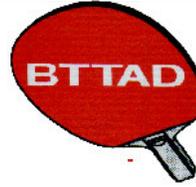


**BTTAD  
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**From the Editor – Louise Stotesbury**

First of all may I take this opportunity to thank the many people who sent messages to say how much they had enjoyed the November newsletter – I hope this edition doesn't disappoint!!

It seems hard to believe that we have entered not only another year but also another decade – the millennium celebrations of ten years ago still remain quite clear in my mind – time certainly flies. Indeed, I was reminded of how much can happen in just ten years whilst taking Joe to the airport for one of last year's tournaments. We were chatting about the arrangements and that he would be sharing a room with Farrel.

"Gosh," I said, "its amazing isn't it, that only ten years ago you went to your first BTTAD Nationals in Bradford and were totally in awe of the senior players. I bet you never thought then that you would ever be sharing the International stage with one of them, let alone a hotel room?"

"No, I didn't" replied Joe. "I just remember thinking that I would love to become as good as them. Those players and those early national competitions really gave me something to aspire to."

I am sure that Joe isn't the only player in the squad to have been inspired by players and the National competitions. However, it's often all too easy to forget our beginnings in the excitement of our successes and our on-going development; so as a New Year commences it is good to look back as well as forward. Whilst the National competition these days probably seems a little boring in comparison to the International podium for members of the elite squad, it is worth remembering that for those who are attending their first competition it may be the event that influences their entire playing future. I know I shall look forward to seeing everyone there – as a mother, a friend, a committee member and on overall supporter.

I wish everyone associated with BTTAD a very happy and successful 2010.

## Chairman's Corner

On behalf of the BTTAD, I would like to wish all our members a very happy and successful new year.

2009 was a very successful year for the BTTAD and we have achieved a great deal. The officers of the BTTAD have established good working relations with governing bodies such as UK Sport, BPA and ETTA, to name a few, and the feedback suggests that they see the BTTAD as an effective body and one they can trust and rely on to work with. Our Service Level Agreement with the ETTA to provide administrative support to help us run our World Class Programme has worked very well; as has the move to base the squad at EIS. However we are aware that some of our athletes have full or part-time jobs and may find Sheffield difficult to access. Keeping this in mind, we recognise the importance of ensuring that their preparation and training is as effective as it can be under those circumstances.

The officers of the BTTAD are working with the Home countries to see how we can progress Disability Table Tennis in all areas of the United Kingdom.

Steve Ward, our Performance Manager for the last eight years, did a marvellous job in preparing the groundwork for our move to EIS and in planning for the cycle 2009-13. However, it was evident that the job needed a full time person and in August, we appointed Gorazd Vecko as our World Class Performance Manager. Gorazd is a leading expert in disability table tennis and one of the most respected professionals. As the Technical Delegate for ITTF Para Table Tennis, he also has tremendous influence on the world stage. This is a huge boost for us and we recognize how fortunate we are in having made this appointment. Together with our coaching staff of Greg Baker, Matt Kenny and Neil Robinson, Gorazd leads a squad which has tremendous potential and their results over the last year reflect this. UK Sport, our funders, have made favourable comments about our progress and the professionalism shown both at technical and management level. This is good news as this was of concern when I took over as chairman.

There is still much to do. In 2010, the BTTAD needs to increase its membership and you can help by encouraging more people to join. We need to ensure that people feel that joining BTTAD is worthwhile and to that end we are looking at ways to help our members benefit from their membership. We need to build on the work and progress already made. One exciting development is that BTTAD are currently in negotiation with UK Sport re staging an International, Factor 40 tournament in 2011, based at Sheffield.

We have aimed to make the BTTAD Committee more effective and involved. To that end, several members have taken on new responsibilities. Louise Stotesbury has taken over the editorship of the BTTAD newsletter; Dennis Beech has taken on the organisation of the BTTAD National Championships and joined the Selection Panel; Shaun Newcomb, our vice-chairman, has taken on the role of chairman of the Selection Panel and John Mackey, our treasurer, will be organising our website which will be part of the soon to be launched, new ETTA website. I would like to take this opportunity to thank these committee members for their contributions and hard work.

Being a small organisation, a great deal of the workload tends to fall on the committee and in particular the chairman and secretary. I would particularly like to mention and thank Mike Smith, our Secretary, who has worked tirelessly and very effectively on behalf of the BTTAD. His experience and dedication have been invaluable to the BTTAD and we are fortunate as a body to have such a capable volunteer in the role as secretary.

For my part, I am honoured to have been elected as Chairman of the BTTAD. My decision to take early retirement in September 2008 has reaped benefits and enabled me to give full attention to the role of chairman; a role that has proved more demanding than even I thought. The bodies that we deal with are all professional and employ full time staff and they expect to meet during the working day. However, being retired has meant that I am able to work to their convenience and availability. It has also meant that I can be easily accessed and have the time to deal with issues as they arise.

In my role as chairman, I will continue to focus my energy on promoting the BTTAD and to ensuring that 2010 builds on the achievements of 2009 and proves an even more successful year.

Peter Taylor

Chairman BTTAD

### **Merseyside Open Liverpool December 2009**

This tournament, held at Greenbank Sports Academy, Liverpool on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2009 was well attended. Andrew Harper was in great form taking the Male Standing Open with fine wins over Adam Thompson in the semi-final and then Paul Waumsley in the final. Shaun Newcomb took the class 1-5 Open beating Mike Prendergast in the final. Mike had a good victory over rising star Jack Hunter-Spivey in the semi-final. The female open was closely contested and needed a countback between three players. Karen Blundell beat Jessica Bromley but lost to Emma Hunt in a very close match. Jessica beat Emma and Karen Blundell won on the countback. Patrick Cox from Leicester showed continued improvement and won the class 11 Div 1. Full results at end of newsletter.

**Many thanks to Chris Rayner, Head Coach at Ormesby Table Tennis Club, disability section, for the following article. As Chris so rightly says, “if more Premier Clubs followed a similar programme to the one that we have established at Ormesby Table Tennis Club then the clubs would benefit greatly; as would Disability Sport in the respective communities, at grass roots level.**



Two Ormesby table tennis coaches, Chris Rayner and Bruce Lowther, have been honoured by the English Table Tennis Association winning the Equity Section in The National Coaching and Volunteer Awards 2009 for work with players with a disability.

In March 2007 the Ormesby Club developed a plan to include more disabled play within the club's activities with support from Tees Valley Sport. Since then the club has made huge leaps with their disability and inclusive table tennis sessions. There are now over 40 disabled people participating at the club, mainly due to the dedicated work of volunteers and the coaching team, led by Chris Rayner and Bruce Lowther.

By working in partnership with the English Federation of Disabled Sport, Tees Valley Sport and the English Table Tennis Association, the club has found that by having an increasingly inclusive approach to the playing programme it has not only increased the membership and the diversity of the club but has also contributed to improving the skills of the coaches and has provided a great community atmosphere.

“Ormesby Table Tennis Club is the perfect example of a club that is totally committed to providing a great sporting experience for disabled people. You only need to visit the club to realise that the staff and volunteers are rich in enthusiasm and have inclusion at the heart of everything they do.” says Patrick Bonner, North East Regional Development Manager of the English Federation of Disability Sport.

Both Chris and Bruce have been involved in the project since the beginning which includes a session on Wednesday between 10.00am and 12.00 and another on Wednesday evening between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. Both coaches have been working with adults with physical and learning disabilities and were part of the Northern Region team at the Special Olympics in Leicester in July. They were presented with the ETTA's 2009 Equity Award at the English Open Championships at Sheffield at the end of October.

## **Raising the Profile of Table Tennis for the Disabled**

### **International Day at Remploy**



Arnie Chan and Will Bayley were among guests at a day held by Remploy at their Chesterfield factory to celebrate the 2009 International Day of Disabled People. Disabled workers at the factory help to manufacture a range of healthcare products used extensively in the UK.

The theme of the day was empowerment and Arnie and Will helped the Mayor of Chesterfield to gain new skills as he took to the table tennis table. However he admitted afterwards that he is unlikely to make the first team squad!

The celebration day was one of several held across the country by Remploy. Richard Williams, Business Development Manger at Remploy said afterwards in a letter to Gorazd, "What a fantastic job Arnie and Will did today. Both their table demonstration and their enthusiastic and warm engagement with our staff and visitors were fantastic. They are a real credit to the BTTAD.

## **Welsh Olympiad Launch**

Paul Karabadak and Sara Head were guests at one of five events staged at an open weekend in Wales in July 2009, to launch the Welsh Olympiad plans. A spectacular extravaganza of processions, bands and artists marked the three year countdown to the start of London Olympics.

At the opening ceremony at Caerphilly Castle on 24<sup>th</sup> July Paul and Sara took the stage with Welsh First Minister, Rhodri Morgan. In an on stage interview they spoke of their hopes and ambitions for London 2012. Their messages were inspiring, aptly summed up by Paul's closing words, ***"our disabilities are the chains that imprison us; sport is what sets us free"***

## **Bexley's Young People's Sport Awards**

Joe Stotesbury joined Olympic rowing medalist Sarah Winckless in handing out prizes at Bexley's annual Young People's Sports Awards in January this year. He and other young athletes are on the borough's Sporting Best Scheme; a joint initiative between Bexley Council and Coca-Cola Enterprises Ltd. to give financial support to top young Bexley sportsmen and women.

## Many thanks to Andrew Calloway for the providing us with the an update of the deaf olympics

Deaf Olympics progress report.

Team event groups.

Day 1 Japan 1-3

Great Britain deaf squad had a difficult draw for the group team event having to face Japan in the first match. Due to a calf strain Andrew Calloway had to be withdrawn to save him for the matches against Austria and Poland the next day. James Meyers put up a good fight but was unable to contain the Japanese No 1 and lost in three. Nick Gilmour levelled things up with a great display of blocking against their No 2 who put more pressure on himself by playing faster only for Nick to block harder, alas that was the last game we were to win. Martin Strutt played well but was unable to get to grips with the opposition at this level.

Day 2

Austria 1-3

Austria put out their strongest team against us and it was just enough, Andrew Calloway played well against their No 2 to win the only game. Although Nick Gilmour put up a good fight it was not to be against an opponent who was too good on the day. James Meyers also put up a good fight but was not expected to win.

Day 2

Poland 1-3

James Meyers giving 100% but at 17 and with only 2 years of playing was beaten comfortably by the Polish No 1. Nick Gilmour then played the No2 and managed a very aggressive performance to win 3 straight. Andrew Calloway still carrying a leg strain, put up a much improved performance but still lost in 4.

Andrew Calloway reported that it was a fantastic experience. Taiwan put on a fabulous Deaflympics, organisation from them was superb and there may never be another like it. Personal feedback; Nick – 'Awesome, the best thing to have happened in his life and probably won't be beaten!'

James – 'Fantastic experience and has brought it back with him.'

David – 'Enjoyed the experience, but it could have been better.'

Martin – 'Enjoyed it, but disappointed not to play much.'

Andrew – 'Unbelievable experience, but two roles was hard.'

As for the table tennis, Nick did the best, and probably played his best ever, he beat the number 10 in the world from Japan; Andrew took a long time to get going and was doing well towards the end. James was in awe of everything and Martin was all over the place (what with his illness & bat). Andrew reported, as a team we came 14<sup>th</sup> out of 17. Andrew and Nick got to the last 32 in the doubles; but no one got through their groups in the singles

### Membership – Are you a member of the BTTAD?

**Members may be Full, Associate or Organisational. Being a member helps to support the aims of the association of:**

**Increasing participation in table tennis for all disabled people;**  
**Promoting opportunities in table tennis at all levels for disabled people;**  
**Encouraging integration of disabled and able-bodied people in table tennis;**  
**Working with the Governing Bodies to promote table tennis for all.**

**Join the BTTAD now if you are not already a member.**

**Full Membership £10** (Any person who has a physical, sensory or learning disability).

**Junior Membership £5** (Any person under 18 pn 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008 who has a physical, sensory or learning disability).

**Associate Membership £7** (Able bodied people who are supportive of the aims of the association).

**Organisational Membership** (Any organisation supportive of the aims of the association).

Contact Mike Smith for an application form:  
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## Merseyside Results

### Male Class Open

<i>Group 1</i>		<i>Group 2</i>		
Adam Thompson	3/3	Andrew Harper	4/4	
Kenny Dale		2/3	Paul Waumsley	3/4
Jeffrey Jarvis	1/3	Peter Taylor		2/4
Warren Tipling	0/3	Mark Spinks		1/4
		Daniel Nabbs		0/4

#### *Semi-Finals*

Paul Waumsley b Adam Thompson 9, 9, 4

Andrew Harper b Kenny Dale 2, 2, 1

#### *Final*

Andrew Harper b Paul Waumsley 8, -8, 9, 7

### Class 1-5 Open

<i>Group 1</i>		<i>Group 2</i>		
Jack Hunter-Spivy	4/4	Shaun Newcomb	4/4	
Jack Pegram	3/4	Mike Prendergast	3/4	
Oye Jemiyo	2/4	John Walsh	2/4	
Jamie Rhind	1/3	Joe Land	1/4	
Daniel Butler	0/4	Jamie Carter	0/4	

#### *Semi-Finals*

Mike Prendergast b Jack Hunter-Spivey 9, 8, -10, 12

Shaun Newcomb b Jack Pegram 4, 6, 7

#### *Final*

Shaun Newcomb b Mike Prendergast 4, -9, 8, 11

### Class 1-5 Doubles

#### *Quarter-final*

Jack Pegram/Jamie Rhind b John Walsh/ Mark Palmer -7, 7, 9, -2, 9

#### *Semi-Final*

Oye Jemiyo/Mike Prendergast b Jamie Carter/Jack Hunter-Spivey 12, 4, 10

Shaun Newcomb/Joe Land b Jack Pegram/Jamie Rhind -9, -8, 4, 5, 5

#### *Final*

Oye Jemiyo/Mike Prendergast b Shaun Newcomb/Joe Land

### Female Class 11 Division 1

Karen Blundell	4/5 (+1)		
Emma Hunt		4/5 (0)	
Jessica Bromley	4/5 (-1)		
Jeny Turner		2/5	
Kaley Heath		1/5	
Rachel Thomas	0/5		

### Male Class 11 Division 1

<i>Group 1</i>		<i>Group 2</i>		
Patrick Cox	3/3	Simon Clowes	2/2	
Neil Handley	2/3	Alex Davies		1/2
Everton Simpson	1/3	Greg Silvester	0/2	
Gwilliam Jones	0/3			

#### *Semi-Finals*

Patrick Cox b Alex Davies 6, 6, 7

Neil Handley b Simon Clowes 6, 11, -11, 10

#### *Final*

Patrick Cox b Neil Handley 7, 8, -8, 9

### Male Class 11 Division 2 (best of three games)

<i>Group 1</i>		<i>Group 2</i>		
Paul Ricketts	2/2	David Holland	3/3	
Ian Spencer		1/2	David Ludlow	2/3
Thomas Warrington	0/2	Colin Trueman	1/3	
		Stephen Griffiths		0/3

#### *Semi-Finals*

David Ludlow b Paul Ricketts -7, 5, 10

David Holland b Ian Spencer 6, 5

#### *Final*

David Ludlow b David Holland 7, 5

### Male Class 11 Novice (best of three games)

<i>Group 1</i>	<i>Group 2</i>	<i>Group 3</i>
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Michael Brown	4/4	Alex Edmonds	4/4	Ben Cooper	3/3
Mark Goulder	3/4	Baljeet Bhogai	3/4	Adrian Pass	2/3
Ian Lowry	2/4	Alan Barnes	1/3	Phillip Ackers	1/3
Michael Jones	1/4	Martin McGuinness	1/3	Nick Connor	0/3
James Evans	0/4	David James	1/3		

**Group 4**

Matt Wedge 3/3  
 Paul Cowap 2/3  
 Martin Jones 1/3  
 Ross Slade 0/3

**Quarter- Finals**

Michael Brown b Baljeet Bhogai 4, 7  
 Ben Cooper b Paul Cowap 2, 1  
 Mark Goulder b Matt Wedge 10, 6  
 Adrian Pass b Alex Edmonds -2, 10, 6

**Semi- Finals**

Ben Cooper b Michael Brown -10, 10, 6  
 Adrian Pass b Mark Goulder -2, 10, 6

**Final**

Ben Cooper b Adrian Pass 5, 4

**Class 6-10 Junior/Novice**

Tom Lawson 2/2  
 Sam Cane 1/2  
 Nicola Jacques 0/2

**Class 11 Novice**

Stuart Frazier 4/4  
 Michael Romana 3/4  
 Daniel Gresty 2/4  
 Darren Roberts 1/4  
 Robert Dunbar 0/4

**Female Class 11 Division 2 (best of three games)**

**Group 1**

Jane McCrudden 3/3  
 Nadia Stoneley 2/3  
 Briony Johnson 1/3  
 Mary Beth Taylor 0/3

**Group 2**

Kirsty Southern 3/3  
 Felicity Cheney 2/3  
 Anne Bannister 1/3  
 Gemma Hepwood 0/3

**Group 3**

Rebecca Roberts 3/3  
 Helen Simpson 2/3  
 Rebecca Gelling 1/3  
 Ann Marie Campbell 0/3

**Quarter- Final**

Rebecca Roberts b Felicity Cheney 10, 3  
 Helen Simpson b Nadia Stoneley 6, -5, 9

**Semi- Finals**

Rebecca Roberts b Jane McCrudden 8, -7, 9  
 Kirsty Southern b Helen Simpson -4, 2, 8

**Final**

Kirsty Southern b Rebecca Roberts 7, 2

**Diary Dates**

BTTAD Nationals	Crewe	20 – 21 March 2010
DSE	Grantham	12 - 13 June 2010
Mencap	Crewe	2-3 Oct 2010
Merseyside Open	Liverpool	5 Dec 2010

