Roberts who at 9 years old won his first Under 11s 1*Star title.

Simon Oyler

South East – Beth Roberts finished 3rd in the Euro Challenge in a close 3-2 encounter with Nicole Hall. Beth is very pleased with her bronze medal finish and is starting to challenge the top senior women in the country.

Ael y bryn club is going from strength to strength with each session being packed with new kids and more entering tournaments around the country. The club has also been successful in a Spotted grant for £2,000. The club recently finished 3rd in the Welsh Primary School event.

Abertillery is also on the up as two more primary schools sessions have been started up by Greg Price - which is linking nicely with the secondary school and community club he currently runs on a weekly basis.

Junior British League Results - Div 1 girls - Laura Edwards won 9 lost 9,

Premier Girls Beth Roberts won 9 lost 11.

South Central

Two players from Rhondda Table Tennis Club reached the Euro Challenge final. Nicole Hall who started playing at Tonyrefail Comprehensive five years ago reached the u 18 girls final before losing to the Number 1 from Norway. Nicole won against the same player in the team event but wasn't able to repeat the result in the singles. Callum Evans also reached the final in the u15 boys competition before losing to Chris Wheeler 3-0. Callum played well on route to the final and really went for it against the Scottish Number one but was a bit too inconsistent when it mattered most.

Junior British League results-Number of Rhondda players involved in British League and their results are as follows Premier boys - Conor Edwards won 10 lost 8, Div 1 boys - Chris Griffiths won 13 lost 7, Jac Jenkins won 5 lost 15, Soffi Jenkins won 7 lost 9, Callum Evans won 12 lost 8, Liam Winder won 4 lost 6,

Steve Jenkins

South West

A BIG thank you to Dennis Bromage, Peter Langley, Joanne Simeone, Roy Towell, Stan Eastwood, Betty Gray, Dave John, Andrew Jones, Kevin Davies, Steve Heydon and Ya Xie who have been a great support since I started this part-time post in October, regular assistance with Schools, Regional Squad, Half Term camps, Clubs and Technology has enabled me to run a large group of young players smoothly ensuring all players get the best training possible during these times. THANK YOU SO MUCH. Dennis, who suffered a heart attack a month ago has been extremely helpful, his enthusiasm and dedication to the sport is phenomenal, he continues to assist me and will not sit down!!! (even when forced) he continues to do as much as possible for the area whilst still attending rehabilitation.

ALL LOCAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR BLOG

["westwalestt.blogspot.co.uk"](http://westwalestt.blogspot.co.uk)

Grange School from Mumbles were finalists in the Welsh Primary School Championships, a great effort from all the teams and a new entry from Ysgol Y Wern Ystalyfera, who entered 6 teams proved an enjoyable day for everyone.

4 New Primary Schools this year receiving visits from Regional Coach, Ysgol Llanlas, Ysgol Y Wern, Gorseinon Primary School and Clun Primary School. Existing clubs run by Elite coaches Joanne Simeone and Andrew Jones in Grange Primary School are proving a huge success with great facilities and lots of team spirit.

Swansea LC is now running a Table Tennis Club from 5-6.15pm every Thursday night, the LC have coaches who have been on the TTW Leaders Award Courses on hand to work with all ages at the club, a great facility for table tennis and a good start with lots of young players, especially girls attending.



All local club times and information can be found on our Blog.

Aerobics Table Tennis visited Lonlas Primary School on the 13 March. Back to back sessions were held in the school from 9am until 3pm. Aerobic Table Tennis Instructor Steve Rowe run each class for 20 minutes taster sessions. Over 14 classes attended with 357 children experiencing this fantastic introduction to table tennis, it was a huge success!!!

Judith Whiton

SWANSEA & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE POSITIONS –as at mid-March

PREMIER DIVISION

Penlan T.T.C 'A'
Mumbles T.T.C 'A'
Ammanford Wel 'A'
Carmarthen T.T.C 'A'

PLAYER AVERAGES

1	Paul Karabadak	Penlan T.T.C 'A'
2	Andrew Jones	Mumbles T.T.C 'A'
3	Scott Cundy	Penlan T.T.C 'A'
4	Jason Peckham	Carmarthen T.T.C 'A'
5	Sharif Baghat	Penlan T.T.C 'A'

FIRST DIVISION

Carmarthen T.T.C 'D'
Tata Port Talbot T.T.C 'B'
Penlan T.T.C 'F'
Penlan T.T.C 'G'

PLAYER AVERAGES

1	Kean Pac	Tata Port Talbot 'A'
2	Ben Mora	Penlan T.T.C 'E'
3	Manie Tang	Penlan T.T.C 'F'
4	Mark Haymer	Penlan T.T.C 'F'
5	Hugo Tong	Tata Port Talbot 'A'

SECOND DIVISION

Tata Port Talbot T.T.C 'C'
Penlan T.T.C 'K'
Carmarthen T.T.C 'E'
Penlan T.T.C 'J'

PLAYER AVERAGES

1	Lee Williams	Tata Port Talbot T.T.C 'C'
2	Jamie Hill	Penlan T.T.C 'J'
3	James Lobb	Penlan T.T.C 'J'
4	Daren Cross	Carmarthen T.T.C 'E'
5	Matthew Rees	Penlan T.T.C 'J'

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THIRD DIVISION

Penlan T.T.C 'N'

Penlan T.T.C 'S'

Penyrheol T.T.C 'C'

Penyrheol T.T.C 'D'

PLAYER AVERAGES

Ya Xie Penlan T.T.C 'S'

Graham Rees Penyrheol T.T.C 'C'

Shankley Ismail Penlan T.T.C 'N'

Bradley Abraham Penlan T.T.C 'N'

Stefan Griffiths Penlan T.T.C 'M'

Table Tennis Wales achieves Foundation Level of the Equality Standard for Sport

As mentioned in our last newsletter we have been working for some time to establish our inclusion credentials by, as a first step, reaching the Foundation Level of the Equality Standard for Sport.

After a panel meeting on 21 February we are glad to announce we have attained this award. The Equality Standard Panel commented that they: “acknowledge the support and commitment of the Table Tennis Association of Wales Board to equality and recognise their ambition to achieve equality in the sport”.

The Equality Standard for Sport was launched by the UK Sports Councils as a tool to help sports both measure and address the level of equality of participation within them. It is based around a robust and honest assessment of the realities of a sport followed by the development of an action plan to address inequalities and widen opportunities at all levels for under-represented groups

We now look to progress to further levels over the next years

Eupal Dragon 10 March

An enjoyable day saw Anna Hursey win the under 11s with Mithun Padmanabhan in second place. In the Under 13s Jack O`Duffy came out on top with Benedict Watson the runner up.

A fun parents competition was also held with Andrew Williams pipping Rob Davies in a keenly fought final!

Bits & pieces

Have a look at this incredible shot!

<http://hereisthecity.com/2013/02/22/video-amazing-table-tennis-behind-the-back-trickshot/>

Star believes TT helps him with his own sport

<http://larrybrownsports.com/baseball/hunter-pence-ping-pong/177049>

Amazing point!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxZ-5wELSJM&gl=GB&hl=en-GB>



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