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News from Table Tennis Wales

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A View from the Chair



Some end-of-season thoughts

As another season comes to a close, I have been reflecting on our successes and disappointments. Many improved ranking positions have been achieved and new names are now on trophies. These, with an increase in our membership is very encouraging. On the disappointing side of things, the past season has seen an increase in yellow cards issued at tournaments, due to bad language, contraventions of our Code of Conduct and International Rules. Having attended the last UK School games in Manchester a few months ago, I am certain that we, in Wales, are not alone with such problems. However it is now my intention, early in the forthcoming season, to start a dialogue with board members, coaching staff and umpires to ensure we eradicate these escalating problems.

Memorandum of Understanding with Muslim Council for Wales (MCW)

We are delighted to announce that we have completed an agreement with MCW to support the development of table tennis in cultural centres/mosques across Wales. Statistics show that there are not enough children from minority groups taking part in sport generally and as a governing body we are wedded to the concept of equality and increasing opportunities for all. We believe this initial pilot scheme will be the start of an exciting and positive development for our sport.

Thank you all for support over the last 12 months and do have a great summer

Bernard Carter - Chair

Coaching Corner - by Ryan Jenkins



Staff News

Judith Whitton took 2 players (Joseph and Lara) to the EuroTalents Camp in Luxembourg which was organised by Luxembourg but ran with top Chinese coaches. Simon Oyler is still on the “aspire” coaching programme which is benefitting him greatly. Ryan Jenkins attended a morning with Jessica Ennis’ coach Tony Minchiello, about building champions. Greg Price is running a Gwent Dragon event in June at Abertillery. Stephen Jenkins has been visiting a variety of clubs and places where new players are coming into our game (especially Llynfi Valley)

Domestic news

Previous national champion Stephen Jenkins has officially retired from competing. Stephen has been a stalwart for the Welsh set up over the past 20 years.

The 2015 Welsh Championships took place the weekend of 6/7 June. Full results can be found on the website at www.ttaw.co.uk

International

Charlotte Carey led the Welsh squad over at the World National Championships in China as she teamed up with Daniel O’Connell and reached the last 32 of the doubles which is a great result for potential Commonwealth Games qualification in 2018

Teams will be heading to the European Youth Championships in Slovakia this July. Gemau Cymru is also this July and the School Games is taking place in September

Coaching courses

Talk of a Level 2 Welsh course is taking shape and also a further level 1 course is in the pipeline. A new coaching licence database will start this summer for all our coaches to be verified and better supported.

Other news

Ryan Jenkins is relocating to Liverpool and therefore will work more closely with our North Wales operations, whilst continuing his work with South Wales to have a more ‘All Wales’ coaching setup

Other major events

The National Championships were held in Cardiff on the weekend of 6/7 June. Full results can be found on the website at www.ttaw.co.uk

The European Championships are to be held in Russia this September with the Commonwealth Championships in India in October 2015

Up-coming events:

Gemau Cymru
Senior Schools - Perth
Cardiff & Gwent Dragons
European Youth Championships

Ryan Jenkins National Coach



Coach Education

Since the last newsletter two UKCC Level 1 courses have been completed in South Wales (Cardiff and Swansea) with a total of 17 candidates successfully completing the 3 day course.

A number of enquiries have been received about future UKCC courses. It is the intention to run both Level 1 and 2 courses in Wales later this year. So, if you are interested in furthering your coaching education and have not already contacted us, please contact Ryan Jenkins or Mostyn Lewis (details in the coaching section of the TTW website).

Tutor Training

Three candidates have been put forward for Sport Wales Tutor Training courses – Neil Robinson and Greg Price on the one day introductory course and Nathan Thomas on the 3 day course.

In addition Table Tennis England hosted a workforce training day for all active tutors / assessors involved in UKCC courses.

Mostyn Lewis – Director Coach Education

Regions

South Wales

What's happening in the region?

Table tennis is going from strength to strength in the South Wales Area, with more players taking part in table tennis activities on a weekly basis. Over the past 6 months more Primary schools are running after school table tennis clubs and bringing more young children into the game.

The latest schools to get off the ground are Oakfield Primary School in St.Mellons, St.Johns College (Private Primary and Secondary School) in Old. St.Mellons, Lansdowne Primary School and Fitzalan High School in Canton.

A new Table Tennis Academy is taking shape at Fitzalan High with sessions running on a weekly base by Cardiff City TTC head Coach Nathan Thomas. Plans are now in place to have table tennis sessions during curriculum time in the school starting in September. This is one of the new projects being set up in the Cardiff by Regional Development Coach Simon Oyler in conjunction with Sport.Cardiff.

St.Mellons Table Tennis Club

After a grueling season, St.Mellons TTC took the Cardiff and District WIS Division by storm by finishing top of the Division, only suffering 1 defeat during the whole season to secure the title. They managed to overhaul teams such as Barry Athletic, Mackintosh Table Tennis Club and Cardiff City Table Tennis Club to win the division. Wiktor Dzwonkowski won the player averages in the division along with team mate Steve Eades who finished in 2nd and 14 year old Joshua Stacey finishing in 3rd.

The club quickly added the Divisional Cup to their trophy cabinet with a great performance in the final by youngest Joseph Roberts, Joshua Stacey and Huw Standen. With an average age of 14 this is a great achievement for these young players.

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Senior Team Championships of Wales – Welsh Champions

Following the successes in the Cardiff and District League, St.Mellons Table Tennis Club went on to compete in the Team Championships of Wales.

In the junior category Ryan Oyler, Marc Castro and Joshua Stacey represented St.Mellons TTC A. they managed to finish in 2nd place in the Premier Division, losing out to a strong Rhondda A team to top spot. In the same division Joseph Roberts, Jack ODuffy, Huw Standen and Macauley Morgan represented the club who finished in 4th place - whilst a young girls team of Lauren Stacey, Lara Whitton and Grace Clement finished in 2nd place in Division 3.

In the Premier Division of the Senior Team Championships, St.Mellons TTC A managed to go one better. Local St.Mellons stars, 17-year-old Ryan Oyler and 14-year-old Joshua Stacey teamed up with club member Wiktor Dzwonkowski to secure top spot in the Premier Division to be crowns Welsh Team Champs. They managed to win every game and secure the title beating off last seasons winners Rhondda A, two strong teams from Cardiff City Table Tennis Club along with North Gwent to secure the title. Ryan Oyler also managed to win every game during the weekend and was the only players to be undefeated during the whole weekend.

St Mellons at the Welsh National Championships

The weekend of the 6th and 7th June saw the Welsh National Championships take place at Sport Wales National Centre. To top of a successful season for the members of the club, more successes came in the form of Gold Silver and Bronze Medals in a lot of categories.

Senior Men's Singles Championships –
Senior Men's Doubles Championships –

Ryan Oyler – Bronze medal
Ryan Oyler teamed up with Rhondda's Callum Evans to win a Bronze medal.

Under 21 Men's Singles Championships –
Junior Singles Championships –

Ryan Oyler – Gold medal
Ryan Oyler – Silver medal
Joshua Stacey – Bronze medal
Ryan Oyler & Callum Evans –

Junior Boys Doubles -
Gold

Joshua Stacey/Joseph Roberts –

Silver
Cadet Boys Singles -

Joshua Stacey – Silver medal
Joseph Roberts – Bronze medal

Cadet Girls Singles -
Under 13 Boys Singles -

Lauren Stacey – Bronze medal
Joseph Roberts – Gold medal

Under 13 Girls Singles -

Jack ODuffy – Bronze medal
Lauren Stacey – Silver medal

Total Medals = 3 Gold Medals – 4 Silver Medals – 6 Bronze Medals = 13 Medals

Simon Oyler

Rhondda

Callum Evans is having a great season and has been a regular in the men's national team. Callum competed at the Luxembourg Open and had some really good wins against more experienced opposition. In addition, he was selected and competed at the latest World Championships in China. Callum has also had really good results in the UK, winning the u21 Grand Prix overall, u18 Welsh Masters, 2 silver medals at the Junior Six Nations and becoming Glamorgan Champion.

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Rhondda TTC won the final junior team championship of Wales, and this means that Rhondda has won a team championship of Wales title every year for the past 9 years and also the premier title for the last 3. Rhondda also won division 1 which meant they did the double for the second year running.

Beth Richards has had a great season reaching no1 in the u13 singles. Beth was part of the Rhondda TTC that won the team championships of Wales Division 2 and has recently been selected to represent Wales at the European Youth Championships in Slovakia later this year.

Caerphilly

Plas-Y-Felin has over 20 primary school children attending sessions every week and players will soon be invited into the South regional squads. The school is also looking to enter Dragon events and the next primary festival held at Sport Wales.

Steve Jenkins

Glamorgan County

The Glamorgan County under13,15 & 18 Tournament is to be held at Cardiff City TT Club on Saturday 26th September, The club opens at 8-45am with a 9-30am start for Under13. Entry Forms will be available from Dave Treharne (daitree@uwclub.net) & from TT Wales website. Cash Prizes for All Events.

The county cadet team comprising Josh Stacey, Cade Short, Joseph Roberts, Anna Hursey & Jamie Lee Harley won all their matches in their division & will therefore play in The Cadet County Premier Division next season. I would like to thank Roz Evans, Larry Hursey, Dave Short & Nathan Thomas for their help during the year

*Dave Treharne
Glamorgan County Secretary*

North Wales

As the lone North Wales Director, I am pleased to report the activities that have taken place this year. In February, in Rhyl, the first North Wales Junior Development League tournament took place involving 13 players from 3 areas.

In March, a Leaders Award course was given to 12 members of the Urdd – including 3 TTAW Anglesey players.

In the Easter school holidays a training camp took place at Caergwle Boys Brigade involving players for Wrexham and East Flintshire Leagues. Ryan Jenkins put them through their paces.

Two similar camp sessions took place in the last mid term break, this time involving players from Rhyl and Denbigh as well as Wrexham and East Flintshire.

Ryan was helped on this occasion by Steve Green and Barry Robertson. At this camp a team to represent North Wales in the Gemau Cymru in July was selected.

Bernard Carter.

Welsh players in international Para TT

February

9th-13th GB Performance camp Sheffield – Rob Davies, Tom Matthews and Paul Karabardak

March

2nd-6th GB Performance camp Sheffield – Tom Matthews and Paul Karabardak

12th-16th March Hungarian open – Factor 20 event

Paul Karabardak and Tom Matthews travelled to Eger. Paul was successful in his bid to re-classified and has moved from class 7 to class 6.

In the singles event Paul performed well and took the class 6 singles Gold beating Simion of Romania 3-2 in the final. Tom Matthews had a good win against Korean World ranked No7 to top his group. He lost to Major of Hungary finishing with the Bronze medal.

In the class 6/7 Team event Paul and partner Billy Shilton (England) took the gold medal beating a combined Croatian and Korean team having won a close 3-2 match with Japan in the semi finals. Tom teamed up with Falco of Italy in a round robin format and took silver behind the gold medallists from Hungary.

14th-15th March The British Nationals

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These were this year held at Filton college, Bristol. The event saw the absence of players on GB duty in Hungary and some through injury. Sara Head won the Ladies wheelchair open defeating World silver medallist Sue Gilroy. Lawrence John won the class 6-10 Junior singles and the trophy for player of the tournament.

17th-22nd March Lignano, Italy open - Factor 40

This was a quick turnaround for those competing in Hungary and the GB Nationals. The first factor 40 of the year promised to be a very competitive event. With some players missing through illness and injury the Welsh contingent was made up of Sara Head, Paul Karabardak and Thomas Matthews

Singles

Paul Karabardak beat Simion (Romania) 10 in the 5th set at the group stage to progress through his group. Paul had 3-0 wins over Gregorovic (Croatia) and Esaulov (Russia) in the quarters and semis respectively. He again faced Simion but lost 1-3 in a very close match 12, -10, -9, -10 to take the silver in the Class 6 singles.

Tom had two five set battles to qualify through his group. He beat world No 8 Borgato (Ita) -2, 4,-9,8,9 and lost to world No15 Keller (Sui) -7,10,9,-6,-9. In his quarter final Tom again went to five sets losing 9,-5,9,-8,-6 to Nam (Kor)

Sara lost world No 5 Muzinec (Cro) -6,7,-5,8,-9 and 0-3 to world championship bronze medallist Duman (Tur) so didn't progress from her group. She showed good fight coming back to International competition from illness.

Team event

Class 1 – Thomas Matthews teamed up with Major (Hun) and won the silver medal losing to Korea 0-3 in the final. Tom had his first wins against Lavrov (Rus) and Falco (Ita) during the event.

Class 6 event Paul Karabardak teamed up with Martin Perry (Sco) and finished 4th in a round robin event. However Paul continued his good form winning six of his seven singles matches.

April

6th-10th GB Performance camp Sheffield – Rob Davies, Tom Matthews and Paul Karabardak

20th-24th GB Performance camp Sheffield – Rob Davies, Tom Matthews, Sara Head and Paul Karabardak

May

Our players faced a busy month competing in

5th-10th Slovenia

12th-17th Slovakia

26th-31st Germany

World ranking as at 1st May 2015

Class 1

No.1 Rob Davies

No.5 Paul Davies

No.20 Thomas Matthews

Class 3

No.14 Sara head

Class 6

No.5 Paul Karabardak

Class 10

No.36 Nathan Thomas

No.45 Lawrence John

No.54 Josh Morgan

Neil Robinson

Para TT Rep - TTW Board member

“insport CLUB” and TTW

Table Tennis Wales is working towards their Disability Sport Wales insport NBG awards (currently working towards Bronze level).

Clubs within the sport can also work towards achieving insport CLUB accreditation. Some governing bodies have their own club accreditation mark that helps widen access for disabled people (Gymnastics has GymMark for example), however those NGB's that currently do not can still work with Disability Sport Wales to provide support for their clubs in achieving a more inclusive programme through insport CLUB.



Table Tennis Wales as part of their insport NGB journey is working to achieve the fundamental principles of inclusion to support the development of an inclusive philosophy, working culture, policies and practices within Table Tennis in Wales and to support the inclusion of disabled people as players, coaches and volunteers.

The insport programme aims to support or supplement NGB accreditation marks/programmes, and highlight the level of accessibility that clubs provides to disabled people.

Table tennis clubs should be considering disabled people as potential club members who will widen their membership base. There are a large number of disabled people looking for exciting opportunities to take up physical activity and table tennis is well placed to be able to deliver this.

Clubs who have achieved insport Club gain a certificate and can use the insport Club logo, as well as, advertise the opportunities they provide on the Disability Sport Wales (DSW) website and thus widen their market place.

Once your club is part of insport Club you will receive support from your local DSW Development Officer to guide you and offer specialist support and access to a range of online, electronic and printed resources which will help you achieve against each criteria.

insport Club helps clubs stand out from the rest. Who knows as a provider of inclusive practice your club could potentially support a future Paralympian!

Table Tennis Wales wants to introduce and promote the benefits of insport Club across the sport. If you want to know more visit the Disability Sport Wales website <http://disabilitysportwales.com/guidance-and-resources-for-clubs/>

If your club is interested in getting involved with insport CLUB please contact your local DSW Officer <http://disabilitysportwales.com/local-authorities/> or get in touch with Table Tennis Wales at philipaveryco@hotmail.com

Umpiring

I would like to thank, Barry and Gaynor Roberts, Tina Price, and Steve Green for all their hard work umpiring both day on the 6/7 June at the Welsh Closed Championships. Also Neil O'Connell, Neil Wright, Dennis Bromage, David Trehearne, Ryan Jenkins and Phil Avery who umpired when not playing or doing other jobs. Thank you also to other players, spectators and volunteers who also helped.

Lesley did a good job but she does need help in running tournaments, the organisers table usually has four people to run a competition smoothly and effectively.

Can I please ask again would all persons holding a Junior/County Umpires qualification please contact me via email, peterhigginsuk@yahoo.co.uk so that I may maintain an up to date database and ensure qualifications are kept patent.

Would any player, ex-player, or any person interest in becoming an umpire please contact me. We, as a region, do not have enough dedicated umpires.

Peter Higgins National Umpire Co-ordinator

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