

Kent Veterans Report Season 2006/7

First Team

Our first team squad of Shu Huang, Kim Mudge, Joe Kennedy, Phil Cox, Mark Brown and captain Mark Romano went into this years Premier division campaign with hopes of doing well.

It proved to be extremely hard and they eventually finished in third place, winning three games drawing two and losing two. The two loses were 4-6 to champions Leicester who won all their matches and 4-6 to Yorkshire who finished in second place.

Many thanks to the above player for their efforts.

Second Team

The second team did better then the forth place of last season in division 1B and finished runners up to a very strong Sussex side who won all their matches.

We won five matches and had only two defeats.

Many thanks to Di Pearce, Phil Cox, Diccon Gray, Mark Brown, Chris Knight, Ian Gordon and captain Phil Saxby, for all their efforts.

Third Team

The third team who were promoted into division 3C last season, more then held their own and finished runners up, winning five matches, drawing one and losing one.

Many thanks to Carol Homewood, David Fraser, Tom Adams, Steve Johnson, George McGlone, Wayne Youngs and captain Chris Turpin, for their efforts.

Fourth Team

The Fourth Team were in Division 3B and finished seventh out of eight, with one win, two draws and three defeats, with one game note played.

Many thanks to the squad of Linda Greenwood, Bernie Austin, Jill Shipton, Mike Howard, John Glass, Barry Chapman, Lee Edgington, Phil Morford and captain Clive Hollingsbee.

Fifth Team

This team also in division 3C finished bottom of the division, with no wins, one draw and six defeats, which included a 2-8 defeat by the third team.

This team also gave debuts to three new players.

Many thanks to Jill Shipton, Wayne Youngs, Wayne Mathews, Roger Pingram, Mick Kilden, Roger Harris and non playing captain Ted Tydeman.

Kent O/60s Southern Division 1B

The O/60s first team won the Southern division, winning fives matches and drawing one.

They went on to play Yorkshire who were runners up in the northern division and drew 5-5 but went through to the final on legs fore and against 22-18. In the final they played Worcester lost 4-6.

See ETTA report attached.

Many thanks to Captain Tom Adams, Keith Clark, Dave Kellard, Alan Rutherford and Roger Harris for their efforts.

The O/60s second team finished bottom of the southern, with only a draw for their efforts. However all the games but one were very close.

Debutant Barbara Rutherford also had two very good wins when she beat Pauline Steel, ranked No 8 and Sylvia Tyler ranked No 6 in England.

Many thanks to Barbara Rutherford, husband Alan Rutherford, Roger Harris and captain Ted Tydeman.

Kent Players in the England Veterans (O/40s) (O50s) (O60s) and(O70s) ranking lists and who play either in County or Veterans Tournaments as follows

Over 40s men

Joe Kennedy	3
Phil Cox	24
Mark Brown	25
John Burleton (prov)	30
Mark Romano	32
Diccon Gray	37
Phil Saxby	43
Chris Knight	59
Ian Gordon	133
Tom Adams	138
Phil Morford	165
Paul Beck	175
Barry Chapman	182
Keith Clark	185
John Glass	190
Roger Pingram	204
Wayne Youngs	254
Roger Harris	296
Dave Kellard	300
Chris Turpin	324
Lee Edgington	336
Alan Rutherford	345
Wayne Mathews	348
Clive Hollingsbee	370
Mick Kilden	374
Ted Tydeman	381
Adrian Foster	428

Over 40s Women's

Huang Shu	1
Kim Mudge	9
Di Pearce	14
Pam Butcher	50
Carol Homewood	72
Sue Lang	74
Amanda Albaster	79
Jill Shipton	83
Jenny Hemsley	92
Alison Yarnley	112

Over 50s Men

Tom Adams	27
Mick Kilden	76
Paul Beck	87
Roger Pingram	88
Ted Tydeman	118
Adrian Foster	130
Roger Harris	147
Mike Sefton	162

Over 50s Women

Di Pearce	10
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<u>Over 60s Men</u>	
Tom Adams	13
Keith Clark	19
Dave Kellard	42
Roger Harris	55
Ted Tydeman	85
Mike Sefton	145

<u>Over 60s Women</u>	
Pam Butcher	9

<u>Over 70s Men</u>	
Mike Sefton	59

<u>Over 70s Women</u>	
Pam Butcher	1

Congratulations to Pam Butcher in winning a Silver Medal in the European Veterans O/75s Women's singles and a Gold medal in the O/70s Womens doubles and to Joe Kennedy in winning a bronze medal in the O40 mens doubles at Rotterdam In June 2007

Team players and selection of Veteran teams

A number of people/players have been asking Kent committee members how teams and players are selected to play in the Veteran county teams and represent Kent, to help I will try to explain. Firstly, I (Ted Tydeman) serve on the Kent Committee to act as a spokes person for Veterans. Over the years we have appointed a number of very good team captains, who select teams from squads of registered players. If the team captains have problems i.e. players not available, venues etc. I try to help. If the problem is financial or disciplinary, I bring it up to the main committee who make the decisions. Players are registered with the ETTA to play in the County Championships, these players must be keen, prepared to travel, able to play on Saturdays, play the legal rubbers and bats, act and behave on the table in a sporting manner and be a credit to Kent.

The first and second team squads pick themselves and are normally based on England rankings. The third, fourth and fifth teams are based on regions i.e. third team Bromley//NWK areas, Fourth team Canterbury/Thanet areas, Fifth team Medway/ Maidstone and other areas. This year the fourth and fifth teams were again used to give new players a chance to play at county level, backed up by a few older heads.

You may have noticed that we now run two O/60s county teams as well as the five O/40s teams. If there any players want to play at O/60 or O/40 and and feel that can fit the above criteria please contact Ted Tydeman on the number below.

Last but not least, if any Veterans, whether they play or not for county teams, want to have their say or bring up an item for the Kent committee, please do not hesitate to contact me, and I will do my best to put their points over.

Umpires

Are there any qualified umpires who would be prepared to help umpire county matches or is there anybody who would like to train to become a county umpire, please contact Ted Tydeman on the number below.

Once again, I repeat my request of last year, If any of the league representatives attending the AGM know of any Veteran players, playing in your local leagues, new or old, male or female, who may be interested in playing in the Kent League or in a county team or

joining the Veterans English Table Tennis Society and playing their tournaments, please contact Ted Tydeman on 01795 842964.

Final county tables attached.

Ted Tydeman