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Management Committee Report to AGM 2008

Secretary's Report

Four committee meetings were held this year and half of these were held in Maidstone to make the venue more central.

I would again like to extend my apologies to the local leagues that receive the minutes by post for the delay in issuing them. I will endeavour to ensure this doesn't happen in the future.

At the last AGM Sally Wilson and Bob Baker were elected onto the Executive committee and have both made worthy contributions. Sally along with Mark Walsh organised the Junior and Cadet County teams and Bob Baker expertly handled the organisation of the Kent Closed.

During the season Sally Wilson was duly elected as Press Officer for KCTTA. If you have any information please email this to her and hopefully we will get some County Notes in the ETTA magazine.

Treasurer's Report

Please see attached report and summary of accounts to 30th April 2008.

County Championships

Juniors and Cadets

Two junior teams and one cadet team were entered. Both junior teams were in Division 2D, which consisted of a total of 8 teams. The first team won the division going through the season undefeated and gained promotion. The second team finished sixth. The cadet team finished runners up in Division 1B which unfortunately was not enough to gain promotion to the Premier Division.

Seniors

Kim Mudge experienced major difficulties in raising players for the County matches this season. Despite giving out the dates at the beginning of the season and issuing several reminders it became an almost impossible task to raise the 10 players required for the matches.

She would however, like to extend her thanks to the players who played on the second weekend for volunteering to play for both the 1st and 2nd teams at the same time! It showed a good team spirit and saved a rather embarrassing situation for the county and also prevented us from incurring more fines.

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Veterans

Particular congratulations go to Vets 3 for winning Division 3C. A full report for all teams is attached.

Kent Closed 2008

The Kent Closed Tournament was held on the weekend of Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th May 2008 at The Body & Mind Centre, Canterbury.

The lighting at the centre was appalling despite having been given assurances some months ago that it was being upgraded. On talking to staff members it seems that the upgrading of the lighting has been talked about for some time and no immediate plans to upgrade or even repair the existing lighting is envisaged in the near future. To give some idea of the conditions there were 42 lights working and 32 not. It is very unlikely that we will be returning to the centre in the near future, which is a shame because apart from the lighting everything else about the centre is good. We are looking for a new venue at the present time. It is also hoped to hold the tournament earlier in the season.

Despite the lighting the standard of play was very high and most players seemed to enjoy the tournament. Linda and Graham Sopp in their usual professional and efficient manner ran the tournament as referees and we would like to extend our thanks to them.

The tournament was organised by Bob Baker and Gary Howes who are to be congratulated for making sure things ran as smoothly as they did. Thanks to Peter Fowkes and his sons from Canterbury TT Assoc for helping to set up equipment and to many others who assisted in taking the equipment down and to Adrian Hall for the use of his home for the draw.

Bribar Table Tennis had a stand at the tournament and thanks go to Barry Chapman our President for supplying equipment, and for presenting the trophies.

A new impressive junior girls trophy was presented this year, which was kindly, donated by Byng Hall.

Entries for the juniors were about the same as last year with slightly less girls and more boys despite it clashing with the Junior Nationals. We were missing our top juniors and we hope to find a date for next year that does not clash with ETTA junior, senior or veterans events, not an easy task with a very busy ETTA calendar.

The senior entries were slightly down on previous years and it is hoped that changing the date to earlier in the season may encourage more players to enter. Bromley

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players dominated the men and veterans' entries and we will have to look into how we can attract more players from different areas.

Main Results:

Mens Singles winner – Remi Petrosius (Bromley)
Womens Singles Winner – Gabriela Misikova (Bromley)

Junior Boys singles winner – Phil Thomas (Medway)
Junior Girls singles winner – Jasmin Ould (Tunbridge Wells)

Umpires Secretary's Report

This season the following people have qualified as umpires:

David Twiddy (Ashford) – County Umpires
Andrew Larnar (Northfleet), Alex Chin (Leyton) and Malcolm Kay (Strood) – Local Umpires

All the above qualified at this season's Kent Closed tournament. The following people also umpired during the event: David Cue, John Butler MBE, Gerry Bolton and Steve Bispham.

It is hoped that more umpires will be in attendance at next season's tournament.

At present Kent has the following qualified umpires:

International

Graeme Sopp

County

Linda Sopp

David Cue

David Twiddy

Steve Bispham

Amanda Alabaster (1 practical test pending)

Local

John Butler

Alex Chin

Malcolm Kay

Andrew Larnar

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Kent League Report

Kent League Results:

Veterans Division 1

Winners – Bromley A

Runners-Up – Dover A

Veterans Division 2

Winners – Sittingbourne B

Runners-Up – Sittingbourne A

Veterans Division 3

Winners – Bromley C

Runners-up – Tonbridge

Prizes to be presented following the AGM

Team tournament

The team tournament was held on 17th February at Byng Hall, Tunbridge Wells. The Medway A team of Chris Marr, Scott Friday and Wayne Youngs took the title for the first time.

Development – Ratings Events

The numbers of people entering the ratings events has unfortunately been on the decline this season.

Our suggestions in order to raise interest in the event again are as follows:

Change the day to Saturday to avoid Sunday Morning Football

Hold 4 ratings tournaments in the season, 1 each in Medway, London, Canterbury and Folkestone. Players would obviously be able to play in all events if they so wished

National Councillors Report

1. At the 28th July 2007 National Council Meeting, there was one minutes silence for the late Albert Shipley, former General Secretary and Vice President of the ETTA (and General Secretary of the Bromley League).
2. The agreement with Perkins Slade to provide a Group Civil Liability Policy for the ETTA and affiliated Local Leagues, County Associations and Premier Clubs at significant reductions on premiums previously paid has proved a success this season. As I write, I don't know the result of the proposition to

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an Extraordinary General Meeting prior to the AGM on 28th June for compulsory insurance payments for affiliated leagues in order to continue the Policy. If it is passed, leagues not paying premiums would lose their ETTA voting rights.

3. No proposal on individual membership/registration will be put to the ETTA AGM this year, as the documentation has not been prepared in time. However, the intention is to put it to the 2009 AGM.
4. Sainsbury plc will be assisting British table tennis with public relations leading up to the London Olympics 2012.
5. Following a full debate on the Umpires and Referees shortage at the National Council meeting 19th April, 2008, at which I presented Kent views, proposals to arrest the decline will be presented to a future meeting next season.
6. I have put to the National Council, Kent concerns regarding communication from the ETTA and the lack of major international events organised by them. However, although there is room for further improvement, there have been recent improvements in the website and links from/to it, the ETTA E-zine has been well received, letters are (occasionally!) printed in Table Tennis News, and an English Open should be run in 2009.
7. The April National Council meeting agreed with a proposal from chairman Alex Murdock that the ETTA recommend that local leagues allow a year's cooling off period with regard to changes in Long-Pimpled Rubbers which come into force on 1st July 2008, though it should be noted that this is down to leagues' own regulations as the ETTA does not include ITTF approved rubbers with its Laws of Table Tennis.
8. Around 75% of the ETTA's income comes from the government, which could be a great concern if funding is reduced.

Website

Our website www.kctta.net has been updated on a regular basis throughout the year. The policy is to include any items of potential interest to table tennis players in Kent.

Please send any item which you think may be of interest to treasurer@kctta.net. We would particularly welcome more items from local leagues such as newsletters and reports on tournaments.

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