



ANNUAL REPORT 2007/08 AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008



ETTA

Mission Statement

OUR VISION

Making table tennis the most popular and successful indoor sport in England.

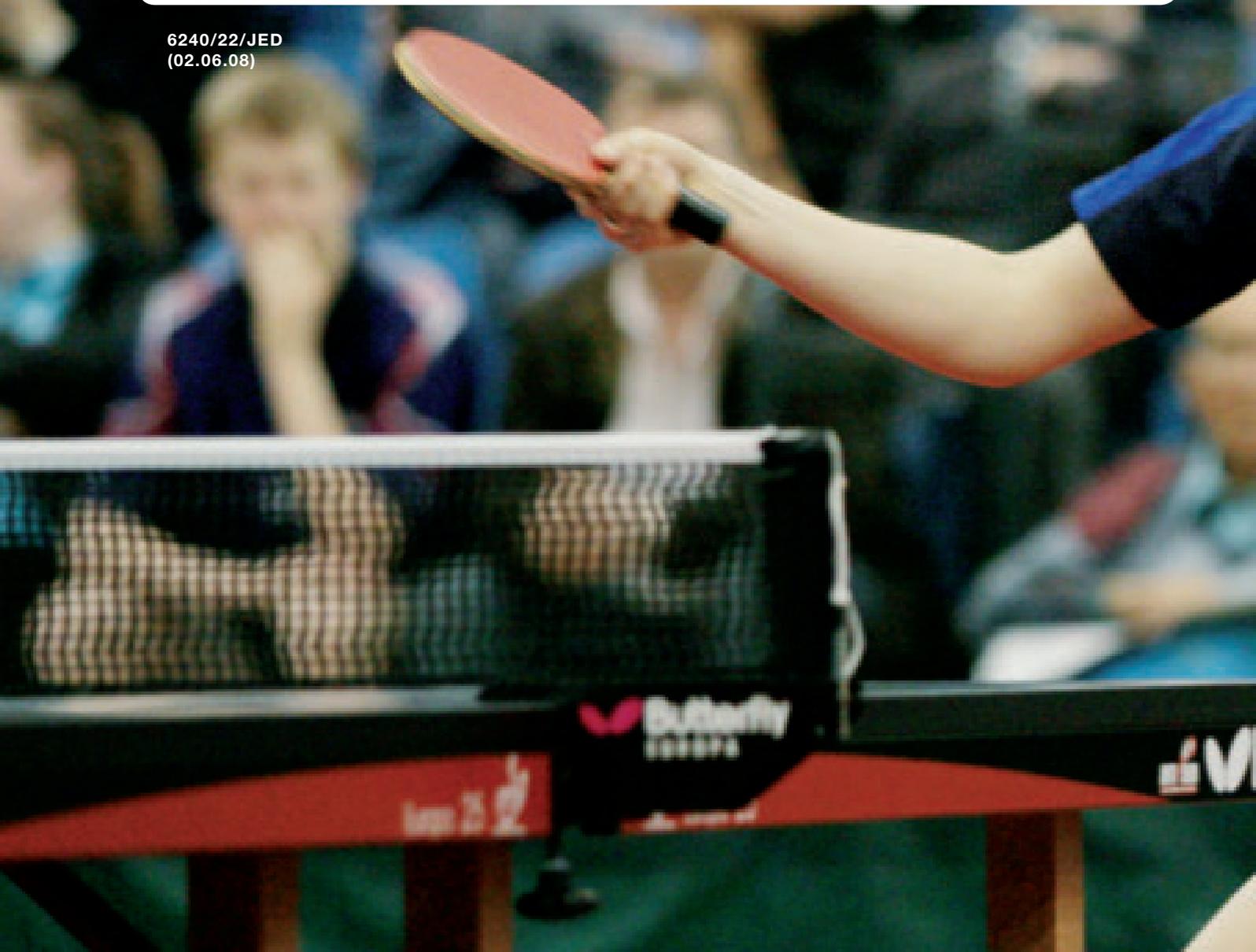
OUR MISSION

Working in partnership to create opportunities for everyone to enjoy the game of table tennis, to stay in the sport and to achieve their full potential.

OUR ROLE

1. To be the strategic lead for the development of table tennis in England.
2. To make focused investments to deliver most effective outcomes from the Whole Sport Plan.
3. To provide advice, support and knowledge to our members, customers and partners.
4. To inform, influence and persuade public opinion and key decision makers in sport of the benefits to society from participation and investment in table tennis.

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Chairman's foreword

Chairman's Statement

I have just completed my fifth year in office as your Chairman which has seen significant changes in the way we are funded and how we operate following London being awarded the 2012 Olympics. Great strides have also been made in the way we communicate with our members.

From my perspective during 2007/8 a number of key things have happened:-

- Our Junior Boys winning the European Youth Team event in Bratislava.
- The commendable performances of our Women's Team at the World Team Championships in China.
- The opening of the Great Britain National Training Centre, at the English Institute of Sport (EIS) in Sheffield, greatly benefiting the English and other British Players.
- The Club/Coach Plan, putting eight coaches in our regional structure, the Butterfly Skills Award, and the endorsements for three levels of the UKCC programme.
- The ETTA insurance scheme, reducing the costs and the burden at grass roots level.
- The Ezine (e-mail newsletter), enabling us to communicate directly to many more of our members on a regular basis.
- The Dunlop Masters at the Royal Albert Hall with two hours live television, increasing the profile of our sport.

- Our events programme continuing to expand with increased competitors.
- Our involvement in the UK School Games with additional events to include disabilities.
- Our income has now doubled since 2003 and this means more being invested back into our sport. The award of £1.2M for facility projects from the Community Club Development Programme was a major boost for the clubs involved.

Our membership at Local League level continues to decline. The advent of over 10,000 young people being involved in the PESSCL programme, increased participation at schools, together with PremierClub membership increasing, will not deter us from efforts to ensure our support for the grass roots grows and increases. We must also ensure that we have 'real' mechanisms in place through Individual Affiliation to monitor our sports participation levels.

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In 2007/8 we suffered the loss of many long serving volunteers and members, their contribution to our sport is still being felt within the table tennis fraternity, and they are sadly missed by us all.

When travelling across the country to events and meetings I continue to be encouraged and proud of the work our volunteers are doing locally and regionally in support of our great sport, giving opportunities to everyone irrespective of gender, race, age and ability.

A review by consultants is taking place as I write this report; its intention is to suggest ideas for our sports modernisation in terms of governance, structures, HR and personal development plans. I believe that for our ambitions and vision to come to fruition over the coming years, changes will need to be made in the way we have operated for over 25 years.

We have been very fortunate to receive from our funding partners, UK Sport, Youth Sport Trust and Sport England, significant additional support and

Directors of the Association



Chairman
Alex Murdoch



Deputy Chairman
Peter Bradley



Treasurer
Martin Clark

Vice-Chairmen



Administration
John Dignum



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Jim Beckley



Competitions
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Eileen Shaler



Selection
Peter Charters

funding. I am sure on behalf of the ETTA you will agree that our thanks go to them for their commitment and confidence in our sport. However, I reiterate my statement of last year that we must continue to increase

Agreement with Sainsbury's, giving their assistance in marketing our sport, will bring long term benefits to table tennis. Sport England has gone through a major review, which has been approved by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport

I thank the Management team, National Council, volunteers across the country, the table tennis fraternity and ETTA Staff for all the work they have done in the last 12 months and their support and assistance. I wish you all a successful 2008/9 season.

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Alex Murdoch
ETTA Chairman

our own income streams with the ultimate goal of being 'self-sufficient'. Information technology, communications and how we affiliate our players, coupled with increased sponsorship from outside of our trade partners, will contribute to this goal. A number of initiatives are being looked at and the recent announcement of the Partnership

(DCMS), and which has emphasised that in future it will be operating at a national strategic level, working with and through national governing bodies. It is anticipated that the submission from ETTA for 2009 to 2013 will be on the basis of the 'whole sport plan' including consultation at national, regional and county levels.



Chief Executive's Statement

Chief Executive's Statement

On behalf of everyone at the English Table Tennis Association, welcome to our 2008 Annual Review which documents the wide range of activity undertaken during the past twelve months. It is our aim in the following pages to bring to life a significant body of work, carried out with passion and commitment, by a team of dedicated and talented volunteers and professional staff.

I am pleased to report that the Association has met and successfully delivered on the targets and key

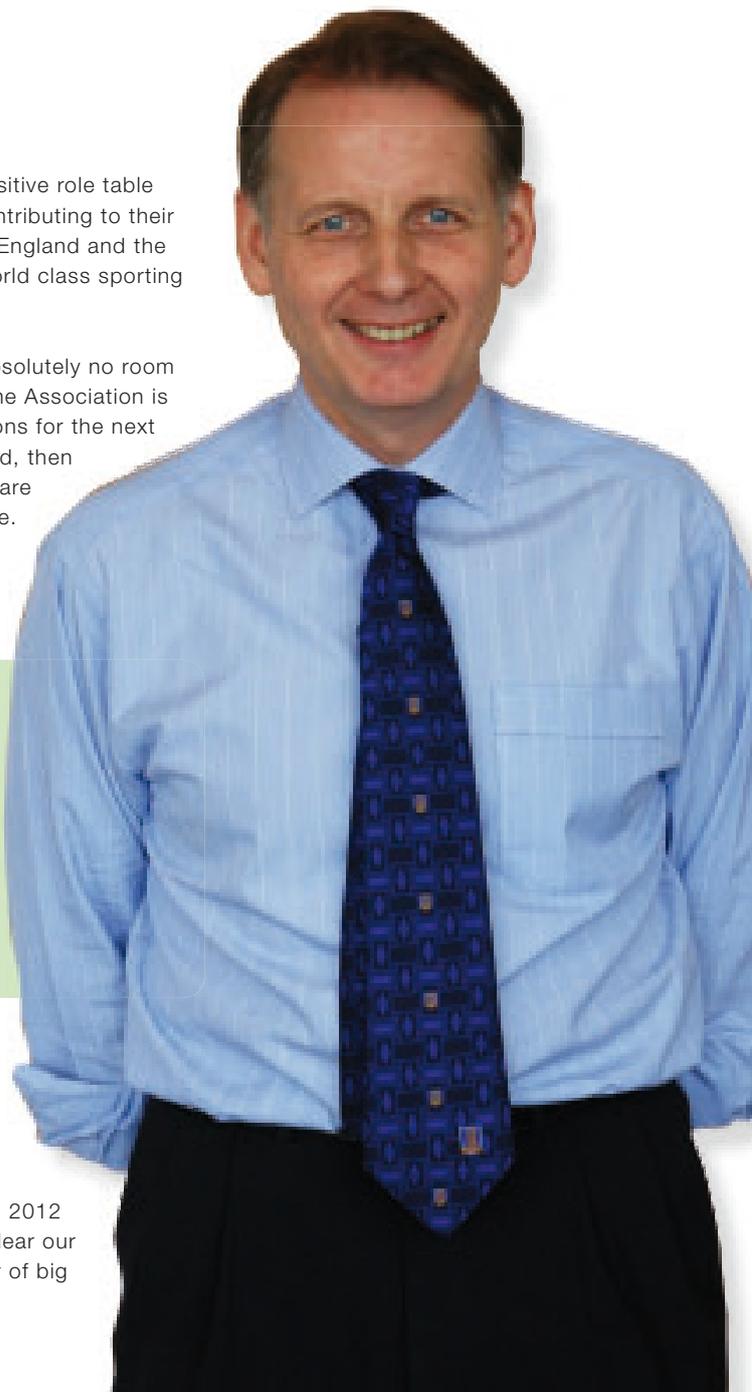
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performance indicators agreed with our main funding partners, Sport England and UK Sport, who injected a combined total of £2.1 million pounds into our sport last year. Such an investment represents a significant vote of confidence in the Association, and I would like to express my sincere thanks to colleagues in both organisations for their invaluable support and their

recognition of the positive role table tennis can play in contributing to their objective of making England and the United Kingdom a world class sporting nation.

There is, however, absolutely no room for complacency. If the Association is to meet all its ambitions for the next four years and beyond, then the one constant we are sure to face is change. Just as the world of high performance sport and cutting

edge business never stands still, neither can we. The challenge of capitalising on the opportunities being generated by London 2012 is upon us and it is clear our sport faces a number of big challenges.



Staff Based Remotely

Administration

Database Development Manager Malcolm Macfarlane
(15/10/07)

Development

UK School Games, Young People
& Volunteer Programmes Manager Martin Ireland

Regional Development Officers

London	Brian Spicer
South & South East	Wesley Bush-Harris
South West	Chris Brown
East Midlands	Carolyn Ryan
West Midlands	Chris Newton
East	Greg Yarnall (till 22/02/08)
	John Andrews (6/05/08)
Yorkshire	Mark Willerton
North West	Andrea Holt
North East	Tony Taylor (10/03/08)

Facilities

Facilities Manager Paul Baker
(till 11/01/08)

National Coaching

National Coaching Manager Jill Parker MBE
(01/10/07)

UKCC Project Manager Karen King
(till 31/01/08)

Staff Based in Sheffield

English Institute of Sport
Coleridge Road, Sheffield, S9 5DA

Performance

Performance Manager	Steen Hansen
Technical Administrator	Jill Parker MBE (till 30/09/07)
National Coach	Jia Yi Liu
Performance Coach	Alan Cooke**
Performance Coach	Alex Perry**
Performance Co-ordinator	Louise Larcombe (16/11/07)

Staff Based in Hastings Headquarters

Queensbury House (Third Floor),
Havelock Road, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1HF

Chief Executive Richard Yule

Administration

General Secretary	Rob Sinclair
Clerical Assistant	Jackie Sands
Administrative Officer	Jennifer Sherwin
Administration	Doreen Nightingale*

Communications

National Communications Manager	Richard Pettit
Design & Communications Officer	Adam Collins
Press & Communications Officer	James Cornford (22/10/07)

Development

National Development Manager	Diccon Gray
National Equality/ Child Protection Officer	Judy Rogers
Development Secretary	Sheila King
Development Assistant	Gina Rogers* (20/09/07)

Events

National Events Manager	Harvey Webb
National Events Officer	Matthew Porter
National Events Administrator	Vanda Jones*

Finance

Finance Officer	Brian Skinner
Finance Assistant	Collette Sargent*

National Coaching

National Coaching Officer	Dave Berriman
National Coaching Administrator	Gina Rogers (till 31/08/07)
	David Da Silva (15/10/07-06/04/08)
	Pauline Adams (12/05/08)

(*) Part-Time (**) Job Share

“The challenge of capitalising on the opportunities being generated by London 2012 is upon us and it is clear our sport faces a number of big challenges.”

Society is changing around us and in common with many sports, table tennis will have to find new ways of recruiting and retaining new volunteers and players in an environment increasingly populated by regulation in areas such as child protection, data protection and health and safety. Encouragingly, figures released by the Youth Sport Trust show that our sport is growing in popularity in schools. Other evidence confirms that our sport is intrinsically attractive to young people. Our challenge,

therefore, is to provide opportunities in our structures for young people to stay in table tennis which are appealing and appropriate to the “YouTube generation” while retaining and expanding our existing membership by providing improved services and benefits.

As an Olympic sport we now have an unrivalled opportunity to change the face of table tennis and leave a lasting legacy for future generations. We have built excellent partnerships with the

key funding agencies, and earlier this year we were able to announce our exciting partnership with one of the UK's leading companies, Sainsbury's, who have pledged to bring their corporate expertise to the table and help us shape our future.

Finally, I hope you enjoy reading this report and I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.



Richard Yule
Chief Executive



National Council

National Council Explained

Each County elects a representative to serve on the Council who decide the policy for the administration of ETTA. They meet four times a year to receive reports, minutes of committees and recommendations from the Association's Management Committee.

The County representatives, the National Councillors, listed alongside, have the challenging task of determining policy with reference to all of the ETTA's activities. They then have the opportunity, via their own county meetings, to explain proposed policy to the member leagues. Valuable feedback is then obtained to reflect members' interests.



National Councillors and Deputy National Councillors

No	Table Tennis County	National Councillor	Deputy National Councillor
1	Avon	MWJ Lewis	DL Hockney
2	Bedfordshire	Mrs VJ Murdoch	PD Clarke
3	Berkshire	BR Halliday	A Bruton
4	Buckinghamshire	RR Washington	RJ Hedley
5	Cambridgeshire	BR Freer	Mrs V Parkes
6	Cheshire	R Jackson	not elected
7	Cleveland	AE Ransome	C Davison
8	Cornwall	TR Vardon	R House
9	Cumbria	Miss CE Rose	not elected
10	Derbyshire	LA Chatwin	Mrs S Deaton
11	Devonshire	CP Goulding	not elected
12	Dorset	LT Whittaker	not elected
13	Durham	GM Wilson	not elected
14	Essex	BR Granger	NS Brierley
15	Gloucestershire	LJ Smith	Mrs EJ Kirby
16	Hampshire	DB Turner	H Albery
17	Herefordshire	R Dawson	G Stables
18	Hertfordshire	DJ Edwards	JM Barnes
19	Isle of Wight	J Prean	Mrs E Prean
20	Kent	EK Muhr	LH Pilfold
21	Lancashire	S Clarke	not elected
22	Leicestershire	AB Lillicrapp	MGR Smith
23	Lincolnshire	GE Tyler	WV Moran
24	Middlesex	Mrs DM Stannard	M Close
25	Norfolk	RR Drew	not elected
26	Northamptonshire	KJ Marchant	not elected
27	Northumberland	NR Coe	A Drapkin
28	Nottinghamshire	M Allsop	M Tunningley
29	Oxfordshire	AR Hughes	J Birkin
30	Shropshire	TG Felton	not elected
31	Somerset	TM Farr	JM Burtenshaw
32	South Yorkshire	F Whidborne	JF Galloway
33	Staffordshire	R Habgood	D Sherratt
34	Suffolk	PF Fordham	G Brook
35	Surrey	Miss M Fraser	A Laws
36	Sussex	Mrs DM Kirkwood	B Pettitt
37	Warwickshire	EJ Williams	Mrs D Macfarlane
38	Wiltshire	AL Seward	CN Sewell
39	Worcestershire	DA Young	Mrs LA Reid
40	Yorkshire	RB Hudson	B Snowden

Committee Chairmen

Administration

Vice-Chairman	John Dignum
Committee Chairmen:	
Board of Appeal	John Freeman
Disciplinary	June Watts
Honours	Alex Murdoch
Information Technology	Malcolm Macfarlane
Rules	John Jermyn (till 02/09/07) Colin Clemett (01/10/07)
Returning/Nominations Officer	Ron Washington
Membership	Mike Smith
Ranking Policy	Malcolm Macfarlane

Finance

Vice-Chairman/Treasurer	Martin Clark
Committee Chairman:	
Trade	Stan Clarke

Marketing

Vice-Chairman	Mike Holt
Committee Chairmen:	
Marketing & Sponsorship	Mike Holt
National Championships	Doreen Stannard

Public Relations

Vice-Chairman	Jim Beckley
Committee Chairmen:	
Public Relations	Jim Beckley
Archives and Museums	Jim Beckley

Competitions

Vice-Chairman	Keith Ponting
Committee Chairmen:	
Calendar Working Party	Keith Ponting
British League	Keith Ponting
County Championships	Barry Granger
Grand Prix	Dave Evans
Tournaments	Geoff Twiss
National Umpires/Referees	Stuart Sherlock
Tournament Organisers	Dave Evans
English Leagues Cup Competition	Richard Habgood

Development

Vice-Chairman	Eileen Shaler
Committee Chairmen:	
National Development	Eileen Shaler
Facilities Panel	Eileen Shaler
Equality/Child Protection	Eileen Shaler
Regional Chairmen:	
East	vacant
East Midlands	Sandra Deaton
London	Michael Close
North	Colin Davison
North West	Karen Tonge
South/South East	Brian Lamerton
South West	John Burtenshaw
West Midlands	Richard Habgood
Yorkshire	Alan Dunn

National Coaching

Vice-Chairman	Jenny Heaton (till 20/10/07)
Committee Chairmen:	
National Coaching	Alex Murdoch
Regional Coaching Chairmen:	
East	Steve Rate
East Midlands	Suzanne Airey
London	John Standing
North	Jane Durham
North West	Paul Ingham
South	Keith Childs
South East	Ken Muhr
South West	Val Clack
Yorkshire	Sally Shutt

Selection

Vice-Chairman	Peter Charters
Committee Chairmen:	
Performance Coaches	Peter Charters
Performance Management Group	Peter Charters
Junior Selection	Peter Charters

Honorary Life Members & Vice-Presidents

Honorary Life Members

LA Chatwin, CJ Clemett, PHM Hillier, MR Holt, LF Landry, MWJ Lewis, KTO Ponting, AE Ransome OBE, NK Reeve, RC Scruton, LJ Smith, Mrs DM Stannard, JM Wright, DA Young

Deceased Honorary Life Members

The Dowager Lady G Swathling, AF Carris, GW Decker, LE Forrest, IGS Montagu, AK Vint OBE, PE Warden, CG Woodcock, M Goldstein OBE, WE Stamp, IC Eyles, FGJ Mannooch, E Reay, LS Woollard, T Blunn, N Cook, G James, C Jaschke, PW Hyde, F Milligan, ME Scott, GR Harrower, CM Wyles OBE, K Watts, GR Yates, LLE Thompson, H Walker, AJH Wickens, AE Upton, EG White, J Jermyn, RJ Crayden

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Vice-Presidents

Miss JM Adams, H Albery, M Allsop, Mrs AP Archdale, J Arnold, Mrs S Barna, J Beckley, J Blackband, PR Bradley, J Burtenshaw, Mrs EM Carrington, PA Charters, MG Clark, M Close, A Cooke, Mrs W Cunningham, C Davison, P Day, Mrs S Deaton, D Douglas MBE, A Drapkin, K Eliot, J Freeman JP, WG Goldsmith, BR Granger, G Gurney, BR Halliday, PJ Hancock, TM Honey, A Hydes, CT Hyland, TF Inge, C Jacques, Mrs G Johns, Mrs A Jones MBE, BP Lamerton, Mrs C Lewis, P Lewis MBE, MC Macfarlane, KJ Marchant, AI Marshall, Miss DL Moors, WV Moran, Miss I Moss, J Neslen, Mrs DM Nightingale, Mrs J Parker MBE, LC Pilditch, LH Pilfold, DD Plowes, Dr D Ryde, A Sandford, D Schofield, AL Seward, SE Sherlock, AWC Simons, RH Sinclair, MGR Smith, RJ Stevens, MD Strode, GA Taylor, Mrs KM Tonge, DR Tremayne, DN Tyler, C Villiers, Mrs JL Watts, BRJ Webb, HJ Webb, M Wolman, R Yates, R Yule



facts & figures



Tournaments England have played at this season

Date	Tournament
25/03 - 01/04/07	European Championships - Belgrade, Serbia
16 - 18/04/07	Czech Junior Open Championships - Hluk
23 - 25/04/07	Cadet/Junior Six Nations Championships - Coventry
09 - 13/05/07	Spanish Youth Open - Platja d' Aro
21 - 27/05/07	World Championships - Zagreb, Croatia
30/05 - 03/06/07	Polish Youth Open - Cetniewo
30/05 - 05/06/07	Commonwealth Championships - Jaipur, India
06 - 10/06/07	French Youth Open - Vern-sur-Seiche
15 - 17/06/07	Cadet Six Nations - Copenhagen, Denmark
14 - 17/06/07	Korean Open - Gyeonggi-do
28/06 - 01/07/07	China Open - Nanjing
13 - 22/07/07	European Youth Championships - Bratislava, Slovakia
16 - 19/08/07	El Salvador Junior Open
24 - 26/08/07	Euro Mini Championships - Strasbourg, France
29/08 - 02/09/07	Madeira International Open - Funchal
14 - 16/09/07	Senior Six Nations Championships - Isle of Man
14 - 16/09/07	Norwegian Open - Oslo
18 - 21/10/07	Russian Open - St. Petersburg
23 - 29/10/07	Cape Town Finals - South Africa
24 - 28/10/07	Austrian Open - Wels
31/10 - 04/11/07	French Open - Toulouse
17 - 18/11/07	Stockton Junior/Cadet Grand Prix - England
7 - 11/11/07	German Open - Bremen
13 - 18/11/07	Swedish Open - Stockholm
01 - 05/11/07	Slovak Cadet Open - Bratislava
30/11 - 02/12/07	Portuguese Youth Open - Faro
06 - 16/12/07	World Table Tennis Championships - Palo Alto, U.S.
05 - 08/01/08	German Youth - Seligenstadt
15 - 19/01/08	Slovenian Open - Velentje
25 - 27/01/08	European Youth Top 10 - Sheffield
14 - 17/02/08	Hungary Youth Open - Kecskemet
20 - 21/02/08	Sweden Junior Open - Safir
22 - 24/02/08	Safir International - Sweden
24/02 - 02/03/08	World Team Championships China - Guangzhou
01 - 2/03/08	Catalunya 4th International - Spain
14 - 16/03/08	Junior Cadet 6 Nations - Guernsey
19 - 22/03/08	3rd Luxembourg Open - Belgium
08 - 11/05/08	World Olympic Qualifications - Budapest, Hungary
08 - 11/05/08	Spanish Youth Open - Platja d'Aro
15 - 18/05/08	China Open - Changchun
29/05 - 01/06/08	Polish Youth Open - Cetniewo
29/05 - 01/06/08	Korean Open - Daejon

Players who have represented England segregated into levels

Senior

Paul Drinkhall	Kelly Sibley
Darius Knight	Helen Lower
Daniel Reed	Joanna Parker
Andrew Rushton	Natalie Bawden
Gavin Evans	Abigail Embling
Tim Yarnall	Emma Vickers
David Meads	

Junior

Paul Drinkhall	Emma Vickers
Darius Knight	Hannah Hicks
Gavin Evans	Rachel Jamieson
Daniel Reed	Sarra Wang
Mathew Ware	Melanie Farquhar
Richard Marshall	Caroline Hallows
David Meads	Karina Le Fevre
Bradley Evans	
Damien Nicholls	
Kim Daybell	
William Maybanks	
Chris Doran	
Liam Pitchford	
Sean Cullen	
Daniel Lowe	

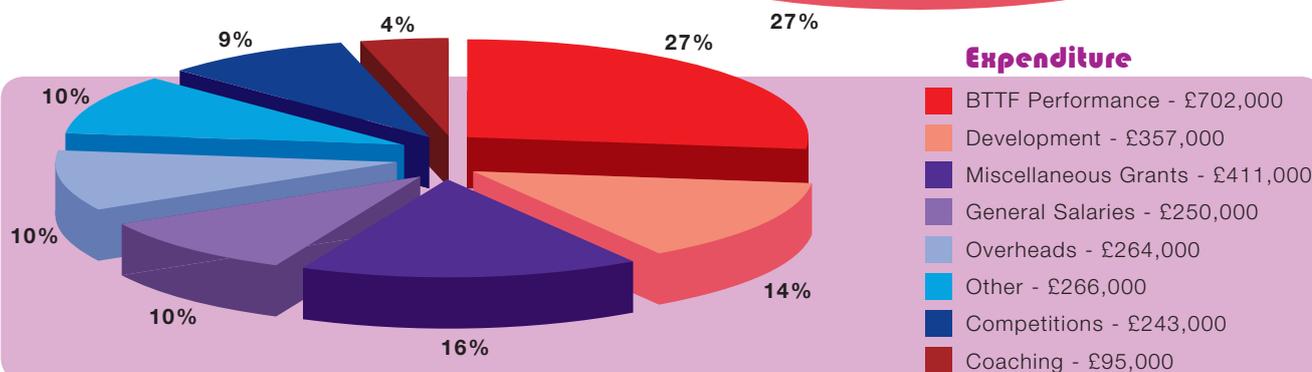
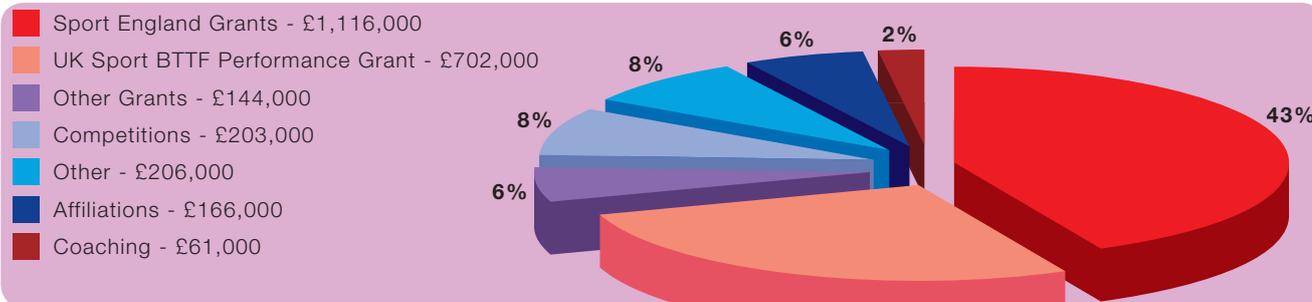
Cadet

Liam Pitchford	Melissa Wright
Sean Cullen	Karina Le Fevre
Zak Zilesnick	Hannah Hicks
Gavin Evans	Rachel Jamieson
Daniel Lowe	Mary Fuller
Lewis Gray	Caroline Hallows
Ping Ho	Emily Bates
	Natalie Slater
	Martha Travis
	Ayonija Sundararajan
	Lucy Davidson

Mini (U12)

John Pilgrim	Emily Bates
Zak Zilesnick	Tin Tin Ho
Scott Hollowood	
Olliver Buddell	

Income



Membership Figures	0	500
County Associations	40	40
Affiliated Leagues	241	253
Affiliated Teams	7382	7230
British League Teams	269	267
National Junior League Teams	206	166
National Cadet League Teams	156	170
County Championships Teams	244	245
Licensed Players	2546	2446
PremierClub – new registrations*	25	8
PremierClub – re-registrations*	136	112
PremierClub - total*	161	120

* figures are based on 9 months only

Coaching Registrations	0	500
Registrations	395	433

Awards	0	500
Qualified Introduction to Coaching	62	34
Qualified Sport Leaders Award	35	72
Qualified Teachers Award	42	40
UKCC Level 1**		65
UKCC Level 2**		10

** UKCC is a new course and figures are only available for 2007/08

Key:	■ = 2005/06	■ = 2006/07	■ = 2007/08
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Annual Snapshot

June

Colin Clemett, table tennis guru and member of numerous international and national committees was rewarded for his long and outstanding service to table tennis by Adham Sharara, ITTF President at their AGM in Zagreb.

The ETTA celebrated its 80 year history at the 100 club annual dinner.

Paul Drinkhall and Darius Knight were selected along with 14 other athletes for Team Visa, an exclusive sponsorship programme designed to help them prepare for Beijing 2008 and London 2012 Olympic Games.

Andrea Holt and Alex Perry set a new world record for the longest table tennis rally by playing continuously for 8 hours 27 Minutes.

Liam Pitchford won a silver medal at the European Cadet 6 Nations, losing out in the final to Quentin Robinot of France 3-1.

Novlette Rennie OBE, Chief Executive Sporting Equals, presented the ETTA with the Preliminary Level of the Equality Standards for Sport Award.

The very first table tennis coach education course to be organised under the new system of UKCC endorsed qualifications was completed at the Holy Trinity School, Crawley.

July

Just two years after lifting the prestigious cadet title, England's young 2012 contenders achieved European gold for the second time. With an average age of just 17, the talented squad became Junior (U18) European Youth Champions by defeating the Czech Republic in emphatic style, 3-0 in the final. Darius Knight and Paul Drinkhall also won gold and silver respectively in the junior mixed doubles.

Gavin Evans brought home a gold medal from the European Youth Olympic Festival in Belgrade.

The ETTA achieved the Intermediate Level of the Child Protection in Sport Standards.

The ETTA was awarded UKCC Endorsement for the 1st4sport qualification level 3 certificate in coaching, becoming one of only a few sports to receive this award.

August

Paul Drinkhall and Darius Knight achieved double gold for England at the ITTF World Junior Circuit in El Salvador Junior Open.

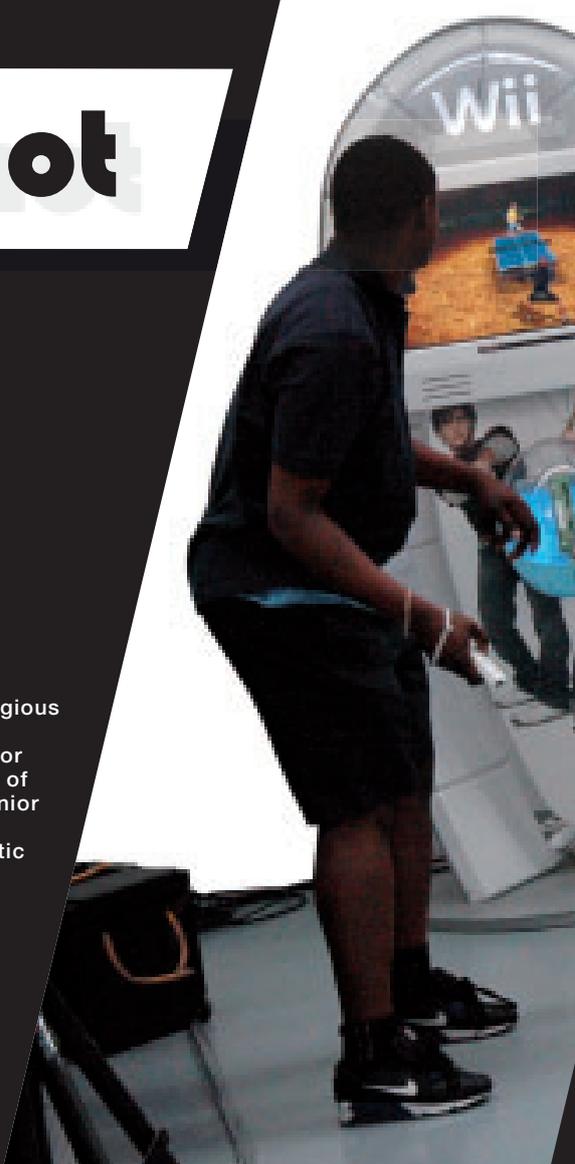
Rockstar Games announced that their exceptionally popular table tennis game for the Xbox 360 would also be launched on the Nintendo Wii.

Paul Drinkhall maintained his perfect record in boys' singles events on the ITTF World Junior Circuit, by retaining his title at the Funchal Junior Open in Madeira.

The UK School Games took place in Coventry, with wins for the South East girls and North East boys' teams, along with Andrew Harper and Jack Pegram taking the disabled standing and wheelchair categories respectively. The boys' singles event was won by David Meads, with Emma Vickers his counterpart in the girls'.

Darius Knight completed a successful five days in Funchal Madeira, by winning the men's singles title, beating Paul Drinkhall in the final.

Glasgow was announced as the host city of the 2009 Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships.



September

Alex Perry was selected as part of the UK Sport Elite Coach programme. He is one of only 10 coaches to be selected from all the Olympic sports.

On Saturday September 15th over 10 million Japanese television viewers switched on to see a game played at Yarmouth Town Hall between 81-year old inspiration Edna Fletcher, winner of multiple titles at World and European Veteran Table Tennis Championships and six year old Japanese table tennis prodigy Mima Ito. Unfortunately for the older generation Mrs Fletcher lost 3-0.

Table tennis became one of a number of sports to base its World Class Elite programme at the English Institute of Sports (EIS) complex in Sheffield.

Jade Carr, a 13 year old from Runcorn, won gold at the British Transplant Games

Once again, the ETTA Conference and Volunteer Awards Dinner provided an excellent showcase for table tennis, this was enhanced further by the exceptional keynote speakers: Dr Sue Campbell MBE, Chair Youth Sport Trust and UK Sport, Marc Woods, Paralympic gold medallist swimmer, David Gent, Sport England Regional Director, and Novlette Rennie OBE, Chief Executive Sporting Equals.

The first ever Fred Perry Urban Cup was won by Cardiff. Aimed at enhancing the youth club table tennis scene, the Urban Cup was hailed a success. This was the first year of a £170,000 Sportsmatch project, which will span an initial four-year period.

The Liverpool Open Butterfly Grand Prix almost witnessed one of the most dramatic winning comebacks, however, the former England Superstar Carl Preen, just failed at the final hurdle when he was defeated by Scotland's no 1 Gavin Rungay 11-5, 11-6, 7-11, 11-9.



October

The Shanghai Special Olympics provided Great Britain's highest ever Special Olympics medal tally, Table tennis was particularly strong with a string of gold and silver medals. Gold winners were Emma Jones (WS, WD, XD), Duncan Feltham (MS), Kimberley Gillian (WD) and Jeffrey Jarvis (MD).

After making an appearance in Enrique Inglesia's "Ping Pong Song", table tennis was back in the music scene as the sole focus of the video for Carry On, by Bens Brother.

Britain's top disabled players returned from the European Championships with one silver and two bronze medals, Arni Chan and James Rawson took silver, whilst Cathy Mitton won an individual bronze and teamed up with Sara Head and Jane Campbell to take the team bronze.

TTN reported that England's World Cup rugby union team regularly turn to table tennis as a way to keep their reflexes sharp. Rumour has it that the best England players are Olly Barkley, Nick Easter, Danny Hipkiss, Matt Stevens and Mark Regan.

November

The ETTA YouTube site was launched (www.youtube.com/englishtabletennis) and became the home of table tennis videos on the internet.

Emma Vickers was announced by the Youth Sport Trust as one of the first young athletes who will receive funding as part of its "Believe to Achieve with Kelly Holmes" scholarship programme.

Matthew Syed was off on another adventure, this time to see who was the best table tennis player in the Premier League. The first stop was Reading FC where James Harper eager to take away Rio Ferdinand's self proclaimed title of "The King Of Table Tennis", beat their American goalkeeper Marcus Hahnemann.

The Butterfly Skills teaching initiative aimed to meet the needs of the ever-increasing demand for table tennis within schools and the community was launched by James Purnell MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, at the Youth Sport Trust School and Sports Partnerships' Conference in Telford.

The BBC's involvement in our sport continued to grow with the start of Olympic Dreams. This programme is a five-year project leading up to the London 2012 Games, following Britain's top young Olympic hopefuls. Two of those hopefuls are none other than our very own Darius Knight and Paul Drinkhall.

Glasgow won the race to host the Commonwealth Games in 2014.



December

In a spate of digital advancements, the ETTA E-zine was launched. This monthly electronic magazine brings news and features to the audience fast and effectively, along with allowing interactive content such as videos.

In what can only be described as Dodge Ball meets Mortal Kombat, table tennis hit the big screen on Boxing Day with the tongue in cheek style comedy Balls of Fury.

London 2012 hopeful Jack Pegram beat a host of talented youngsters to take the Rising Star prize at the Nationwide DSE (Disability Sport Events) Awards.



January

The glue ban came into effect for junior events, preventing the use of speed glues and other equipment containing volatile organic compounds (VOCs) due to health concerns.

Damon Albarn, singer, songwriter and table tennis player became the guest editor of BBC Radio 4's Today programme where, as well as his trip to Mali to find out about how they recycle, he also took a trip up to Sheffield to join in on an ETTA training camp.

Table tennis was on prime time breakfast news during a feature on healthy living. The feature stated it was a fitness activity that could be enjoyed by all, no matter what age or financial background.

England hosted the Europe Youth Top 10 at the EIS in Sheffield and secured two bronze medals thanks to Paul Drinkhall and Gavin Evans. The event was attended by a number of ETTU officials including its President Stefano Bosi.

Paul Drinkhall, Darius Knight, Gavin Evans and Liam Pitchford travelled to Beijing as part of the "Tomorrow's Champions Programme". Drinkhall was selected to play in an exhibition match in front of a host of VIPs including Prime Minister Gordon Brown and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao.



February

Tin-Tin Ho and Zak Zilesnick helped Blue Peter presenter Gethin Jones brush up on his TT skills live on air. After a demonstration and a bit of tuition, the young duo challenged Gethin to a game of multi-ball.

The England women's team of Kelly Sibley, Joanna Parker and Emma Vickers were the stars at the World Team Championships going undefeated to claim the division two title, along with promotion to the top flight.

Table tennis returned to the Royal Albert Hall for the first time in over three decades. A brilliant showcase was rounded off by a master class display by the passionate pocket rocket from Greece, Kalinikos Kreanga, as he claimed the Dunlop Masters title. The event had over 5,000 spectators in attendance and was covered live by Sky Sports.



March

After receiving a phone call from Arsenal Football Club who told us how keen a player Robin Van Persie was, a training session was set up for him with Darius Knight and Matthew Syed at the ETTA PremierClub, DHS London Progress. As well as being filmed for our YouTube site, a double page article on Robin's day also appeared in the match day programme for the Arsenal v Aston Villa fixture that had an attendance of 60,097 people.

The BTTF joined forces with Sainsbury's as part of the British Olympic Association's (BOA) FTSE100 initiative, which was set up to help achieve the BOA's aspirational goal of fourth place for Team GB in the London 2012 Olympics medal table. The scheme does not provide direct sponsorship, but provides expert advice and support from Sainsbury's top management.

The Senior National Championships returned to Ponds Forge International Sports Centre where Kelly Sibley was the top performer of the event, reaching four finals and taking home three titles, U21, womens and women's doubles (with Joanna Parker). Andrew Baggaley won the men's singles title defeating no 1 seed Paul Drinkhall. The U21 men's title was won by Darius Knight for the third year in succession. Paul Drinkhall won the mixed doubles with Joanna Parker and men's doubles with Darius Knight.

A table tennis competition review was initiated at a meeting convened during the National Championships. The meeting involved a range of stakeholders from tournament organisers, parents, players, clubs, schools, England selectors, coaches, etc. Plans are in hand to formulate a smaller group that will make proposals to review the competition structure from school to community. The ETTA achieved its 2007/8 whole sport plan target of 90 accredited CLUBMARK clubs. A Young Officials Award was launched.

April

DHS London Progress claimed their tenth successive British League Premier Division title.

A further 12 PremierClubs were offered grants from the ETTA PESSCL – club links programme (approximately £3,000 each) to support the appointment of part-time community table tennis coaches to improve school club links.

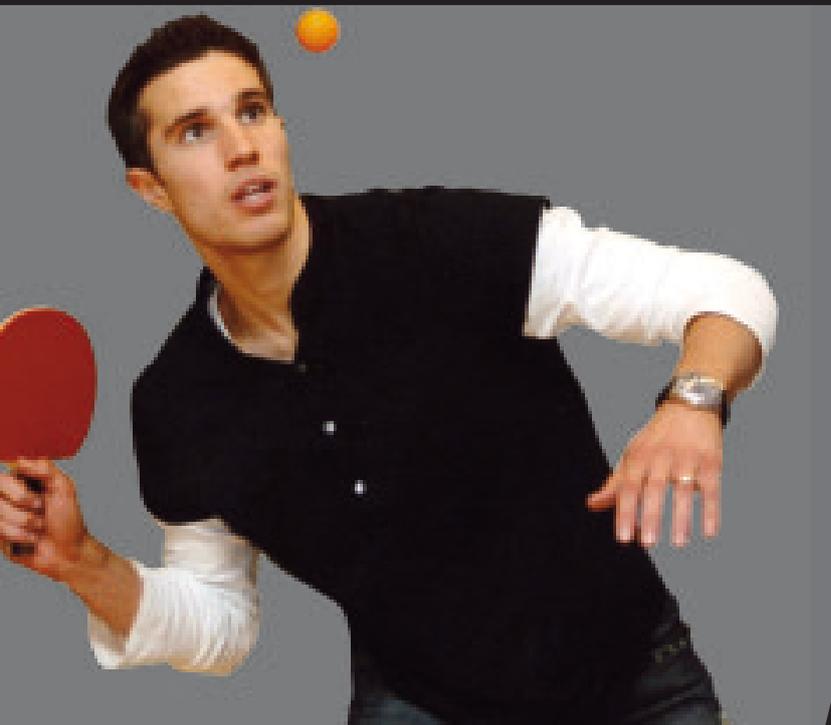
Following a series of high level government ministerial meetings between eight sports (table tennis, tennis, rugby union and league, swimming, athletics, cricket and football), table tennis was present at the senior competition managers' induction. The government ambition to 'reverse the decline in competitive sport' has been backed up with a three year £6m investment to 'roll out' 225 competition managers across the country. Table tennis is initially one of eight sports on competition managers' work programmes. Lewis Gray was one of a handful of athletes to become part of P&O's £75,000 sponsorship deal aimed at supporting young athletes from Kent to achieve their dreams of competing in the London 2012 Olympics.

May

DHS London Progress won the prestigious title of 'Sports Club of the Year' presented by Sports Minister Gerry Sutcliffe MP and Rugby World Cup winner Jason Leonard at the CCPR Awards Dinner.

Kelly Sibley managed to secure a second reserve spot for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games following a gruelling competition in Budapest at the World Qualification play-off. Emily Bates and Chris Doran won the Junior Masters. Bates also managed to succeed in the Cadet Masters with Daniel Lowe victorious in the boys' event.

An ITTF Executive Board meeting took place in London with the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG). The meeting included a visit to the ExCeL, the arena where table tennis will be staged at the London Olympics. The ITTF Executive Committee, which included the ITTF President Adham Sharara, also visited the first address of Ivor Montagu, one of the most influential characters in table tennis history, and the man who was instrumental in the creation of the ETTA and the ITTF.





Departmental Reports

I. Administration

1.1 Staff

1.1.1 The following changes took place during the year:

- Gina Rogers left her post as National Coaching Administrator 31/08/07 and was appointed Development Assistant part-time 20/09/07
- Jill Parker MBE left her post as Technical Administrator 30/09/07 and was appointed National Coaching Manager 01/10/07
- David Da Silva joined as National Coaching Administrator 15/10/07 and left 06/04/08
- Malcolm Macfarlane became Database Development Manager 15/10/07
- James Cornford joined as Press & Communications Officer 22/10/07
- Louise Larcombe joined as ETTA/BTTF Performance Co-ordinator 16/11/07
- Pauline Adams joined part-time as Ranking & National Coaching Administrator 03/12/07
- Karen King, UKCC Project Manager, left 31/01/08 and Amanda Batt replaced her on a consultancy basis
- Greg Yarnall, East Regional Development Officer, left 22/02/08
- Tony Taylor was appointed Regional Development Officer for the North East 10/03/08

- Pauline Adams was appointed National Coaching Administrator full-time 12/05/08
- John Andrews was appointed Regional Development Officer for the East 06/05/08
- Paul Baker, National Facilities Officer, left 11/01/08 and Nick Standen replaced him on a consultancy basis

1.2 Honours

1.2.1 As adopted at the 1990/1 Annual General Meeting, the list of honours to be bestowed on members will be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

1.3 Maurice Goldstein Merit Award

1.3.1 This award was formerly known as the ETTA Merit Award and it was decided in 1994 to rename the award to perpetuate the memory of former ETTA President, Maurice Goldstein OBE. A list of awards issued during the 2007/8 Administrative Year is listed on pages 38 & 39 in this report.

1.4 Board of Appeal

1.4.1 We have received two appeals since the last report was written. Both have been settled and we have none outstanding.

1.4.2 The first appeal was made by a Local League against a decision of the County Association. Appeals against the decision of a County Association are not normally allowed but the adjudicating panel was satisfied that one of the specified

exceptions applied. The decision of the County Association was upheld albeit for different reasons.

1.4.3 The second appeal was made by an affiliated person against a decision of the ETTA Disciplinary Committee to impose a national suspension for conduct that brought the game into disrepute. The appeal machinery was put into motion but as there was no further response from the appellant the appeal was treated as abandoned and closed.

1.4.4 We have vacancies for members of the Board. If anyone is interested please contact the Chairman of the Board through the ETTA office for further information.

1.5 Disciplinary Committee

1.5.1 The Disciplinary Committee met on two occasions during the season to consider allegations of bringing the game into disrepute. Both allegations were made following the behaviour of licensed players at tournaments and concerned aggressive physical actions at the table and verbal abuse of officials off it. It was extremely fortunate that in both cases no one was injured.

1.5.2 Both players were suspended for lengthy periods of time and it is hoped that their behaviour is not a true reflection of a general lowering of standards in our sport.

1.5.3 One other player was suspended at the request of the Child Protection Case Management Group.

1.6 Membership Committee

1.6.1 At the request of the Directors in August 2007, Membership Committee was tasked with the creation of an Individual Affiliation process. Considerable work was undertaken, mainly by a sub group, prior to reporting to National Council in October; after this a FAQ document was produced and circulated widely to affiliated organisations leading to a number of responses. Unfortunately progress since then has been severely affected by time constraints on the volunteers and staff most involved as well as by the departure from ETTA staff of Paul Baker, whose contribution to the discussions and in producing the FAQ document had been exceptionally helpful.

1.6.2 A review of this project was undertaken in February 2008 and its conclusion was that given the resources available for all aspects of the project, the earliest potential time to consider any propositions on Individual Affiliation was June 2009 as long as the process work was ready by October 2008 and the Rules stage was completed by January 2009 prior to a Director-led campaign leading up to the Annual General Meeting in June 2009. Work by Malcolm Macfarlane continues on the process stage.

1.6.3 Individual registrations still continued to be collected from Leagues with a further increase in take-up recorded.

1.7 Player Licence Scheme

1.7.1 The Player Licence Scheme continued to operate successfully – the statistics are below: Player Licence figures as at 1st April 2008:

	Cadet	Junior	Senior
Gold	22	20	87
Silver	54	35	110
Player	909	442	836
Sub Totals	985	497	1033
Grand Total		2515	

1.8 Rules Committee

1.8.1 At the request of the Management Committee, we have undertaken a review of the Rules to see whether some of the administrative and procedural details could usefully be transferred to Regulations.

This would mean that they would come under the direct control of the National Council, which could make any necessary amendments without necessarily having to wait for a General Meeting. We have identified some Rules which could be so transferred and we have drafted the relevant Rule Change Propositions (RCPs) for National Council consideration.

1.8.2 We have also drafted RCPs on behalf of the Management Committee for the proposed introduction of a compulsory insurance scheme, and on behalf of the British League and County Championships Committees for proposed changes to Appendices L & K.

1.8.3 We have given advice on questions of rule interpretation to ETTA committees and officials, as well as to member organisations and individuals. We continue to work closely with the Membership Committee on the implications and possible implementation of the proposals for Individual Affiliation.

decisions were confirmed:

- a) Dummy rankings for non-World ranked opponents. A dummy ranking will be allocated only for players on the ITTF Senior Ranking List. Players playing unranked opponents will receive a single point for a win with no points lost for losing.
- b) Transfer from Junior to Senior. Normally the rating allocated will be the higher of the two but a manual check of the results of this transfer will be



“The Player Licence Scheme continued to operate successfully.”

1.9 Ranking Committee

1.9.1 The ranking processes continued to function very efficiently under the control of Jennifer Sherwin. As a result of the expansion of the number of results to be processed a part-time assistant, Pauline Adams, was added to the ranking team. The rate of error continues to be very low considering the volume of data to be processed.

1.9.2 Good progress has been made in implementing a new process for handling British League Results. All British League results (Senior, Junior, Women’s and Veterans’) plus Veteran’s National League and some National Junior Leagues are fully reported on the ETTA website and a feed between this reporting and the ranking system has relieved the office of manually handling some 7000+ results already.

1.9.3 In the full year with expansion of the feed to handle all three National Championships as well, we expect to process in excess of 10,000 results per year electronically.

1.9.4 No changes were made to the ranking process at the 2007 meeting, however, certain policy

carried out and the rating for a player with an excessively inappropriate new senior rating can, if necessary, be amended.

1.10 IT Working Party

1.10.1 No formal meetings were held in the year but several one to one meetings between members took place around the country.

1.10.2 Data Manager/League Manager was enhanced to handle the new Individual Registration form and was delivered to all leagues on CD with their returned 2006/7 data in early June 2007. A second developer is just starting to come to grips with the Data Manager code which makes this applications development base much more secure.

1.10.3 The ETTA Web Membership database has continued to progress and is now linked to the website in support of online purchasing on the web. The final step to complete the circle of Office <-> Website <-> Membership Database <-> Office will be implemented near the end of this year when web pages with details of Clubs, Leagues, etc. will be automatically generated from database content.

1.11 Organisations in Good Standing

1.11.1 The following organisations have been in Good Standing for this past year:

- British Table Tennis Association for People with Disabilities
- British Universities Sports Association
- English Schools' Table Tennis Association
- Lancashire and Cheshire Table Tennis League
- London Junior Table Tennis Scheme
- Maccabi GB Table Tennis
- National FSSAA Table Tennis Section
- Police Sport UK
- Royal Air Force Table Tennis Association
- UK Chinese Table Tennis Association
- Veterans English Table Tennis Society

1.12 Obituaries

1.12.1 The following friends and colleagues have died during the past year:

- Walter 'Bunny' Batten
Treasurer of the Hastings and District TTL from 1968 to 2002/3
- Eric Hill
ETTA Vice-President; former National Councillor for Yorkshire County TTA; former President of the Bradford TTL
- Bert Newman
ETTA Vice-President; former National Councillor for Suffolk; also General Secretary and Umpires Secretary; County, National and International Umpire.
- John Jermyn
Honorary Life Member; County, National and International Umpire; Tournament, National and International Referee; member of various National Committees; National Councillor for Hertfordshire County TTA and later National Councillor for Cornwall County TTA; held various positions within Hertfordshire County TTA and North Herts TTL
- Ron Crayden
Honorary Life Member; former England International; England Team Captain over 220 times; ETTA Vice-Chairman (Selection)
- Ken Armson MBE
ETTA Vice-President; County, National and International Umpire; Tournament and National Referee; Chairman

of the British Table Tennis Association for People with Disabilities

- Dolly Harmer
Vice-President of Bedfordshire County TTA and Founder Member of the Veterans' English Table Tennis Society; also a founder member of the English Schools' Table Tennis Association; a qualified coach and County Umpire
- Mike Johns
Former ETTA National Events Manager; ETTA Deputy Chairman; represented England at Junior, Senior and Veteran level
- Stan Parr
ETTA Vice-President; former member of the County Championships Committee and County Weekend Organiser; Honorary Life Member of Lancashire County TTA; President of Lancashire and Cheshire TTL; Life Member of Blackpool and District TTL
- Lilian Rymill
Founder Member and Life Member of the Worthing and District TTL; Vice-President, former General Secretary and Treasurer of Sussex County TTA



- Rea Balmford
ETTA Vice-President; former Press Officer for Yorkshire County TTA; co-founder of the English Schools' Table Tennis Association

1.13 General

1.13.1 Individual Affiliation –it has been very interesting to read a copy of a motion, recently sent in to us, that was put forward at the 1966 ETTA AGM. It concerned the level of affiliation fees, which prompted a lengthy debate on individual affiliation, which was supported in principle by a number of eminent ETTA officials of that time. A great deal of time

and effort has been put into the current initiative to bring this to conclusion and thanks are due to all those involved, and it is hoped we will achieve the new timescale for the proposal being put forward at the 2009 AGM.

1.13.2 ETTA Group Insurance Scheme – a great deal of work has gone into bringing this matter to fruition, which will ensure all clubs and leagues are covered for Civil Liability at least. Thanks should be recorded for Rob Sinclair (General Secretary) and Brian Skinner (Finance Officer) for their efforts in making this happen.

1.13.3 Rules - a huge vote of thanks goes to Colin Clemett for taking over the Chairmanship of the Rules Committee following the sad passing of John Jermyn. Colin has also been leading the significant workload of the Rules Committee, in relation to various updates, regulations changes and individual affiliation, etc. and thanks are due to the committee members for their continuing commitment.

1.13.4 Administration team – grateful thanks are extended to the whole of the administration team and all the volunteer committee



personnel for their commitment and support throughout the year.

2. Finance

2.1 General

Against a budget surplus of £18,080 we finished the year with a surplus of £9,503, resulting in a mere 2.8% increase in our net assets, and hardly sufficient to keep pace with inflation let alone provide a strong base to service the membership in the event of any reduction in government funding.

It is clear that the funding coming via Sport England continues to be by far the largest contribution



to our income streams without which we would not be able to adequately function. Indeed we are grateful for their additional support during the year via the core funding which together with UK Sport GB grant helped to increase our overall income to almost 17% more than last year and an increase of 93% in the past four years. This has, of course, put an additional burden on the Finance Department from a staffing point of view.

Whilst interest rates fell towards the end of the year, we also benefited from levels that helped boost our income, albeit subject to Corporation Tax. However, generation of funds from affiliation fees fell from 7.3% to a mere 6.4% of our total income.

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Detailed analysis of the financial activities is to be found within the Statement of Accounts contained in this Annual Report.

Whilst not part of the income reported in the main body of the accounts, I am pleased to report that the Tom Blunn Fund for Administrators was boosted by a donation of £5,000 from the 100 Club as a consequence of premium bond winnings, for which I am grateful.

The UK Sport funding referred to above applies to the support given to GB Table Tennis under the remit of the British Table Tennis Federation that comes

under the administration of the ETTA for control via a service level agreement.

Acknowledgements to staff are again most appropriate with Brian Skinner once more providing the backbone of the Finance Department who together with Collette Sargent has worked tirelessly throughout the year. Richard Yule continues to play a significant role in liaising with our funding partners, thus ensuring their continued support.

2.2 Trade Committee

The Committee met several times during the year under the very able chairmanship of Stan Clarke to discuss current contracts and other trade related matters. The members, elected annually by National Council, are: Tony

Chatwin, Doug Young, Colin Hyland, Ron Washington and Stan Clarke, supported by staff members, Doreen Nightingale and Richard Yule.

Grateful thanks are extended to our partners in the trade for their valuable support of the Association's programme of events and activities during the past season:

Butterfly (Ransome Sporting Goods) - Grand Prix Series, Senior, Junior, Cadet National Championships, Junior/ Cadet Ranking Trials, Official Ball Supplier to County Championships and British

League, Skills Award Programme. Joola (Bribar Table Tennis) - England Team Clothing Supplier, National Under 11,12,13,14 Championships, Women's, Veterans' and Junior British League weekend events.

In addition, the Association is grateful to the following traders for their support across a range of ETTA publications: Butterfly, Tees Sport, Joola, Bribar Table Tennis, Lion Sport, Stiga, Gerflor (Taraflex), Cornilleau, Thornton's Sports & Leisure and TTLinks.

3. Marketing

3.1 National Events

3.1.1 The Marketing Department has continued to be responsible for all of our National Championships and events during the current season. Planning is ongoing for forthcoming international events running up to 2012. This season like most others has been extremely busy.

3.1.2 In January the Association staged its first major international event for some years when we were proud to host the 2008 Europe Youth Top 10 event at the English Institute of Sport (EIS), Sheffield. This event has given a number of volunteers and officials first time experience of being involved in a major international event. (See below for a full report. Para. 3.6.)

3.1.3 The Department also has responsibility for negotiating contracts for venues and commercial sponsorship. The cost of venues continues to be an issue and major sponsorship is something which the Association has struggled to



obtain for some years. Efforts continue to sell the sport to major sponsors.

3.2 National Championships Committee

3.2.1 The committee has responsibility for the entire National Championships programme. The Association wishes to express its sincere thanks to Doreen Stannard, the Chairperson of the Committee, and to all members

“The number of hits on the website has increased from an original 15,000 a month to over one million, 250,000 of them unique viewers.”

of the committee, referees, organisers, umpires and all other volunteers who regularly give up their leisure time to work on the Championships programme.

3.3 English National Championships

3.3.1 These were once again run at the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield, and we continue to be indebted to the City Council for their continued support of table tennis. This year we utilised the new ETTA Taraflex flooring to the whole playing area and this proved to be a significant upgrade to the whole event, and for the second year running the event was webcast by 247.tv.

3.3.2 Andrew Baggaley took the men’s singles title repeating his 2002 success, whilst in the women’s, Kelly Sibley won her first singles senior title.

3.3.3 Details of other title winners can be found in the Results section of this Report.

3.4 English Cadet & Junior National Championships

3.4.1 This year the event moved to Reading and the title winners can be found in the Results Section of this Report.

3.5 English Under 11/12/13/14 National Championships

3.5.1 These were held in Norwich in June 2008. This happened after going to press and the title winners can be found on the ETTA website.

3.6 Europe Youth Top 10

3.6.1 In January 2008 the Association was entrusted with running the Europe Youth Top 10 at the EIS, Sheffield, by the ETTU. The schedule of events was run on eight tables which was not ideal but was successfully

completed to the satisfaction of all. The organisation was excellent and the set-up at the EIS was approved by not only the ETTU but by players and coaches alike. The closeness of the hotel to the venue was particularly appreciated by those competing. The performances by the English players were a little below what had been hoped for but there were various reasons

for this. ETTA can be pleased that this new event, whilst having a few teething problems, was well received and proved, once again, that our ability to stage international events has not diminished.

3.7 Other Events

3.7.1 In September 2007 the ETTA Events Department had responsibility for the field of play and the finals of the Fred Perry Urban Cup, which were played in London. This took a considerable effort but promoted table tennis in a new guise to a new audience.

3.7.2 This is particularly pleasing as several of the organising committee were new to this level of event, and all performed superbly, which is an excellent indicator for future English Opens, and indeed 2012.

3.7.3 In March the ETTA Events Department was involved in the Matthew Syed/TTK organised Dunlop Masters at the Royal Albert Hall, where we were responsible for the field of play and all that happened on it. The event also incorporated singing and dancing and, with the whole evening live on Sky TV, brought table tennis to a new audience.

3.7.4 Also in March the ETTA Events Department was involved in a table tennis demonstration at a British Olympic Association (BOA) meeting in Canary Wharf followed by a day running a “Beat the Robot” session at Sainsbury’s Head Office in London in aid of Sport Relief.

3.8 2000 Club

3.8.1 The 2000 Club started this year and has grown to 253 members and has had three draws so far. Its intention is to support via its profits young potential players

from England who are not funded from other sources. Details of how to join are available on the website and included in many of the ETTA Events Programmes. Being a member will enhance the opportunities for these young people whilst giving you the chance to win some money, please join this growing band of members.

4. Public Relations

4.1 Communications

- 4.1.1 This year proved to be the busiest by far; from Table Tennis News through to the website, the media and the archives. It was a year in which everyone in the department responded to the challenge of modern day communications.
- 4.1.2 The London Olympics for 2012 provided the department with many extra tasks, especially from the media, and it led to the employment of James Cornford, who comes to us with a marketing, web creation and print background.

4.2 Media

- 4.2.1 Enquiries from television companies to newspapers, magazines and websites, all wanting our help in building up detail for the 2012 Games, have been constant and took up a lot of office time.
- 4.2.2 From the BBC's Blue Peter to Sky Sports and to local channels like BBC Jersey, BBC Shropshire and BBC North Yorkshire to mention but a very few. It was also a year when we co-operated on several occasions with BBC TV London and Channel 4 News.
- 4.2.3 The BBC Olympic Dreams programme which followed the footsteps of Paul Drinkhall and Darius Knight was a huge success and earlier this year BBC 4 recorded a programme at the EIS, Sheffield.
- 4.2.4 Hundreds of articles appear every week in publications up and down the country, and prove without any shadow of a doubt that table tennis receives a great deal of coverage.
- 4.2.5 The national press will always be a hard nut to crack because of the very nature of their business. On saying that we sent them on average one story a week and during that time the sport has received some excellent coverage in newspapers as

wide ranging as The Sun to The Independent.

- 4.2.6 Our connection with the Fred Perry organisation and the Urban Cup brought us many column inches in papers like the Independent, The Mirror and Evening Standard, and we responded to requests for information from newspapers including the News of the World and The People.
- 4.2.7 A new partnership between ourselves and the Press Association could prove very useful. We were invited to their offices in London for a tour of their newsroom and to obtain details of their media point service which will provide us with a useful service in the years to come.
- 4.2.8 The Press Officer of the Year award was won by Steve Leven who received his trophy at the ETTA's Annual Awards evening at Lilleshall. Steve's contributions to various media in the Harrow area as well as to Table Tennis News and to his league website made him a worthy winner.

- 4.2.9 We also received a lot of local publicity both at newspaper and TV level when four ETTA members broke the world record for the longest non-stop rally of 8 hours 27 minutes in front of thousands of people at Manchester Airport.

4.3 Archives and Museums

- 4.3.1 A year when major strides were taken to bring up to date all the Association's archival material, most of it stored at Liverpool University. Colin Clemett and Mike Smith made several visits to the University storage area and at the end of the year had managed to get permission to put into place a new filing system.
- 4.3.2 With thousands of items ranging from AGM minutes to league scorecards, many in poor condition, it has been an immense task, but as the year ended they were able to report that they had managed to substantially reduce a lot of material and were well on their way to completing the task.
- 4.3.3 My thanks to both Colin and Mike for all the work they have done so far and to Diane Kirkwood at the Hastings end for giving their time to this invaluable part of the Association.





4.4 Table Tennis News

- 4.4.1 This was a year of consolidation. Following the technicalities of producing a new look we were able to concentrate on the content and to include new features. Editor Richard Pettit kept the balance of TTN just about right helped with articles from writers like Matthew Syed, Jeremy Wilson, Paul Rainford and Richard Eaton.
- 4.4.2 Following all the changes to the magazine, the aim was to get as many issues out on time and, to a great extent, we were able to do this. But the pressure on producing eight issues on time will always remain.
- 4.4.3 For the first time we were able to alert readers to forthcoming issues by producing details on the website, and members and non-members alike were able for the first time also to take out subscriptions via our website. We had waited a long time for this technology and within hours of us using the new software, new subscriptions had begun to arrive.

4.5 Website

- 4.5.1 The website continues to increase its capacity. New information increased dramatically during the last 12 months. Among the most popular pages were a list of Premier Clubs and a new list of coaches to mention but a few. Pages within the website number well into the hundreds and the very nature of a website means it has to be updated on a regular basis, in our case daily. My thanks go to department head Richard Pettit as well as Adam Collins and James Cornford whose dedication and expertise make this website so informative.
- 4.5.2 Results from events up and down the country were on the

website within a very short time thanks mainly to a small group of enthusiasts who were given access to the site. The number of hits has increased to over 2.3 million.

- 4.5.3 The introduction of the database proved to be a welcome addition also. We were now able to make direct contact with many thousands of members, something we have never been able to do in the past. It also brought swift benefits in the shape of new TTN subscriptions, as well as a vital two-way communication tool.
- 4.5.4 With the ability to reach our members, the department created a new e-zine publication. This was produced by the department on a monthly basis and included a mix of editorial and ETTA information that otherwise members would have never known about.
- 4.5.5 The National Championships in Sheffield again provided us with a challenge. The website was updated throughout each day and web streaming provided by 247tv gave those unable to get to the championships an armchair opportunity to keep up to date with all the live action.
- 4.5.6 A YouTube site became available through the website which included clips, video recordings and interviews about everything table tennis. Within a short period of time it has attracted over 50,000 video views.

4.6 Departmental Publications

- 4.6.1 Finally, an increasing amount of work during the last 12 months has come from other departments seeking our expertise in producing publications of quality. We have been instrumental in producing the Rule Book, British League Handbook, County Championship

Handbook and, of course, this Annual Report as well as various event programmes including the National Championships.

5. Competitions

5.1 County Championships

- 5.1.1 The County Championships continues to be one of the most popular ETTA competitions with well over 200 teams competing, representing almost every county in England and some also from our Welsh neighbours.
- 5.1.2 Although the administration involved is significant, the committee continues to do its best to ensure all divisions run smoothly.

5.2 Sanctions

- 5.2.1 The system continues to work well, with a pleasing reduction in the number of players collecting multiple cards and incurring sanctions. Predictions based on a part-season's results should always be treated with caution, but the overall number of cards looks likely to be lower than last season.
- 5.2.2 It has become clear that greater uniformity of reporting cards on match score-sheets is needed, and ETTA's samples have been updated accordingly. Although a formal space for recording "Cards" might imply that such incidents are expected, the current diversity of recording methods can easily lead to confusion during a busy tournament.

5.3 Calendar Working Party

- 5.3.1 The considerable increase in events continues to occupy the minds of the Calendar Working Party (CWP).
- 5.3.2 It is not always possible to give events the priority they deserve but the CWP will continue to do their best to accommodate the wishes of organisers.

5.3.3 The CWP again discussed the order of event priorities during the season and this will be kept under constant review in light of changing circumstances.

5.4. Tournaments Committee

5.4.1 The season has seen evidence of strong growth in the sport at the grass roots, growth that is expected to increase rapidly in the run up to 2012. However, two major problems have surfaced as a result:

5.4.2 Higher status tournaments have been overloaded with inexperienced players, often squeezing out more experienced players who submitted their entries too late. We have recommended that organisers restrict entry to their top events to those players with appropriate experience and ability, achieved through grading those events (e.g. "open only to players with a rating over xxxx points").

5.4.3 Organisers have struggled to recruit sufficient umpires for higher status tournaments. We have recommended that such tournaments should, for example, run with just their main events at 4 Star level, with the rest of the events at 2 Star level which has a far lower requirement for qualified umpires. Sensitive scheduling of the main events would then allow day travel by officials and top players, both adding to the appeal of their tournaments and reducing their costs.

5.4.4 Despite understandable misgivings about departing from familiar practices, several organisers have already expressed interest in embracing these concepts next season as a means of providing appropriate levels of competition for all their customers.

5.4.5 We recognise the urgent need for many more entry-level tournaments to provide local competition for players who have just taken up the sport, and we are working with the appropriate groups within ETTA to encourage that outcome.

5.5 British League

5.5.1 It was pleasing to receive the largest ever entry into this competition. This required 13 divisions with 60 clubs representing 105 teams with a total of 755 players being registered.

5.5.2 A disappointing feature was the number of times teams played with incomplete teams and on some occasions failing to appear for matches, which showed a complete lack of respect and contempt for other teams in the respective divisions. One club in particular was guilty of many breaches of regulations that the committee had no option but to expel them from the league, something which had never been done previously.

5.5.3 As there were nine teams in the Premier Division a play-off was necessary between six teams from the three first divisions to determine promotion.

5.5.4 The British League Committee wishes to thank the referees, umpires and organisers who did an excellent job at the various venues. It is becoming more and more difficult to find suitable venues at acceptable costs and the committee is most grateful to the various clubs who allow matches at their headquarters.

5.5.5 We are especially grateful to Michael Davies, of Grantham, whose printing company sponsored the printing of the programmes for matches in the northern divisions.

Again a major problem was the lack of umpires at some of the venues.

5.5.6 The DHS London Progress Club continued to dominate the Premier Division, becoming champions for the tenth consecutive season. Other divisions were keenly contested with some close finishes and congratulations also go to all other divisional winners.

5.5.7 British League Referee, Stuart Sherlock, had a quiet season as no issues were referred to him.

5.5.8 It was not necessary for the Chairman to refer any matter to the Disciplinary Committee but a number of players were required to pay a Single Competition Fee being under sanction.

5.5.9 The committee met just once during the season following the completion of all the fixtures. However, the work of the committee was efficiently undertaken by contact via email.

5.6 Bribar Junior British League

5.6.1 Once again I was delighted to be allowed to have input into the JBL on behalf of the ETTA Competitions Department. This task would not have been possible without the dedicated team of volunteers who make up the Organising Committee. I will identify each and every one of them, as the report progresses. To help in the explanation of the report, I have broken it into different sections.

5.6.2 This event runs over three weekends. This season saw the appointment



of Jim Kenny as the new Organiser and he took a more active role as the season progressed, even though he sadly had to deal with a personal bereavement.

- 5.6.3 Having expressed concerns last season, I am delighted to note that the dates for 2008/9 are confirmed on the Events Calendar and that as a result next season's preparations are well advanced. Due to enquiries from many teams and also by talking to prospective clubs, a change of date for the play-off phase of the competition is under review, which is likely to be in the first half of July.
- 5.6.4 The play-offs took place at Grantham Meres Leisure Centre, as this centre provides a venue with all the facilities on site and good co-operation from the centre staff.
- 5.6.5 There are very few centres which can accommodate the main JBL event, as a minimum of 36 tables is required. The centres used this season were The University, Loughborough (first weekend – October 2007) and Aldersley Leisure Village, Wolverhampton (second weekend – February 2008).
- 5.6.6 A team of volunteers manages the event including: - Jim Kenny (Organiser), Ken Eliot (Administrator), Andrew Joyce (Assistant Organiser), Steve Welch (Referee), Mike Payne (Deputy Referee) and Malcolm Macfarlane (Results

Administrator). There is a vacancy for a Press Officer. My thanks also go to the team of Administrators including Margaret Welch, Joyce Stephenson and Betty Brown, and Eric Pentland for the second weekend.

- 5.6.7 The list of clubs receiving

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literature has grown, thanks to the staff in Hastings. All applications returned (94 teams) were involved in the competition, though the final list of the main event competitors was reduced to a total of 72 (48 boys' and 24 girls' teams) through the play-offs in August. A review of the formation of the divisions took place, which increased the number of main event girls to 25 teams. The Premier Division became 7 teams (using the format for a division of 8 teams). The additional place was taken up by a reserve team declared at the play-offs.

- 5.6.8 Selection of the umpires was made by invitation from the National Umpires & Referees Committee (NURC), though it is well known that there are never enough applicants to complete the numbers needed for this event. The first weekend was augmented by umpires

from Wales and Ireland who volunteered to assist. The second weekend was fully subscribed.

- 5.6.9 Peter May was the Referee at the 'play-offs' in Grantham with Jim Kenny as the Weekend Organiser. The feedback from

all involved was very positive, though the schedule was again a bit hectic.

- 5.6.10 The first weekend was at Loughborough University where there was excellent support from the centre. Due to the shortfall of umpires and the re-arranged schedule, there were complaints about the allocation of umpires from some of the affected teams, who felt they had not received full value for their fees.
- 5.6.11 The second weekend was at Wolverhampton where the event was well prepared by the event team. Chris Newton, Regional Development Officer, recruited some additional staff for the set-up and dismantle, and thanks are due to Chris for both his professional and voluntary contributions.
- 5.6.12 Programmes for the events were mainly produced by the Events Department in Hastings. This season I again included



the rating points of the players, as this made life easier for the match officials and team officials to correctly identify the order of the players. In future seasons the leagues will be published on the ETTA website prior to the event, which could assist the officials prior to the competition.

5.6.13 The sponsor and equipment supplier made direct arrangements with the centres and provided assistance with the set-up and dismantling, which was extremely helpful.

5.6.14 The competition continues to grow in popularity and attracts clubs from all over the British Isles. However, some serious thought, discussions and actions are required to help make the event more manageable for the future.

5.7 Bribar Women's British League

5.7.1 The first weekend was staged at Bristol in the Bristol UWE Sports Centre and the second weekend will be staged on June 21st/22nd at Hinckley in the Leisure Centre.

5.7.2 The 'Team of the Weekend' was Staffs Ladies and the 'Woman of the Weekend' was Caroline Hallows.

5.7.3 Unfortunately, the two weekends had to be in the second half of the season which meant that some teams had to withdraw as they were unable to field a team for both of the weekends due to other table tennis commitments. Eventually, nine teams had to withdraw, which was a pity as this event has struggled to interest teams for some years. Finally six new teams were invited but with only 28 teams the decision was made to have two divisions of six teams and two of eight, rather than turn four teams away.

5.7.4 Due to two umpires not arriving, it was necessary for some teams to umpire themselves. The players felt very strongly that they should not have to do this.

5.7.5 The sponsor was Bribar Table Tennis and thanks are due to them for their continued support.

5.7.6 The venue is an excellent one and we were well looked after by the staff.

5.7.7 The Organisers were Richard and Pat Habgood.

5.8 Bribar Veterans' British League

5.8.1 This season saw all three ladies' divisions in the VBL together with the Men's Premier and divisions 1A, 1B, 2A and 2B. The system



devised to accelerate promotion was brought into operation. There were, in total, 48 teams which included 205 players.

5.8.2 The first weekend was staged at Hereford in the Hereford Leisure Centre and the second weekend at Doncaster in the Doncaster Leisure Park - both are excellent venues.

5.8.3 The 'Team of the Weekend' at Hereford was Reading YMCA (men), and The Bribar Bunch (women), and the 'Man/Woman of the Weekend' respectively were Chris Knight and Sandra Rider.

5.8.4 At Doncaster for the second weekend the teams also had input into the 'Team and Player of the Weekend' awards. The 'Team of the Weekend' was Irish Shamrocks (men) and Sycamore (women), 'Man/Woman of the Weekend' respectively were Paul Whiting and Joanne Kennedy.

5.8.5 The men's champion team was Potters Leisure Resort, runners-up being Thompson Insurance A. The ladies' champions were Colebridge BC and the runners-up were Batts PPP.

5.8.6 Due to the fact that there was an international event at Sheffield over the same weekend, six umpires opted to withdraw from the Veterans' British League event; there were also four withdrawals due to ill health.

Although every effort was made to replace these umpires, it proved to be impossible to recruit more than eight, and thus we had a deficit of two. The players quite rightly feel very strongly that they should not have to umpire themselves. We were lucky that the wife of one of the players volunteered to umpire both days and the remaining gap was covered by the Deputy Referee, a member of the admin team and the organiser taking turns as other work allowed, and no team had to umpire themselves.

5.8.7 For the first time, since Malcolm Macfarlane was also withdrawn to work at Sheffield, the Referees compiled the results themselves, and this was very successful. We were unable to replace Jim Beckley (PR) and so no reports were filed with the press.

5.8.8 The Organiser was Gill Smith who wishes to thank the Referee Alan Duke, Deputy Referee Brenda Baldwin, Ken and Margaret Bridle (admin) and all the umpires who worked so very hard to make this event a success.

5.8.9 The sponsor was Bribar Table Tennis and thanks are due to them for their continued support.

5.9 Bribar Veterans' National League

5.9.1 The Veterans' National League was held over two weekends, the first at Swindon and the second at Blackpool. Both weekends proved to be very successful, in spite of some problems arising. Ken Armson MBE, who was due to act as referee at Swindon, was too ill to officiate and sadly he died before the Blackpool weekend. However, a replacement referee was found and the league was played out to a successful conclusion.

5.9.2 The league consisted of three divisions of six teams and one of five, all teams playing each other

twice over the two weekends .Thanks are due to members of the Blackpool League for their assistance in erecting the playing area.

5.10 Butterfly Grand Prix

- 5.10.1 The Grand Prix series continues to be a highly successful part of the Association's activities and has not experienced any drop in entries. In fact some of the tournaments continue to be oversubscribed.
- 5.10.2 The two long established independent GPs, The City of Liverpool and Newcastle, were included in the series once again, which was completed with the Association run GPs in Leeds, Bristol, Medway, Doncaster, Blackpool, London, Wolverhampton and Hereford.
- 5.10.3 We also had a number of Satellite GPs, which cater for the demand for smaller localised tournaments. These were in Devon, Cheshire, Cornwall, North Herts and Jersey.
- 5.10.4 Once again there were very poor entries in the Veteran Women's and Restricted Women's events and the GP Committee will recommend that these events are removed from the programme.

5.10.5 The Association also wishes to thank all those referees, organisers and umpires that have given their time to ensure the series continues to be successful, and also to Butterfly for their sponsorship.

5.11 National Umpires and Referees Committee (NURC)

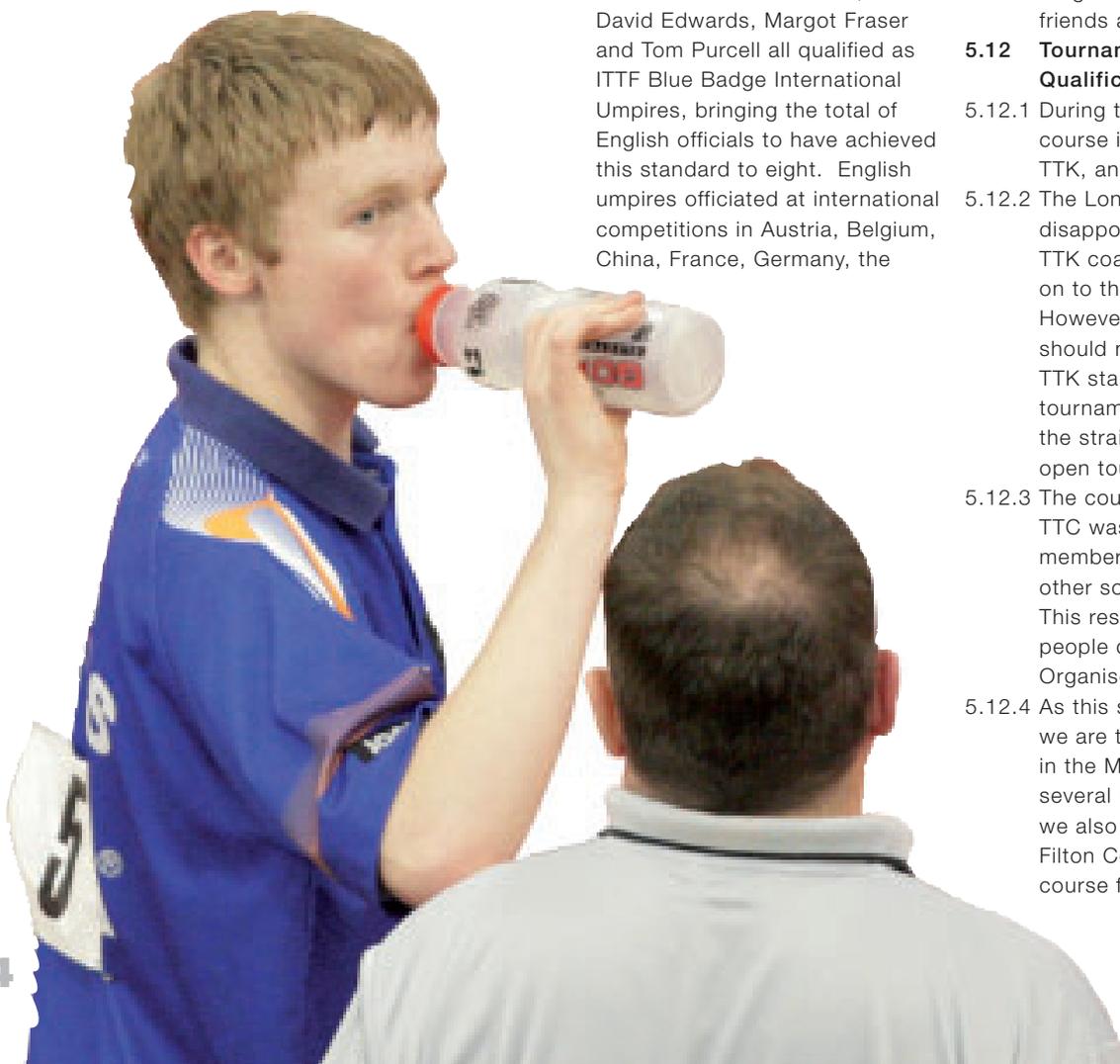
- 5.11.1 Last year's improved rate of recruitment was not maintained this season, with only three Local Umpires and seven County Umpires being registered, and the shortage of qualified officials is becoming increasingly apparent. The ETTA umpires organisation is based on the county structure and the situation would be transformed if every county registered just one CU each season, but some county associations have not recruited any umpires in over 20 years. There is a similar shortage of qualified referees, where the two Tournament Referees registered this year were the first since 2004. At national level, Neil Curtis qualified as a National Umpire and David Cochrane was successful at the National Referee examination.
- 5.11.2 Internationally we were more successful. David Brown, David Edwards, Margot Fraser and Tom Purcell all qualified as ITTF Blue Badge International Umpires, bringing the total of English officials to have achieved this standard to eight. English umpires officiated at international competitions in Austria, Belgium, China, France, Germany, the

Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, and the USA. English referees were appointed for international competitions in Scotland and the Isle of Man and, in particular, Steve Welch was selected by the ITTF Umpires & Referees Committee as a Deputy Referee for the 2008 World Team Championships in Guangzhou and for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

- 5.11.3 Seventeen English umpires attended a training course organised in conjunction with an international tournament for disabled players which was held in Liverpool in March. As a result, the 13 of them who had qualified as IUs are now eligible to officiate at all competitions sanctioned by ITTF Paralympic Table Tennis (PTT), while the others will be able to umpire at ITTF PTT competitions in Europe once they have attained NU status.
- 5.11.4 Finally, we were sorry to learn of the deaths of several members of the umpiring and refereeing community: Frances Jarvis (CU), Bert Newman (IU), Mike Johns (TR), John Jermyn (NR) and Ken Armson MBE (NR). They will all be greatly missed by their many friends and colleagues.

5.12 Tournament Organisers Qualification Committee

- 5.12.1 During the season we ran one course in London, specifically for TTK, and one at Cippenham TTC.
- 5.12.2 The London course was a little disappointing as several of the TTK coaches that were booked on to the course failed to appear. However, those that did attend should now be armed to help TTK start running their own tournaments which should ease the strain on some of the other open tournaments.
- 5.12.3 The course we ran at Cippenham TTC was predominantly for their members but also included other southern based people. This resulted in a further seven people qualified as Tournament Organisers.
- 5.12.4 As this season draws to a close we are trying to arrange a course in the Midlands where we have several interested parties, and we also have some interest from Filton College, Bristol, to run a course for their students.



6. Development

6.1 General

6.1.1 The ETTA Whole Sport Plan 2005/9 mission of 'making Table Tennis the most popular and the most successful indoor sport in England' drives the work of the Development Department aims under the 'most popular' section. The Department agenda continues to be closely linked to the government's sports strategy that enables the sport to take advantage of schemes and funding streams created mainly through Sport England and the Youth Sport Trust.

sport and physical activity. This is particularly evident in the education sector where responding to and taking up an ever increasing number of initiatives is a challenge (albeit positive!) to the less well resourced sports such as table tennis. As the government target of 75% of school children to receive a minimum of two hours of PE and sport each week has been achieved we are beginning to see increased levels of participation in sport. The challenge for our sport is to support and enhance the activity

infrastructure is stretched. Leagues will, however, continue to be sent copies of all PremierClub mailings that detail new resources and information.

6.3 Table Tennis Development Officers (TTDOs)

6.3.1 One very successful TTDO course has been held at Okehampton TTC in the South West. Priorities have been diverted elsewhere and the fact that this qualification is not now a pre-requisite to achieving CLUBMARK explains partly why a well received programme is not as active as in previous years.

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6.1.2 In general terms, Sport England is primarily concerned with community sport with a specific remit to increase and retain levels of participation. Their programmes broadly focus on clubs, coaches and volunteers using schemes such as CLUBMARK, PE, School Sport & Club Links (PESSCL) – club links, Club & Coach Fund, Step into Sport (SIS) and the Community Club Development Programme (CCDP). At the time of going to press an announcement is due on a new strategic direction for Sport England that will reflect new top level government and Sport England officials. It is likely that there will be a move towards sport and governing bodies, and less emphasis on other related areas such as health, obesity and crime.

and most importantly convert participants to regular players and members.

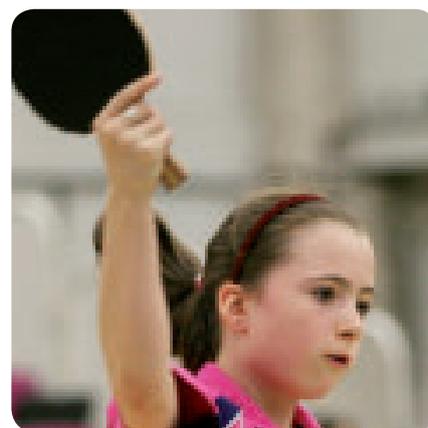
6.1.5 This wide range of initiatives provides ETTA with opportunities to support the development of table tennis at local level, thereby contributing to Sport England's aim to make England the most active and most successful sporting nation in the world. Sport England provides the major financial support which has enabled us to employ a professional staff team who, in tandem with national and regional volunteers, drive development forward within the guidelines of set work programmes and specific targets that relate to the Whole Sport Plan and ETTA policies.

6.2 Leagues

6.1.3 The Youth Sport Trust focus is on 'inside the school gates' and the Trust is the lead agency for a wide range of initiatives within education such as Sports Colleges, School Sport Co-ordinators, Competition Managers, Step into Sport (Young Leaders and Officials), Trust schools and the UK School Games. ETTA is heavily involved in all of these areas.

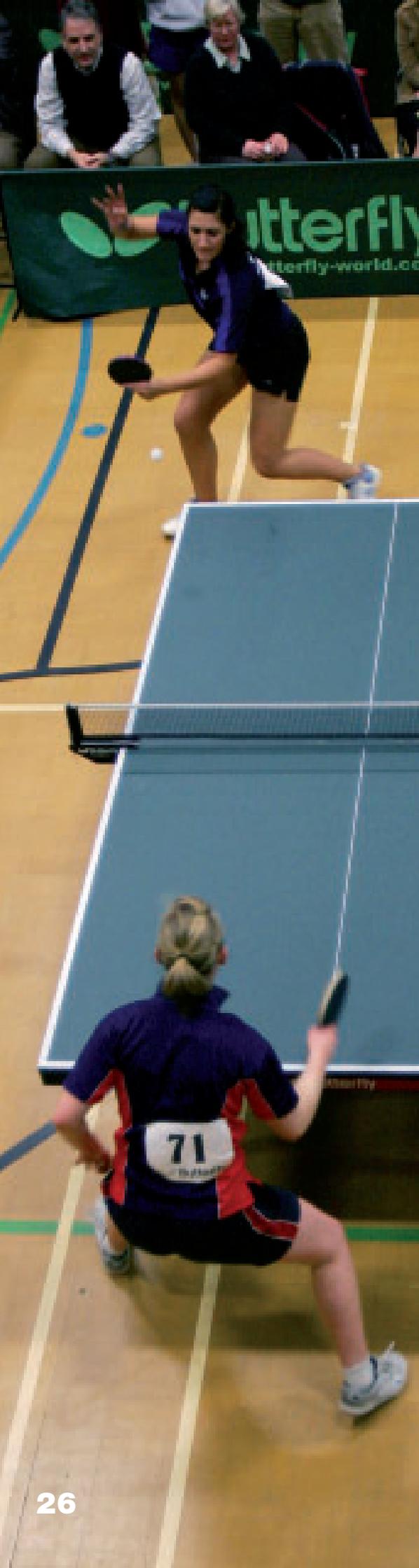
6.2.1 This year Regional Development Officers have been tasked with writing twice to each League with an offer of help and a visit to a League meeting where appropriate. Letters outline work programme priorities and offer support and help in a number of areas such as communication, funding, new opportunities and initiatives, contacts and other general advice. Unfortunately, for whatever reason, responses to these letters is disappointingly low which perhaps reflects that the majority of development takes place at club level via the PremierClub programme, and the fact that the volunteer

6.1.4 With the prospect of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games there is beginning to be seen, at local level, an increase in the number of programmes and subsequent funding for



6.4 Racket Skills Award

6.4.1 This joint racket sport (tennis, table tennis, squash and badminton) initiative is progressing albeit slowly. It is a three hour course aimed at teachers/leaders/coaches delivering core racket skills at Key Stage 2. Backed by the Youth Sport Trust, a number of courses have been organised by School Sport Partnerships. Several table tennis coaches are now qualified to tutor and a CD of racket skills activity cards has been produced. The next step will be to promote the award but as yet administration roles and responsibilities need further clarification.



6.5 Young People competition framework and competition review

6.5.1 There has been some progress in this area which is gaining momentum with increased focus from the government and the Youth Sport Trust. The Chief Executive and John Arnold (President, ESTTA) have been involved in high level ministerial meetings to discuss competitive school sport, and there will be further activity through the next wave of competition managers who have a brief to concentrate on UK School Games sports which includes table tennis.

6.5.2 We are pleased to announce the appointment of Martin Ireland (UK School Games, Young People & Volunteer Programmes Manager) who has already initiated a competition review in conjunction with the Competitions Department, initially alongside a consultant, and supported by funding linked to the UK School Games.

6.6 Butterfly TT skills circuit

6.6.1 The Butterfly TT skills circuit comprises eight activity stations using transferable bat/ball skills to aid development of hand-eye co-ordination within a competitive environment. It is suitable for use in pairs or as an interschool team festival involving up to 64 players and is primarily aimed at 9-12 year olds. As an integral part of the young people Table Tennis competition framework and as part of the TT Networker Leadership Award and emerging Young Officials Award, the circuit is proving a big success in primary schools and with many competition managers. So much so that a reprint is planned where some small enhancements will be made and the format brought into the Butterfly TT skills programme style.

6.7 Club & Coach Fund

6.7.1 In conjunction with the Coaching Department, Development has been successful in achieving a Sport England Club & Coach grant in excess of £1m over three years. The aim is to 'increase participation in sport and help to retain new young players'. The ETTA bid centred around the appointment of a network of regional 'club' coaches tasked with delivering coaching to new young players in 3-4 selected

PremierClubs and linked to schools/community settings. The coach will also help to deliver regional coach development programmes which will have a wider impact involving more coaches across each region.

6.7.2 The grant has been allocated on a regional basis resulting in award amounts, partnership funding requirements and key performance indicators, all of which have individual regional requirements. Although the ETTA was successful in eight of the nine Sport England regions, unfortunately the south west chose not to support table tennis. Funding levels allow for an attractive employment package that will help ETTA to develop coaching as a career opportunity and develop high quality coaches.

6.7.3 Although the programme will be managed through the National Coaching Department, Regional Development Officers have worked on the operational aspects to encourage club involvement. Unfortunately this is yet another project that has taken much longer to implement than was envisaged due to complex and stringent Sport England grant award conditions. However, job advertisements have now been placed and the positions should be filled well before our ETTA AGM.

6.8 PremierClub

6.8.1 The PremierClub programme is the ETTA national programme for club development primarily aimed at creating a strong, sustainable club structure and is directly aligned to CLUBMARK, the Sport England cross sport accreditation scheme. The programme operates at four levels that are linked to national standards providing table tennis with a solid platform enabling full participation in government initiatives. The PremierClub programme alongside other initiatives places table tennis firmly within the agenda aimed at increasing the number of people playing, organising and supporting our sport in this country.

6.8.2 A review of the programme was undertaken last year and implementation began with a launch last September at the 2007 ETTA Conference. Whilst the new system will take time

to become embedded it is important to recognise that the range of criteria has changed slightly making it easier to achieve CLUBMARK at the lower end and slightly more challenging to achieve Excellence at the 'top'. It should be noted that all clubs that successfully complete their record of achievement file acquire CLUBMARK accreditation as well as a level within the PremierClub programme.

- 6.8.3 CLUBMARK remains a priority work area for the Department particularly as all sports development agencies, at all levels, regard 'club accreditation' as a measure of high quality, and as such funding streams and resources are directed via CLUBMARKED clubs.
- 6.8.4 We have achieved our Whole Sport Plan target of 90 accredited clubs by March 2008 and are well on the way to achieving our Whole Sport final target by April 1st 2009.
- 6.8.5 Thanks must go to all of those clubs and their volunteers and also their Regional Development Officers for all of their hard work.
- 6.8.6 Whilst a number of new clubs are achieving accreditation, clubs that have been accredited for some time will need to go through a re-accreditation process to validate their status, ensuring that standards are maintained and that development continues. ETTA is working on a re-accreditation process that will be heavily supported by Regional Development Officers.
- 6.8.7 The membership year for PremierClub runs alongside the ETTA Administrative Year (July – June) and consequently it is not yet possible to give end of year membership figures for 2007/8. However, the figures for the year ending June 30th 2007 show 142 clubs registered on the programme.
- 6.8.8 Whilst it is recognised that accreditation is a big challenge for our hard pressed volunteers, the process has generally been accepted as good practice. Some clubs have told us that it has stimulated development and been thoroughly worthwhile. Conversely some clubs view it as a chore and don't share ambitions in this direction.

As a sport if we are to expand we do need to strengthen our club infrastructure – operations and people; it is people that make things happen and though we have some volunteer programmes in place, there is no quick solution to finding, supporting and keeping a mass of volunteers that make our sport vibrant at local level.

6.9 PremierClub 'Club of the Year' awards

- 6.9.1 Introduction – Townsend Community Association Table Tennis Club (Bournemouth, Dorset)
Participation – Chatham Table Tennis Club (Chatham, Kent)
Advanced – Horsham Table Tennis Club (Horsham, Sussex)
Excellence – DHS London Progress Table Tennis Club (Southall, London)

6.10 Central Council for Physical Recreation/Foundation for Sport & the Arts 'Sports Club of the Year' Awards 2007/8

- 6.10.1 London Progress TTC (ETTA PremierClub of the year at Excellence level) was duly nominated by ETTA for the CCPR/FSA Sports Club of the Year awards. A comprehensive

account of the club was put forward detailing their extensive community programmes and achievements at the highest level of English club table tennis. Following their shortlisting the ETTA were delighted when they were announced as winners at the CCPR conference in May.

6.11 Conferences

6.11.1 School & Sports Partnerships Conference

The Butterfly Skills Table Tennis programme was successfully launched at the ETTA stand at this conference held 30th Nov/1st Dec in Telford. Secretary of State for the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), James Purnell MP, officially handed over the first manual and proved he could play a bit when he tried his hand on the table. A large scale marketing campaign has been started to promote the programme from within the sport and also with the education sector.

The conference again proved invaluable networking with key personnel within School Sport Partnerships – contacts are provided, advice given and table tennis stories exchanged.

6.11.2 Sports Colleges Conference

ETTA and ESTTA co-hosted a stand at this conference held on 31st January/1st February in Telford. Minister for Sport Gerry Sutcliffe was on hand to launch the Butterfly 'More Schools' project and both organisations were able to network with, advise and provide information to a large number of the 1,800 delegates that showed an interest in table tennis by visiting the stand.





6.11.3 ETTA Conference 2007 - 'Partners together'
 With the help of Jill Parker (Performance Administrator) the Department organised and ran the ETTA Conference and Volunteer Awards Dinner held at Lilleshall National Sports Centre on 15th/16th September. The event was attended by 116 people (80 delegates, 14 ETTA officials, 18 ETTA staff and 4 keynote speakers) with the following organisations represented: 56 clubs, 6 leagues, 3 counties, 8 regions. The main theme was 'regions' and the role of different partners in the emerging new delivery system for sport. The programme was a mixture of inspirational keynote speeches, informative presentations, topical updates, market stalls and a CLUBMARK 'clinic' - the latter proving to be particularly positive. The occasion also gave us the opportunity to re-launch the PremierClub programme, initiate a competition review, stage the National Volunteer & Club Awards Dinner, and make the inaugural draw for the ETTA 2000 club. In addition there was a cameo appearance by Des Douglas and members of the West Midlands performance centre in which delegates were invited to participate.

6.12 National Volunteer Awards (development)

6.12.1 Table Tennis Development Officer of the Year – Owen Rumbold (Sycamore TTC, Nottingham) Equality Award – Perry Fung (United Kingdom Chinese Table Tennis Association)

PremierClub Volunteer of the Year – Graham Trimming (Cippenham TTC, Slough, Buckinghamshire) Volunteer Co-ordinator of the Year – Jackie Lovell (Cippenham TTC, Slough, Buckinghamshire) Young Volunteer of the Year (U25) – Heather Knight (Generation 2 TTC, Hampshire) & Stephanie Mitchell (Cippenham TTC, Slough, Buckinghamshire)

6.13 PE, School Sport & Club Links (PESSCL) – club links

6.13.1 The fourth year of the club links programme concluded at the end of March and we await a Sport England announcement to confirm 2008/9 funding. Our PESSCL - club links strategy to appoint coaches is designed to bridge the most challenging aspect of moving young people from school into regular community sport. For this level of participant our aim is to appoint coaches who can motivate/inspire – whilst a high level of technical knowledge is of course valuable in this aspect, it is also secondary.

6.13.2 The following 18 coaches have been employed and supported through ETTA club links funding during 2007/8:

- Martyn Clarke (Ormesby TTC)
- Darren Rush (Hull YPI TTC, St Marys TTC, Cleefields TTC)
- Alan Dunn (Rotherham Scorpions TTC)
- Duncan Crawford (Barrow TTC)
- Brian Quinn (Scarborough TTC)

- Bryan Wearden (St Helens Junior TTC)
- Frank James (Halton TTC)
- Helen Turner (Wood Green High School)
- Lewis Siket (St George's Primary TTC)
- Mike Prior (Evesham TTC)
- Ejaz Moghul (Westfield TTC)
- Shirley Pickering (Knighton Park TTC)
- Aaron Fennell (Baddow Village TTC & NETTS TTC)
- Shu Huang (Eastlea Community TTC)
- Adam Proszko (Generation Fareham TTC, Portsmouth TTC, Waterside TTC)
- Rory Scott (Horsham TTC)
- Martin Jezisek (Crawley Community TTC)
- Wayne Clewes (Ilfracombe TTC)

Each of the coaches is part funded by ETTA with the balance of funding sourced locally. RDOs play a fundamental role along with the clubs to attract additional funding and to help both with coach recruitment and management.

“The Building Schools for the Future programme is now in full swing in many parts of the country.”

6.13.3 Table tennis continues to attract a diverse range of the population. A profile of our participant figures for this programme covering April 2007 – March 2008 are as follows:

- Total participants in accredited clubs 6,157
 Male 3,928, Female 2,229, BME 1,536, Disabled 132
- Total participants in non-accredited clubs 4,137

6.13.4 Specific areas through this programme that ETTA has provided assistance to improve the quality of club environments and increase the number of accredited clubs are listed below:

- ‘CLUBMARK clinic’ at national conference – advice, support, encouragement
- One to one officer support to clubs working towards achieving CLUBMARK
- Volunteer co-ordinator incentive scheme – aimed at identifying volunteer co-ordinators and supporting volunteer training. Up to £200 available
- Clubmark rewards scheme - up to £80 available for club resources
- Part funded 18 community table tennis coaches – to improve school-club links
- Provided a training/information exchange workshop for coaches working with large numbers or in an ‘education’ environment
- Provided recruitment and publicity material - leaflets and posters
- Provided free Butterfly Table Tennis skills programme resource manual to each registered PremierClub and PESSCL – club links funded coach

6.13.5 The programme has had enormous associated benefits in creating new, and also strengthening established partnerships. Club links has offered table tennis a ‘way in’ to County Sports Partnerships and School Sport Partnerships, and provided a credible basis for partnership and action often leading to further involvement in other initiatives. Our strategy to offer part funding to employ local coaches has brought a range of funding partners including CSPs, SSPs, clubs, sports colleges and grant aiding bodies together in supporting our sport.

6.13.6 In Humberside the appointment of a full-time coach has been the catalyst to set up the Humber Table Tennis Development group that is considering a number of countywide related initiatives.

6.13.7 Several projects have delivered training for young volunteers (Step into Sport) via our TT Networker award and we are working hard to link with these new leaders to support the

delivery of the young people competition framework being devised with the National Council for School Sport and the Youth Sport Trust.

6.13.8 The Ormesby TTC and Westfield TTC projects are linked to major Community Club Development Programme facility developments in an attempt to ‘join up’ initiatives to add value and drive up participation where there is the available capacity.

6.13.9 Club links funding has enabled the ETTA to hold a PESSCL coach training day at Draycott & Long Eaton TTC, Derbyshire, in March 2008. 12 coaches attended the day that focussed on our new Butterfly TT skills programme, young leaders and officials, school festivals, coach development and included an open forum for issues, ideas and information exchange. Further training is being currently planned that is likely to include coaches appointed as part of the Club & Coach Fund later this year.



6.14 National Cadet League

6.14.1 The league has had a very successful season with all organisers but one being experienced NCL local organisers. Jon Binley (at Westfield) was our one new Local Organiser and has done an excellent job both in terms of recruitment of teams and also the running of the four days and “the follow up paperwork”. Nationally there has been an increase from 170 teams last season to 193 this, with the largest percentage increase being at Stowmarket (from 6 to 14 teams – largely because of RDO enthusiasm for NCL/help with recruitment). Eleven of the 13 centres had more than one division this season – hopefully all 13 will next year. Unfortunately we have

nothing in the North West north of Widnes.

6.15 National Junior League

6.15.1 Despite some problems in the running of this season’s NJL, the number of teams entered has increased from 166 to 209. There is, however, a large area of the country not covered by this competition – there are no NJL leagues north of a line from Suffolk/Northampton up the eastern side of the country to the Scottish border, but welcome back John Blackband at Wood Green, Wednesbury as a 2007/8 NJL Local Organiser with a 10 team/2 division venue. Thanks are also due to Ken Richardson for taking on the “figure head organisational role” for the North West NJL (42 teams) after the tragic loss of Ken Armson MBE during the season.

6.15.2 The Association is extremely appreciative of the voluntary efforts of Mike Atkinson who is the overall co-ordinator of both of these highly valuable and successful competitions.



6.16 Community Club Development Programme (CCDP)

6.16.1 Phase 2 approved grants have been made to the following PremierClubs totalling approximately £1.2m: Waterside TTC (Southampton) £126,232, Uxbridge TTC (Burton-on-Trent) £350,000, BATTs (Harlow, Essex) £110,000, Generation 2 TTC (Hampshire) £64,768, Kidlington Forum TTC (Oxfordshire) 120,000, Portsmouth TTC £37,731, St Neots TTC (Cambridgeshire) £340,000, Wood Green TTC (Wednesbury) £60,557, Draycott & Long Eaton TTC (Derbyshire) £30,000.

6.16.2 All of the above Phase 1 projects are proving extremely beneficial, and the new facilities are already showing their worth with extensive weekly programmes

of activities and the staging of events at all levels.

6.16.3 Ormesby TTC in Middlesbrough has been chosen as one of the schemes from all sports to highlight the success of the programme, and it has been featured in a specially commissioned DVD about the CCDP.

6.16.4 In the absence of a Facilities Officer following the departure of Paul Baker in January, Nicky Standen has been acting in a consultancy role to progress the projects, and thanks are extended to him as well as the clubs themselves who have worked hard to achieve this level of support.

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6.17 Building Schools for the Future

6.17.1 The Building Schools for the Future programme is now in full swing in many parts of the country. Local authorities are busy formulating strategies for the development of their secondary schools in consultation with their local communities.

6.17.2 There are great opportunities for table tennis groups to ‘get involved’ with their LAs and to make their ambitions for new or better facilities known.

6.17.3 ETTA will continue to liaise with LAs and local table tennis groups to ensure that the needs of table tennis are represented, and hopefully to ensure that table tennis can benefit from the massive construction programme in secondary schools over the next ten years.

6.18 London 2012

6.18.1 Many table tennis groups have either applied directly or are part of consolidated bids by local authorities to host pre-Games training camps for table tennis.

6.18.2 ETTA continues to work with the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) to process the applications

for inclusion in the pre-Games training camp guide that will be sent to all International Olympic Committee (IOC) countries in 2008.

6.19 Volunteer Support Strategy

6.19.1 Funding for the ETTA Volunteer Support Strategy, part of the DCMS wider ‘Step into Sport’ programme, has been extended to a sixth year. This programme is led by Martin Ireland in his role of National Volunteer Officer and is focussed on recruiting more (young) volunteers and leaders into sport.

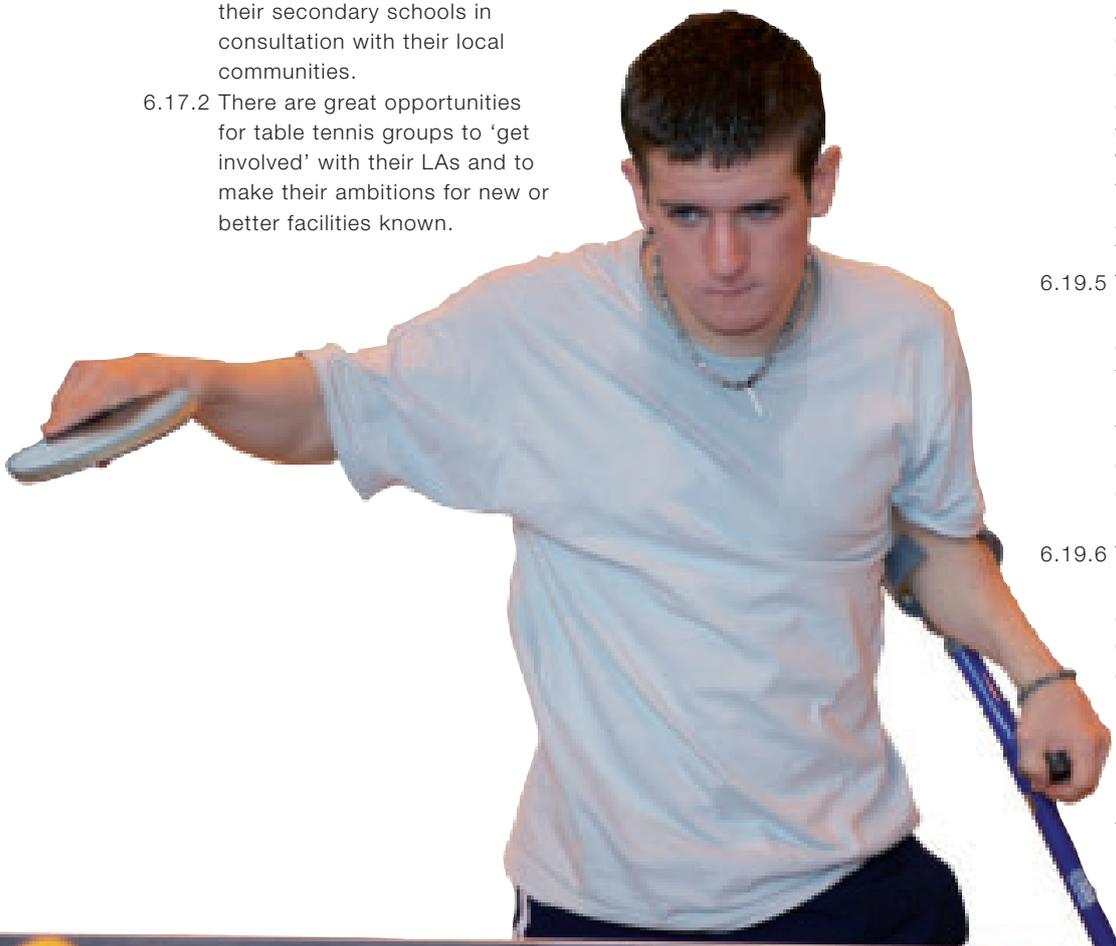
6.19.2 The ETTA mission statement is ‘to help build a brighter future for table tennis through the co-ordination of a well trained and effective volunteer workforce’. An executive summary of the strategy, outlining a focus on recruitment, retention and recognition through creating partnerships and improving communication, is available from ETTA.

6.19.3 The number of registered club/league volunteer coordinators has increased to 126 (122 club, 4 local league). They received copies of the email bulletin, now replaced by the wider circulation of the ezine and personalised emails promoting items such as the Volunteer of the Year Awards and Volunteer Co-ordinator Incentive Scheme (VCIS).

6.19.4 The ETTA National Volunteer Awards were held at the ETTA Conference in September with 35 nominations received, they also included the following young people categories: Young Volunteer of the Year (U25), Young Coach of the Year (U25) and Volunteer Co-ordinator of the Year.

6.19.5 The volunteering section on the ETTA website is well established and includes: 15 role outlines as templates for clubs and leagues, recipients of the Volunteer of the Year Awards and updated details of Running Sports and Sports Coach UK courses by date and region.

6.19.6 The TT Networker - Table Tennis Leadership Award is aimed at 15-18 year olds, and gives candidates an opportunity to experience and learn about the variety of volunteering opportunities in table tennis clubs, leagues and schools. 21 courses have been held this financial year with 320 young people in attendance.



6.19.7 The Junior Umpire Award (JUA) has seen a large increase in take up this year, doubling to 440 awards.

6.19.8 Working with the Youth Sport Trust, ETTA has produced a new Young Officials Award, a three hour course which builds on the Junior Umpire Award and includes basic advice and ideas for running local competitions. The project funded by V, the volunteering organisation established following the Russell Commission's report into volunteering, is being led by Neil Raine, a full-time volunteer. Four pilot courses have now taken place in Scarborough, Hull, Merseyside and Loughborough, with 47 young people attending the course. The Young Officials Award is being used to encourage new Junior Umpires to umpire at local competitions, such as the National U11/13/15 trials in Derby and the UK School Games in Bristol & Bath.

6.19.9 The last issue of the network e-mail bulletin was circulated to 1000+ key contacts and players in PremierClubs and Local Leagues in August. Its aim was to improve communication and disseminate information on development, courses and other topics. This has now been superseded by the ezine published by the Communications Department.

6.20 Equality

6.20.1 ETTA has now achieved the Preliminary Level of the Equality Standards for Sport and thanks must go to Judy Rogers for her hard work. The Chairman accepted the Award on behalf of our Association at the ETTA's 100 Club dinner from Novlette Rennie OBE, Chief Executive of Sporting Equals.

6.20.2 Table tennis was one of only three sports to include a disability event in the UK School Games and because of its success it will again be included this year, hopefully with more participants.

6.20.3 Following the inclusion of a disability event in our National Championships in March 2007 it was repeated in 2008.

6.20.4 In May two elite disabled players/coaches, Stefan Trofan and Mark Palmer, were invited to visit Saudi Arabia on behalf of ETTA where they delivered disability awareness and some coaching

training to the Saudi coaches and players.

6.20.5 The Youth Sport Trust held a conference in December 2007 for Specialist Sports Colleges with links to special schools. Table tennis was the only NGB invited to have an exhibition stand which was visited by many of the 400 delegates.

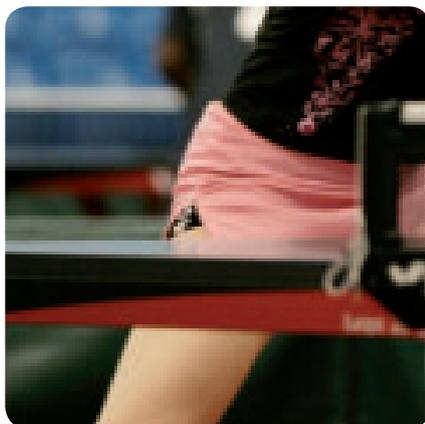
6.20.6 The ETTA's Disability Forum has continued to meet on a quarterly basis with representatives from ETTA, BTTAD, Mencap Sports, Wheelpower, CP Sport and the English Federation of Disability Sports attending on a regular



tournament organisers have also, along with Management Committee members, undergone checks.

6.21.3 CRBs have proved to be valuable and, because of the evidence they provided, two coaches have been banned from coaching for life whilst a further two players remain suspended pending the outcome of court cases.

6.21.4 The 'Children's Charter' has now gained approval by both Management and National Council, and copies are being sent to all PremierClubs and Club/League Welfare Officers.



6.22 Liaison

6.22.1 English Schools' Table Tennis Association (ESTTA)
Close liaison continues with ESTTA through reciprocal representation at the ESTTA executive and ETTA National Development & National Council meetings. Significant development work is ongoing between the two organisations that includes the Butterfly TT skills programme, the Young People Competition Framework and the UK School Games.

6.22.2 British Table Tennis Association for People with Disabilities (BTTAD)
ETTA continues to liaise closely with BTTAD with reciprocal representation at BTTAD and ETTA meetings. Both play an active role in the Disability Forum at which generic disability groups like Mencap are also involved in the development of opportunities. ETTA shares with BTTAD both the sadness at the loss of BTTAD Chairman, Ken Armson MBE, and the hope for success from the 11 BTTAD players going to the 2008 Paralympics.

6.22.3 British Universities Sports Association (BUSA)
Although there has been ongoing liaison, the partnership has not

basis. The ETTA's Equality Committee met twice during this reporting year.

6.21 Child Protection

6.21.1 In July 2007 the ETTA was one of only a minority of sports to be awarded the Intermediate level of the Child Protection in Sports Standards. As a part of this level we now have in place a child protection helpline number 01424 456211.

6.21.2 The initial round of CRB checking for coaches has now been completed with approximately 1000 having gone through the process. For many of these the three year time limit has now been reached and the second round is underway. In addition 113 umpires, referees and



progressed as much as had been hoped due to the lack of an ETТА lead officer. Mike Payne, Chairman of BUSA TT Sports Management Group, and Mike Smith – BUSA representative on ETТА bodies-continue their activities in developing closer ways of working with the ETТА to promote play in universities and leagues.

6.23 Staff & Volunteers

- 6.23.1 Greg Yarnall (RDO East) left in February to join Northamptonshire County Sports Partnership as a Sports Development Officer. Interviews for his post were held in March and John Andrews was appointed, subject to the usual checks.
- 6.23.2 Tony Taylor was also appointed (March) as North East RDO and we welcome both of them to the Development team.
- 6.23.3 Following a very successful 13 year tenure Paul Baker (Facilities Officer) left in January to join the London Playing Fields Foundation as Operations Director. Paul was often referred to as the world's leading authority on table tennis facility development where he gained an unmatched knowledge of building design and specification knowledge, as well as a thorough understanding of sports development. One who called a spade a spade or a shed a shed (as was the case with several prospective table tennis buildings), his authoritative yet reassuring personality will be sorely missed by both colleagues and the table tennis community across the country. He leaves

a legacy of millions of pounds worth of table tennis facilities all of which had his input in some way. Paul also gave an invaluable contribution to the PremierClub design team, but we are pleased that his work commitments have enabled him to stay on the Membership Committee in a voluntary capacity.

- 6.23.4 Gina Rogers, formerly National Coaching Administrator, has moved over to Development as Development Assistant working two days a week primarily on PESSCL – club links, CLUBMARK and TT Networker. Gina moved departments in November and combines working for ETТА with a TV production college course.

7. National Coaching

7.1 Staff

- 7.1.1 There have been several staff changes in the past 12 months. Jill Parker MBE has been appointed as National Coaching Manager to drive forward the 'Club and Coach' programme and the work necessary to align ETТА with the new UK Coaching Certificate framework.
- 7.1.2 Gina Rogers decided to become a student studying TV Production, so therefore transferred to the Development Department on a part-time (two days per week) basis. David Da Silva was appointed as National Coaching Administrator, but departed at the end of March. Pauline Adams, who was employed in a joint ranking/coaching role, has now been appointed as National Coaching Administrator on a full-time basis

and took up her new role from 12th May.

- 7.1.3 Karen King, UKCC Project Manager, resigned in January. Amanda Batt has been appointed on a consultancy basis to complete the project.
- 7.2 **United Kingdom Coaching Certificate (UKCC)**
 - 7.2.1 In the first year of delivery, 14 Level 1 courses, and 1 Level 2 course have been delivered with a further 5 Level 1 courses planned.
 - 7.2.2 Level 3 was endorsed by Sports Coach UK on 25th July 2007.
 - 7.2.3 Meetings with Sports Coach UK, ETТА coaching staff, UKCC project leader, and some tutors/ assessors have been held to review the content, resources and delivery of Level 1 and 2. The recommendations from these meetings will now be discussed by the Technical Working Group.
 - 7.2.4 The training of tutors for the Certificate for Tutoring in Sport (CTS) and assessors for the Introduction to Assessment Practice in Sport (IAPS) is continuing. To date:-
Tutors qualified = 23
Assessors qualified = 20
 - 7.2.5 Six people are currently being trained as Internal Verifiers through Rugby Football League (RFL) education.
 - 7.2.6 Proposals for a system of Accredited Prior Learning and Accredited Prior Experiential Learning to enable existing coaches to gain UKCC qualifications have been produced and agreed with 1st4sport Qualifications.

7.3 ETTA Courses

7.3.1 A number of courses have been organised in the year 2007/08. The number of registrations is significantly reduced due to the time lapse during the introduction of the UKCC courses, as well as fewer UKCC courses available ,and we expect to return to a full course programme next year. There has been a total of 201 registrations, with the following numbers qualifying:-

- Introduction to Coaching = 31
- Sports Leader Award = 31
- Teachers Awards = 22
- UKCC Level 1 Award = 65
- UKCC Level 2 Award = 10

7.3.2 In addition to the above courses, a number of Sports Coach UK 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children' and St. John Ambulance 'Emergency Life Support' courses have been organised. Those attending the UKCC courses must also attend these workshops as a pre-requisite to gaining their qualification.

7.3.3 Jenny Heaton has produced proposals to revise the ETTA Teacher and Leader courses. These will now be discussed and finalised by a small working group consisting of some of the Regional Coaching Coordinators and the National Coaching Officer.

7.4 Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Checks and Coach Civil Liability Protection Scheme

7.4.1 There are currently around 1,000 active coaches with a valid CRB check.

7.4.2 Of those coaches with valid CRB checks, currently 488 have the ETTA coach liability protection cover.

7.4.3 From August 2008, only coaches with valid CRB checks and civil liability protection cover will appear on the ETTA Approved Coaches list.

7.5 Dunlop Skills Awards

7.5.1 In the final year of the Dunlop Skills Awards scheme, the awards made were:

- Rookie = 879
- Improver = 190
- Player = 68
- Matchplayer = 16
- Master = 8

7.6 Butterfly Skills Table Tennis Programme

7.6.1 The Butterfly Skills Table Tennis Programme was launched at the Youth Sport Trust School and Sport Partnership Conference in Telford in November by James Purnell MP, Secretary of State for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

7.6.2 Resources became available for shipping in February, and by the end of March the following quantities had been delivered:

- Manuals (includes posters and Awards booklet) = 326 (including 109 to PremierClubs)
- Posters = 148
- Awards booklets = 4 (not including those distributed by RDOs and through other networks)
- Awards = 276

7.7 Junior Umpire Awards

7.7.1 There were a total of 440 Junior Umpire Awards for the year April 2007 to the end of March 2008.

7.8 Table Tennis Networker

7.8.1 Prior to Gina Rogers' transfer to the Development Department, there were 8 TT Networker courses delivered with a total of 94 students qualifying.

7.9 National Coaching Committee

7.9.1 A meeting was held in July 2007 at the Novotel Hotel, Coventry, which was chaired by the Vice-Chairman (National Coaching), attended by the Vice-Chairman (Selection), National Coaching Officer, Technical Administrator and the Regional Coaching Coordinators.

7.9.2 Jenny Heaton (Vice-Chairman Coaching), brought the documents 'Coaching Plan and Priorities 2007-16' and the 'Coaching Department Overview' to the attention of the meeting. These relate to delivery of the UK Coaching Certificate framework. These showed two strands of activity and how they related to the UK Coaching Certificate framework – Coach Education and Front Line Coaching provision including the Club and Coach Programme.

7.9.3 The 'no coaching' rule for the Regional Squad Championships was discussed. The meeting voted to allow coaching for the Under 11s, but to still have no coaching in the Under 13 and Under 15 age categories.



7.9.4 The pilots for the regional coaching weekends were deemed a success and the meeting requested that the funding for these should continue for another year.

7.10 Club and Coach Application

7.10.1 The first six months' grant for this project has been received from Sport England.

7.10.2 Eight Regional Club Coach posts have been advertised and interviews took place during April/May 2008.

8. Selection

8.1 Players

8.1.1 England's top young international prospects, Paul Drinkhall and Darius Knight, were joined this year by two of our young women, Kelly Sibley and Joanna Parker, who also gained respectability on the international scene. This happened late in the season with little previous indication until the World Team Championships in China and the Olympic Qualification event in France, where these two women stepped up a level.

8.1.2 Danny Reed continued his push to join the standard of our top men whilst at the younger age group Gavin Evans is one of Europe's best cadets.

8.1.3 Liam Pitchford has elevated himself into cadet international recognition with some outstanding performances.

8.2 Performance Staff

8.2.1 Steen Kyst Hansen is the ETTA's Performance Manager as well as the BTTF's Performance Director. He is sole selector for the England senior team and for England juniors who are part of the BTTF Development Squad. Jia Yi Liu is the National Performance Coach with Alan Cooke and Alex Perry completing the team of Performance Coaches. All of these are funded by the BTTF as their primary role is preparation of GB players for the 2012 London Olympics.

8.2.2 Jill Parker left her position as Technical Administrator during the year to take up her new position as the National Coaching Manager for ETTA. Louise Larcombe was appointed as Performance Co-ordinator.

8.3 British Table Tennis Federation (BTTF)

8.3.1 The National Training Centre at the EIS in Sheffield was opened in September by BTTF and funded by UK Sport. It provides five days a week training facilities for players in the BTTF Development and Talent Identification Groups. A small number of English players who live close to Sheffield also attend.

8.3.2 English players in the Development Group are:-

- Paul Drinkhall
- Darius Knight
- Danny Reed
- Gavin Evans
- Liam Pitchford
- Kelly Sibley
- Joanna Parker

Justin Ma is in this group but is not eligible to play for England until April 2010.

8.3.3 English players in the Talent ID Group are:-

- Mathew Ware
- Sean Cullen
- Zak Zilesnik
- Emily Bates
- Melissa Wright
- Karina Le Fevre
- Martha Travis

8.3.4 The selection of players under BTTF is in the hands of the Performance Management Group (PMG).

8.4. ETTA Junior Selection Panel

8.4.1 This panel was introduced this year to select junior, cadet and younger players, not included in the BTTF Development Group, to represent England.

8.4.2 Members of this panel have been keeping themselves as informed as possible through visits to our major events, training camps and Youth Development Squad activities. At least one member of the panel has been at the ETTA's top junior competitions and has provided feedback.

8.4.3 The Panel has been chaired by Peter Charters who has only a casting vote in the case of equality. Steen Kyst Hansen, Alan Cooke, Alex Perry and Carole Moore provide the voting element on the Panel, whose deliberations will be based on what is right for English Table Tennis.

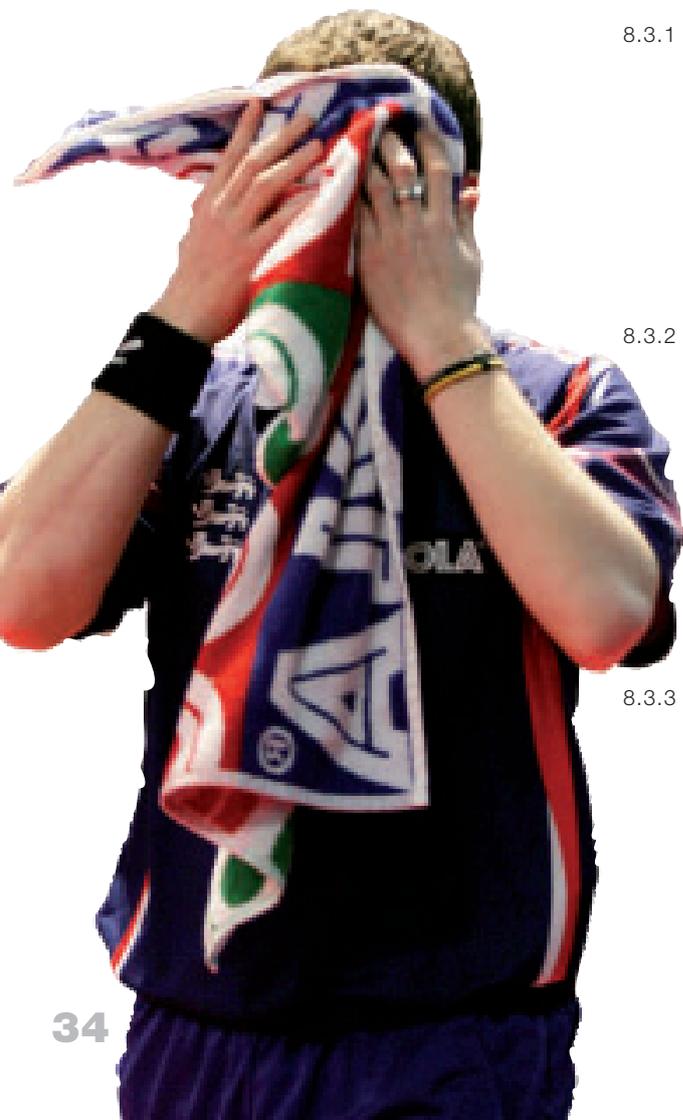
8.4.4 Some Panel members have GB wide responsibilities, but the interests of the English teams will be paramount in the decisions taken whilst in these Panel meetings.

8.5 Youth Development Squads (YDS)

8.5.1 There have been two separate groups, the Under 12s organised by Carole Moore and the Under 15s by Peter Charters. There have been seven Under 12 residential training weekends throughout the season and eleven for Under 15 age group. All have been held at Lilleshall National Sports Centre.

8.5.2 There has been a small core group of players and coaches invited to each camp whilst a rotation system has operated to spread the opportunity to a greater number. To implement this system it is necessary for regular scouting missions to the tournaments where our young players attend.

8.5.3 The aim of the YDS programme is to help in the preparation of successive England teams year on year so that at every age group English players can, at the very least, give a good account of themselves in international competition.





8.5.4 Training and competition has taken place for a small number of YDS players in Spain and Wales.

8.6 Talent Identification

8.6.1 The ETTA Junior Selection Panel members' attendance at our major young player events provides an element of talent identification cover. Additionally, recommendations are regularly received from local and regional coaches. However, the National Trials programme has become the cornerstone event for nationwide Talent ID, firstly through Regional Trials with progression to the National Finals.

8.6.2 This season, the Regional Trials were better attended than over the previous two years with the counties contributing more young players for the Regional Coaching staff to monitor.

8.6.3 The Finals were held in a more geographically central venue in Derby.

the whole weekend. The second change is that the Cadet Masters will be held in a different venue from the Juniors; Cadets in Westfield, Wellingborough, whilst the Juniors remain at Cippenham.

8.8 Home Nations

8.8.1 Junior and Cadet - It was much the same result as in the previous year when England won all the events. Again, English players dominated although the Cadet Girls individual title this time went to the host nation Guernsey. England teams took all four titles whilst Christopher Doran (Junior Boys), Rachel Jamieson (Junior Girls) and Sean Cullen (Cadet Boys) were the English individual winners.

8.8.2 Senior - As with the youngsters, England dominated. The team events were won comfortably whilst Andrew Rushton and Natalie Bawden took the singles' titles.

supporters something to shout about with a final win over the Czech Republic.

8.9.2 This event was quickly followed by the Olympic Youth Festival for cadets held in Belgrade where Gavin Evans won the individual gold. Later in the season he won gold at the Slovak Cadet Open to confirm his status as one of the best cadets in Europe.

8.9.3 The emergence of Liam Pitchford on the international cadet scene has been another highlight for English table tennis this year. His improvement throughout this season and the results over top European juniors as well as cadets, gives cause for optimism.

8.9.4 The performance of our women, Kelly Sibley and Joanna Parker, in the World Team Championships in winning eight out of eight to qualify for the top flight, has to be a highlight.

8.9.5 The disappointments over the year would not have been regarded thus one or two years ago. In the World Junior Pro Tour finals in South Africa in November, Paul Drinkhall finished third and a month later he came third in the World Junior Championships in the USA. The England boys' team finished fifth.

8.9.6 The biggest disappointment would be the two bronze medals at the Europe Youth Top 10 event in Sheffield during January. Paul Drinkhall (Junior Boys) and Gavin Evans (Cadet Boys) were expected to win gold whilst it was anticipated that Darius Knight would win a medal of some colour.

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8.7 Masters - Junior and Cadet

8.7.1 Two changes were introduced to the Masters events this year. By reducing the number of competitors to 14, the situation where two players left the event at the end of the first day (in most cases having booked accommodation for the Saturday night) has been avoided. All players will now compete for

8.9 Performances Highlights

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International Matters

9. International Matters

9.1 British Table Tennis Federation Limited (BTTF)

- 9.1.1 The British Table Tennis Federation is responsible for the elite programme for Great Britain teams. It operates as a limited company with a Board and a Performance Management Group. The day to day administration is done via the English Table Tennis Association Ltd through a service level agreement signed by the four home countries.
- 9.1.2 The corporate governance continues to evolve to meet the needs of our funding partners



- 9.1.3 UK Sport has formulated a Mission 2012 policy and strategy for all the Olympic national governing bodies. Table tennis has been very much involved in the process and our sports submissions have been approved

by the Mission 2012 Panel for the first three quarters of the programme

- 9.1.4 The Chairman is a member of the British Olympic Committee elected by the BTTF Board and will be involved with the London 2012 Olympic Games. Regular updates are given to the national governing bodies, and significant progress is being made towards a fantastic Olympic Games on 'home turf'.
- 9.1.5 The move to the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield during September 2007 with a dedicated facility for training



including sports science and medicine has been extremely positive for the players and coaches. A number of the over 16s are now in residence at Sheffield University, and training programmes have been set

up for the BTTF Development and Talent Squads as well as supporting other potential players who are close to the venue, and via training camps for many others.

- 9.1.6 The staffing structure for the programme is increasing with additional coaches expected to be in place by the fourth quarter of 2008.

9.2 International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)

- 9.2.1 The Chairman attended the AGM, Board of Directors and a number of other meetings in China, as well as the World Team Championships, which was once again dominated by China.
- 9.2.2 Delegates from England attended meetings involving the Equipment, Nominations, Technical and Women's Committees.
- 9.2.3 A number of Propositions and Resolutions were passed by the AGM and Board, details were circulated to the membership.
- 9.2.4 The World Team Championships were allocated to the Netherlands in 2010.
- 9.2.5 An ITTF Executive Board Meeting will take place in London during May and this will involve discussions with the London 2012 Organising Committee and a visit to the ExCeL Arena, the table tennis venue for the Olympics.

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9.3 Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation (CTTF)

- 9.3.1 An AGM and Management meeting took place in China, during the World Team Championships which the Chairman attended, it being chaired by Alan Ransome OBE, also in attendance was Tony Chatwin from the CTTF Technical Committee and your England delegate Peter Bradley.
- 9.3.2 The next Championships will take place in Glasgow in 2009 as part of the city’s build up for the Commonwealth Games in 2014.
- 9.3.3 Reports are given to National Council by Alan Ransome OBE and we thank him for all his work for and on behalf of this organisation.

9.4 European Table Tennis Union (ETTU)

- 9.4.1 The Chairman attended the ETTU Congress and Board meetings in China, discussions took place with regard to several of the ITTF propositions and resolutions. The question of long pimped rubbers was discussed with a number of delegates about how they intend to apply the new approved list at local level.
- 9.4.2 The European Women’s Group invited Val Murdoch to join the Group which she accepted and attended the meeting of the Group in China.
- 9.4.3 The next European Championships will take place in St Petersburg in 2008.

9.5 England Commonwealth Games Council

- 9.5.1 A number of meetings were attended and Team England, including table tennis, will participate in the Commonwealth Youth Games in India during 2008
- 9.5.2 The next Commonwealth Games will be in New Delhi, India, in 2010, table tennis is included.
- 9.5.3 It was announced that Glasgow has been awarded the 2014 Games, and table tennis has been included as one of the sports.





Awards & Thanks

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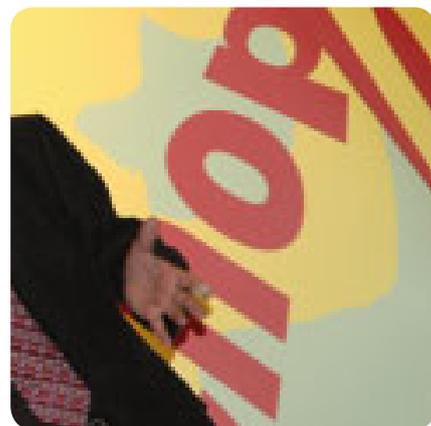
Each of the Departmental Vice-Chairmen who have included reports in this document together with their committee chairmen and all committee members, for their significant contribution to the ongoing and often demanding workload that helps to keep the ETTA's wheels turning.

Richard Yule, our Chief Executive, in particular for his efforts with our funding partners. Also the support and commitment shown by him and his team of professional staff who continue to be fundamental to the successful growth and development of table tennis.

Trade suppliers and local councils, especially Joola, Butterfly and the Sheffield City Council, for their continued outstanding financial and general support.

Thanks also to our many volunteers who work daily at local club, league, county, regional and national level. Most are unsung heroes who make sure our sport continues to function at every level. Thanks go also to the referees, umpires and organisers who ensure our significant events programme runs efficiently.

"The ETTA would like to say a big thank you to the wide range of supporters and partners who help fund our work. Every penny counts and goes towards building a brighter future for the nation's table tennis, we would also like to extend these thanks to the exceptional efforts of our volunteers whose continued commitment and expertise help us make table tennis a sport for everyone, everywhere."



Jon Kaufman - CCPR/FSA Sport Club of the Year - London Progress

Awards

- **Male Coach of the Year**
Steve Slater
- **Female Coach of the Year**
Jan Chapman
- **Community Coach of the Year**
Shirley Pickering
- **Young Coach of the Year**
Bhavin Savjani
- **Contribution to Coaching**
Ken Muhr
- **Equality Award**
Perry Fung
- **Development Officer of the Year**
Owen Rumbold
- **PremierClub Volunteer of the Year**
Graham Trimming
- **Young Volunteer of the Year**
Stephanie Mitchell/Heather Knight
- **Press Officer of the Year**
Steve Leven
- **Volunteer Co-ordinator of the Year**
Jacquie Lovell
- **B.O.A. Award**
Paul Drinkhall
- **CCPR/FSA Sport Club of the Year**
DHS London Progress

Maurice Goldstein Awards 2007/8

- Bernie Leech
Bromsgrove/Redditch TTL
- Jan Chapman
Cippenham TTC
- Sue Hayes
Cippenham TTC
- Estyn Williams
Leamington TTL
- B McKenzie
Newbury TTL
- Phil Slade
Kettering TTL
- R Breen
Bradford TTL
- Eric Pentland
Lancashire TTA
- F Walding
Towcester TTL
- T Ore
Towcester TTL
- D Hyde
Towcester TTL

Ivor Montagu Junior Fund 2007/8

The following players have received grants:

- Katie Wilson
- Harry Lumb
- Alexander Forshaw
- Rachel West
- Yolanda King
- Kirsty Wilson
- Ross Wilson
- Michael Siket
- Martin West
- Sasha Martin
- William Maybanks
- Emma Vickers
- Christopher Doran
- Karina Le Fevre
- Rachel Jamieson
- Rachael Anslow
- Rebekah March

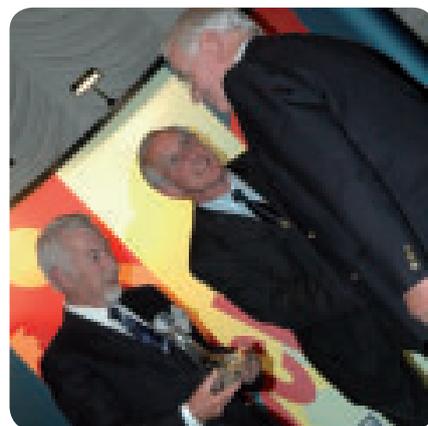
Swaythling Club Fair Play Award

- Mathew Ware

Tom Blunn Fund 2007/8

The following Officials have received grants:

- Steve Welch
- John Mackay
- David Edwards
- Karen Tonge
- Eric Pentland
- Richard Scruton
- David Brown
- Tom Purcell
- Bob Williamson
- Stan Clarke
- Bill Moran
- Margot Fraser



Honours bestowed on Members at 2007 AGM

- **Vice-Presidents**
Ken Eliot
Martin Clark
- **Victor Barna Award**
Paul Drinkhall
- **Johnny Leach Most Improved Player of the Year Award**
Paul Drinkhall, Darius Knight – joint award
- **Ivor Montagu Award**
Gill Smith
- **Malcolm Scott Award**
Colin Clemett
- **Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy**
George Walsh
- **A K Vint O.B.E. Staff Award**
Jennifer Sherwin



Mathew Ware -
Swaythling Club Fair Play
Award - with Alan Cooke



Results

International Events

WJC El Salvador Junior Open

August 2007

Boys

England v Cze/Pan/Aho	win	3-0
England v Guatemala B	win	3-0
England v Ecuador A	win	3-0
England v Dominican Republic	win	3-1
England v Chinese Taipei	loss	1-3

Maderia Open Championships

Funchal - August/September 2007

Men

England Junior v Andalusia Junior	win	3-0
England Junior v CSD Camara de Lobos	win	3-0
England Junior v Ecuador/Columbia	win	3-0
England Junior v Poland Junior A	win	3-1
England Junior v CD 1 de Maio	win	3-2
England Junior v Belgium/Russia Junior	win	3-0

Six Nations Championships

Isle of Man - September 2007

Men

England v Ireland	win	3-1
England v Guernsey	win	3-0
England v Wales	win	3-0
England v Isle of Man	win	3-0
England v Scotland	win	3-0

Women

England v Ireland	win	3-0
England v Guernsey	win	3-0
England v Wales	win	3-0
England v Isle of Man	win	3-0
England v Scotland	win	3-0

Women ETTU Cup

Barcelona - September 2007

Draycott & Long Eaton TTC v Citibank Virto (BEL)	loss	2-3
Draycott & Long Eaton TTC v Marcarbi Rhovot (ISR)	loss	0-3
Draycott & Long Eaton TTC v V Cassanec (ESP)	loss	1-3

Veteran Six Nations

Wales - September 2007

Men

England v Ireland	win	5-0
England v Isle of Man	win	5-0
England v Wales	win	5-0
England v Scotland	win	4-1
England v Guernsey	win	5-0

Women

England A v Ireland	win	5-0
England A v Isle of Man	win	5-0
England A v Scotland	win	5-0
England A v Guernsey	win	3-2
England A v England B	loss	2-3
England B v Isle of Man	win	5-0
England B v Ireland	win	5-0
England B v Scotland	win	5-0
England B v Guernsey	loss	2-3

Slovak Cadet Open Championships

November 2007

Boys

England A v Romania A	win	2-0
England A v Germany A	win	2-0
England A v HRV A	loss	1-2
England A v Lithuania A	win	2-0
England B v Serbia B	loss	1-2
England B v Sweden A	loss	0-2
England B v HRV B	win	2-1
England B v Turkey A	win	2-0
England B v Czech Rep.B	loss	0-2

Portuguese Youth Open Championships**Tavina - December 2007**

Cadet Boys

England A v Sweden A	loss 2-3
England A v Israel A	win 3-1
England A v France B	loss 2-3
England A v Germany B	win 3-1
England B v Netherlands	loss 0-3
England B v Czech Republic	loss 1-3
England B v Portugal C	loss 2-3
England B v Scotland	win 3-0
England B v Sweden B	win 3-2
England B v Germany A	loss 1-3

Junior Boys

England v Portugal B	loss 2-3
England v Romania	loss 2-3
England v Italy A	win 3-2
England v Hungary	loss 1-3
England v Italy B	win 3-2

Hungarian Junior Open**February 2008**

Boys

England v Ukraine	loss 2-3
England v Serbia	win 3-2
England v Austria 2	win 3-1
England v Romania	loss 1-3

Cadet/Junior Six Nations**Guernsey - March 2008**

Junior Boys

England v Guernsey	win 5-0
England v Ireland	win 5-0
England v Isle of Man	win 5-0
England v Scotland	win 4-1
England v Wales	win 5-0

Junior Girls

England v Guernsey	win 5-0
England v Ireland	win 5-0
England v Scotland	win 4-1
England v Wales	win 5-0

Cadet Boys

England v Guernsey	win 4-1
England v Ireland	win 5-0
England v Isle of Man	win 5-0
England v Scotland	win 5-0
England v Wales	win 4-1

Cadet Girls

England v Guernsey	win 4-1
England v Ireland	win 5-0
England v Scotland	win 5-0
England v Wales	win 4-1

World Team Championships**Guangzhou, China - March 2008**

Men

England v Nigeria	win 3-0
England v Canada	loss 2-3
England v Bulgaria	loss 2-3
England v Israel	win 3-1
England v Ukraine	loss 1-3
England v Turkey	win 3-1
England v Brazil	loss 0-3

Women

England v Australia	win 3-2
England v Indonesia	win 3-1
England v Luxembourg	win 3-2
England v Denmark	win 3-2
England v Canada	win 3-2
England v Slovak Republic	win 3-2

Catalunya International**March 2008**

Under 12

England v Porto Rico/Catalunya	win 3-0
England v Rhone – Alps	loss 1-2
England v Madeira	loss 1-2
England v Angby	loss 1-2
England V Com Valenciana	win 3-0

Cadet

England v VTTL	win 3-0
England v Angby	win 3-0
England v Catalunya	loss 1-2
England v Rhone – Alps	win 3-0
England v Baden Wurttemberg	win 2-1
England v Catalunya	loss 1-2



National Championships

English Senior National Championships

Sheffield - 28/29/30 March 2008

Men's Singles	Andrew Baggaley (Bu)
Women's Singles	Kelly Sibley (Wa)
Men's Doubles	Paul Drinkhall (Cv) Darius Knight (Sy)
Women's Doubles	Kelly Sibley (Wa) Joanna Parker (Sy)
Mixed Doubles	Joanna Parker (Sy) Paul Drinkhall (Cv)
Under 21 Men	Darius Knight (Sy)
Under 21 Women	Kelly Sibley (Wa)
Veteran Men	Abdul Wuraola (Sy)
Veteran Men's Doubles	Eddie Smith (Nd) Dave Godbold (Nd)

English Junior National Championships

Reading - 3/4 May 2008

Junior Boys Singles	Darius Knight (Sy)
Junior Girls Singles	Emma Vickers (Dy)
Junior Boys Doubles	Paul Drinkhall (Cv) Darius Knight (Sy)
Junior Girls Doubles	Emma Vickers (Dy) Caroline Hallows (Ch)
Junior Mixed Doubles	Mathew Ware (Ha) Karina Le Fevre (Cv)
Cadet Boys Singles	Liam Pitchford (Dy)
Cadet Girls Singles	Emily Bates (Li)

Cadet Boys Doubles	Liam Pitchford (Dy) Daniel Lowe (Dy)
Cadet Girls Doubles	Emily Bates (Li) Lucy Davidson (Dy)

English Under 11/12/13/14 National Championships

Norwich - 31 May/1 June 2008

At time of going to press this event had not taken place. Results will be on the website as soon they are known.

Junior Masters

Cippenham - 24/25 May 2008

Junior Boys	Chris Doran (Np)
Junior Girls	Emily Bates (Li)

Cadet Masters -

Wellingborough - 17/18 May 2008

Cadet Boys	Daniel Lowe (Dy)
Cadet Girls	Emily Bates (Li)

Senior British League

Premier Division	DHS London Progress
Division 1 North	Elgre Nottingham I
Division 1 South	Fusion I
Division 1 South & Midlands	OLOP Impact I
Division 2 North	Barrow
Division 2 South	Batts Team Peniel II
Division 2 South & Midlands	Kingfisher
Division 3 North	Halton II
Division 3 South	York Gardens II
Division 3 South & West	DML Woolwell II
Division 4 North	Sunderland
Division 4 South	Brighton City
Division 4 South & Midlands	Crusaders

Junior British League Divisional Champions

Premier Boys	Harvey Youngstars
Premier Girls	Draycott & Long Eaton
Division 1 Boys	DHS London Progress B
Division 1 Girls	Ballina
Division 2a Boys	Bridge the Gorge
Division 2b Boys	Barnet I
Division 2 Girls	Team Peniel A
Division 3a Boys	Horsham
Division 3b Boys	Barnet II
Division 3 Girls	Uxbridge
Division 4a Boys	Ballincollig Batters
Division 4b Boys	WLA TTK Greenhouse B

Andrew Baggaley became the English Men's Singles National Champion, taking the title from Paul Drinkhall by beating him 4-1 in the final





Women's British league Divisional Champions

Premier Division	Irish Ladies
Division 1	Team Peniel A
Division 2	Team Peniel B
Division 3	Southampton West

DHS London Progress won the Senior British League Premier Division for an amazing tenth time

Veterans British league Divisional Champions

Premier Men	Potters Leisure Resort
Premier Women	Colebridge BC
Division 1A Men	Bribar Nomads I
Division 1B Men	St Neots
Division 1 Women	The Bribar Bunch
Division 2A Men	Thompson Insurance B
Division 2B Men	Batts Bulldogs
Division 2 Women	4 Js

Veterans National league Division Champions

Division 1A Men	Bribar Fusion Vets
Division 1B Men	Ulster Annahilt
Division 2A	Draycott & Long Eaton
Division 2B	Blackpool TTC



County Championships - Champions

	Cadets	Junior	Senior	Veteran	Over 60s
Premier	Middlesex	Hampshire	Devonshire	Yorkshire I	
Division 1A	Nottinghamshire	South Yorkshire	Durham I	Cheshire I	Lincolnshire
Division 1B	Surrey I	Middlesex II	Bucks	Wiltshire	Kent I
Division 2A		Nottinghamshire	Derbys II	Norfolk I	
Division 2B		Worcestershire	Dorset	Gloucestershire	
Division 2C		Bedfordshire	Warwickshire I		
Division 2D		Kent I	Essex II		
Division 3A				Lincolnshire	
Division 3B				Essex V	
Division 3C				Kent III	
Division 3D				Worcs III/Wilts II	
Division 4A				Cleveland	
Division 4B				Cambridgeshire II	
Division 4C				Middlesex V	
Division 4D				Wiltshire III	



Statement of Accounts

For The Year Ended 31 March 2008
English Table Tennis Association Limited

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English Table Tennis Association Limited

Directors' Report

For The Year Ended 31 March 2008

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2008.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of acting as the governing body for the sport of table tennis.

Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 April 2007

A. N. MURDOCH
P. R. BRADLEY
M. G. CLARK, FCCA

Directors' interests

The company has no share capital and no directors have any interest in the company.

Auditors

Manningtons were re-appointed as auditors during the year in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985. A resolution proposing that Manningtons be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

Directors' Report

For The Year Ended 31 March 2008

Directors' Responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors of a company must, in determining how amounts are presented within items in the income and expenditure account and balance sheet, have regard to the substance of the reported transaction or arrangement, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practice.

In so far as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor's are aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the board



R. Yule
Secretary

Date: 2nd June 2008

English Table Tennis Association Limited

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Members of English Table Tennis Association Limited

We have audited the financial statements of ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION LIMITED for the year ended 31 March 2008 on pages 4 to 11. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007), under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed. We acknowledge that our report is being relied on by Sport England.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurances that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31st March 2008 and of its surplus for the year then ended;

the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2008.

Manningtons


Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor
Hastings
2nd June 2008

Income and Expenditure Account

For The Year Ended 31 March 2008

Turnover

Administrative expenses

Operating(deficit)/surplus

Other interest receivable and similar income

Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation

Taxation

Surplus on ordinary activities after taxation

Notes	2008 £	2007 £
2	2,555,257	2,189,476
	(2,579,838)	(2,189,538)
3	(24,581)	(62)
4	42,604	31,350
	18,023	31,288
5	8,520	5,956
10	9,503	25,332



Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2008

	Notes	2008		2007	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	6		46,641		50,683
Current Assets					
Stocks	7	24,643		3,599	
Debtors	8	82,828		91,413	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,175,681		916,768	
		<u>1,283,152</u>		<u>1,011,780</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>887,119</u>		<u>631,975</u>	
Net Current Assets					
			396,033		379,805
Net Assets					
			<u>442,674</u>		<u>430,488</u>
Represented by:					
Reserves					
Income and expenditure account	10		397,882		388,379
Testimonial Funds	11		44,792		42,109
			<u>442,674</u>		<u>430,488</u>

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007) relating to small companies. The financial statements on pages 4 to 11 were approved by the board on 17th May 2008 and were signed on their behalf by:



Director M. G. Clark, FCCA



Director A. N. Murdoch

Notes to the financial statements

For The Year Ended 31 March 2008

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007). The directors have adopted a format for the income and expenditure account that is considered more suitable than the format laid down in the Companies Act 1985.

1.2 Limited Liability Status

The company is limited by guarantee and is a non-profit making body. In the event that the company is wound up and funds are insufficient to pay creditors, members each guarantee to pay such amount as may be required not exceeding £10.

1.3 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT, grants receivable from Sport England (including Lottery Grants) and income associated with events and competitions and sundry other activities.

1.4 Grants Received (see Note 15)

The Sport England Core Funding and Building Capacity Grants are shown in full as they are a contribution towards ETTA expenditure. The same principle applies to the Sport England UKCC Implementation Grant. However, the amount received this year for this grant covers a three year period and therefore only £15,000 has been shown as expenditure with £30,000 carried forward to the next two years. Other Grants are matched against related expenditure as a surplus should not occur from these grants. The exception to this is where the English Table Tennis Association Limited makes a contribution to a specific programme and then the expenditure will exceed the income by the value of the contribution made.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures and fittings, equipment, and vehicles	25% - straight line on cost
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1.6 Leasing

Any rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.7 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.8 Foreign currency transaction

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of transaction. All differences are taken to income and expenditure account.

1.9 Regions

Ten regional committees operate around the country under the auspices of English Table Tennis Association Limited. All income and expenditure of Regions is included in the income and expenditure account. The net funds of Regions are included in the Balance Sheet.

2. Turnover

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity wholly undertaken in the United Kingdom.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 March 2008

	2008 £	2007 £
3. Operating Surplus		
Operating surplus is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible assets	41,041	35,543
Operating lease rentals	17,760	17,482
Auditors' remuneration	2,800	2,503
Directors' remuneration (Honorarium)	4,800	4,400
	<u>42,604</u>	<u>31,350</u>
4. Other interest receivable and similar income		
Bank interest: core funding	33,321	26,702
:BTTF Performance Programme	7,212	3,496
:Sportsmatch Skills Award	2,071	1,152
	<u>42,604</u>	<u>31,350</u>
5. Taxation		
U.K. taxation		
U.K. corporation tax at current rates: core funding	6,664	5,073
:BTTF Performance Programme	1,442	664
:Sportsmatch Skills Award	414	219
	<u>8,520</u>	<u>5,956</u>

Due to the company's non-profit making status, corporation tax is only chargeable on investment income received.

Notes to the financial statements

For The Year Ended 31 March 2008

	Vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Total £
6. Tangible fixed assets			
Cost			
At 1 April 2007	75,889	87,072	162,961
Additions	13,718	27,131	40,849
Disposals	(15,400)	(2,376)	(17,776)
At 31 March 2008	74,207	111,827	186,034
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2007	51,553	60,725	112,278
Charge for the year	6,887	34,154	41,041
Disposals	(11,550)	(2,376)	(13,926)
At 31 March 2008	46,890	92,503	139,393
Net book value			
At 31 March 2008	27,317	19,324	46,641
Net book value			
At 31 March 2007	24,336	26,347	50,683
7. Stocks			
Goods for resale and stationery		2008 £	2007 £
		24,643	3,599
8. Debtors			
Trade debtors		20,855	13,395
Other debtors		61,973	78,018
		82,828	91,413

Notes to the Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 March 2008

	Notes	2008 £	2007 £
9. Creditors: amounts falling within one year			
Taxation and social security		29,242	27,443
Grants	15	588,312	382,789
Other creditors		269,565	221,743
		<u>887,119</u>	<u>631,975</u>

	2008 £	2007 £
10. Statement of movements on income and expenditure account		
Balance at 1 April 2007	388,379	363,047
Retained surplus for the year	9,503	25,332
Balance at 31 March 2008	<u>397,882</u>	<u>388,379</u>

	2008 £	2007 £
11. Testimonial Funds		
Balance at 1 April 2007	42,109	41,682
Net Movements in the year	2,683	427
Balance at 31 March 2008	<u>44,792</u>	<u>42,109</u>

12. Financial commitments

At 31 March 2008 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2008 £	2007 £
Expiry date within two to five years: Property Lease	<u>18,037</u>	<u>17,760</u>

Notes to the financial statements

For The Year Ended 31 March 2008

13. Related party transactions

The directors are of the opinion that Sport England is a related party as it has significant influence over the financial and operating policies of the Company. During the year the Company received Grants from Sport England in the sum of £1,375,588 (2007: £1,034,491).

14. Loans to employees

Balance at 31 March 2007
 Loans
 Repayments
 Balance at 31 March 2008

	2008 £	2007 £
	0	5,833
	0	0
	0	(5,833)
	0	0



Notes to the Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 March 2008

	01/04/07 b/fwd £	Received in year £	Expenditure £	ETTA Contrib'n £	31/03/08 c/fwd £
15. Grants and Expenditure					
Sport England: Core Funding	0	820,000	820,000	0	0
Sport England: Building Capacity	0	36,666	36,666	0	0
Sport England: UKCC Implementation	0	45,000	15,000	0	30,000
	0	901,666	871,666	0	30,000
Other Grants:					
Sport England: Club Links (PESSCL)	115,430	104,438	80,959	0	138,909
Sport England: Step into Sport	20,460	25,691	31,215	0	14,936
Sport England: UK Coaching Certificate	47,514	50,000	59,955	0	37,559
Sport England: UK Coaching Support	0	31,860	0	0	31,860
Sport England: Club & Coach	0	211,933	22,059	0	189,874
Sport England: Modernisation Support	0	50,000	50,000	0	0
Youth Sport Trust	43,919	0	43,919	0	0
Youth Sport Trust: Young Officials Project	0	19,600	4,971	0	14,629
UK Sport: BTTF World Class Programme	65,358	646,642	701,740	0	10,260
Sport Coach UK: Teacher Training	15,000	10,000	0	0	25,000
Sportsmatch Skills Award	30,668	709	53,790	22,413	0
Sportsmatch Fred Perry Award	0	81,082	14,994	0	66,088
Regions	20,693	2,500	20,943	0	2,250
Miscellaneous	23,747	31,093	27,893	0	26,947
	382,789	1,265,548	1,112,438	22,413	558,312
Total	382,789	2,167,214	1,984,104	22,413	588,312

Note:

Grants received in year figure include the following:	Step Into Sport	Sportsmatch Fred Perry Award	PESSCL	UK Sport: BTTF	Sportsmatch Skills Award
Grant	20,000	38,000	92,625	639,430	0
Bank Interest	0	1,362	0	7,212	709
Other Income	5,691	41,720	11,813	0	0
	25,691	81,082	104,438	646,642	709

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Income	Notes	2008 £	2007 £
Affiliation Fees	1	166,218	161,982
Sponsorship		6,380	6,883
Sport England Core Funding Grant		871,666	825,000
Other Grants		1,090,025	798,568
Bank Interest		33,321	26,702
Tournament Levies		3,418	3,504
Ranking Levies		29,843	29,430
Magazine		30,416	27,319
Coaching		61,032	42,407
Competitions	3	203,365	225,029
Miscellaneous Sales		4,712	1,676
International Programme	10	19,943	6,363
Youth Development		17,645	20,900
High Performance Centres		0	11,105
Group Insurance		24,702	0
Regions		35,175	33,958
		2,597,861	2,220,826
Less Expenditure:			
Overheads	2	513,756	477,719
Development	9	357,213	351,732
Other Grants		1,112,438	814,868
Competition Costs	3	243,425	241,660
Magazine		27,384	25,913
Coaching	4	95,209	81,352
International Programme	10	52,255	13,237
Youth Development		42,138	44,783
High Performance Centres		3,846	17,021
Sundry Costs	5	7,470	6,535
Group Insurance		24,702	0
Regions		30,606	31,836
Modernisation		11,496	13,161
England Performance	11	59,756	70,604
Corporation Tax		6,664	5,073
		2,588,358	2,195,494
Net Surplus		9,503	25,332

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	2008 £	2007 £
1. Affiliation Fees		
Leagues	117,785	115,578
Licences	43,525	40,305
PremierClubs	4,070	5,500
Other	838	599
	<u>166,218</u>	<u>161,982</u>

	Notes	2008 £	2007 £
2. Overheads			
Salaries		249,755	219,221
Committee Costs	6	34,368	34,279
Staff/Officers' Expenses		35,323	38,136
Rent and Rates		33,776	33,336
Sundry Office Expenses		19,501	15,768
Telephone		8,558	8,638
Postage		17,835	17,124
Printing and Stationery		22,232	24,007
Insurance		10,132	10,692
Audit Fees		2,800	2,503
Legal & Professional Fees		8,569	4,570
Depreciation		41,041	35,543
Charge to Step into Sport Grant re Car		(1,860)	(1,860)
Irrecoverable VAT - Partial Exemption		42,412	29,733
Profit on Sale of Vehicles & Equipment		(400)	(134)
Costs re Player's Licence Affiliation Scheme		15,063	15,857
Marketing Costs		18,473	18,240
Contribution from PESSCL/UKCC & Global Insurance		(20,364)	(6,500)
Contribution from BTTF Programme		(27,503)	(25,000)
Other		4,045	3,566
		<u>513,756</u>	<u>477,719</u>

	Income £	Expenses £	2008 Net Costs £	Income £	Expenses £	2007 Net Costs £
3. Competitions						
Events Staff						
Salaries	0	60,757	60,757	0	53,767	53,767
Expenses	0	8,291	8,291	0	5,414	5,414
	<u>0</u>	<u>69,048</u>	<u>69,048</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>59,181</u>	<u>59,181</u>
English Championships						
English Nationals	11,771	13,210	1,439	11,712	11,447	(265)
English Junior Nationals	7,103	8,058	955	8,028	5,955	(2,073)
Grand Prix	63,118	51,734	(11,384)	84,976	66,572	(18,404)
	<u>81,992</u>	<u>73,002</u>	<u>(8,990)</u>	<u>104,716</u>	<u>83,974</u>	<u>(20,742)</u>
National Competitions						
County Championships	9,595	7,077	(2,518)	10,197	6,744	(3,453)
British Leagues	79,202	67,220	(11,982)	77,781	61,397	(16,384)
Other Competitions	32,576	27,078	(5,498)	32,335	30,364	(1,971)
	<u>121,373</u>	<u>101,375</u>	<u>(19,998)</u>	<u>120,313</u>	<u>98,505</u>	<u>(21,808)</u>
	<u>203,365</u>	<u>243,425</u>	<u>40,060</u>	<u>225,029</u>	<u>241,660</u>	<u>16,631</u>

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	£	2008 £	£	2007 £
4. Coaching				
Salaries		44,964		40,948
Other Coaching Costs		50,245		40,404
		<u>95,209</u>		<u>81,352</u>
5. Sundry Costs				
Bank Charges		1,749		1,027
Transfer to Ivor Montagu Fund		2,356		2,312
Transfer to Tom Blunn Fund		2,355		2,311
Costs of Miscellaneous Sales		1,010		885
		<u>7,470</u>		<u>6,535</u>
6. Committee Costs				
National Council		15,335		14,807
Management		4,595		6,806
Other		14,438		12,666
		<u>34,368</u>		<u>34,279</u>
7. Ivor Montagu Fund				
Balance at 1st April 2007		22,275		20,313
Income - 2% of league affiliation fees		2,356		2,312
		<u>24,631</u>		<u>22,625</u>
Less awards to juniors		<u>1,065</u>		<u>350</u>
Balance at 31st March 2008		<u>23,566</u>		<u>22,275</u>
8. Tom Blunn Fund				
Balance at 1st April 2007		19,834		21,369
Income - 2% of league affiliation fees		2,355		2,311
Donation from 100 Club		5,000		0
		<u>27,189</u>		<u>23,680</u>
Less Awards and CRB checks for Umpires	1,473		1,210	
Less Contribution to cost of Annual Conference	4,490	5,963	2,636	3,846
Balance at 31st March 2008		<u>21,226</u>		<u>19,834</u>
9. Development				
Salaries		284,930		293,512
Other development costs		72,283		58,220
		<u>357,213</u>		<u>351,732</u>

	Income £	Expenses £	2008 Net Costs £	Income £	Expenses £	2007 Net Costs £
10. International Programme						
Women's European League	0	0	0	286	1,908	(1,622)
Cadet & Junior Six Nations	0	0	0	6,077	11,142	(5,065)
Europe Youth Top 10	19,943	52,152	(32,209)	0	0	0
Other	0	103	(103)	0	187	(187)
	<u>19,943</u>	<u>52,255</u>	<u>(32,312)</u>	<u>6,363</u>	<u>13,237</u>	<u>(6,874)</u>

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11. Performance	2008 (BTTF) (1) £	2008 (ETTA) £	2007 (BTTF) £	2007 (ETTA) £
Income				
UK Sport (2)	694,528	-	476,140	-
Bank Interest	7,212	-	3,496	-
Total Income	701,740	-	479,636	-
Expenditure				
Staff Costs	226,377	5,845	131,072	13,601
Training Programme	167,134	20,350	139,560	15,568
International Competition	152,097	33,561	122,235	41,435
Sports Science	84,111	-	26,767	-
Miscellaneous	72,021	-	60,002	-
Total Expenditure	701,740	59,756	479,636	70,604

Notes:

(1) The British Table Tennis Federation Limited (BTTF) is the governing body for performance of UK table tennis funded by UK Sport. As the Lead Nation, the ETTA has been authorised through a service level agreement, approved by UK Sport to administer the funds and reports directly to UK Sport and the BTTF Performance Management Group.

(2) Actual UK Sport Funding in the year 2007/8 was £639,430. This figure has been increased by £55,098 relating to an underspend brought forward from 2006/7.

Actual UK Sport Funding in the year 2006/7 was £541,498. This figure has been reduced by £65,358 which was the surplus for the year and this was carried forward to 2007/8.

There is a balance of the grants received of £10,260 at 31st March 2008 which has not been expended. This amount will be carried forward to the 2008/9 programme.

Glossary of Abbreviations



BME	Black and Minority Ethnic persons/groups
BOA	British Olympic Association
BTF	British Table Tennis Federation
BUSA	British Universities Sports Association
CCDP	Community Club Development Programme
CRB	Criminal Records Bureau
CSP	County Sports Partnership
CTS	Certificate for Tutoring in Sport
CU	County Umpire
DCMS	Department for Culture, Media & Sport
EIS	English Institute of Sport
ETTA	English Table Tennis Association
ESTTA	English Schools Table Tennis Association
ETTU	European Table Tennis Union
IAPS	Introduction to Assessment Practice in Sport
IOC	International Olympic Committee
IR	International Referee
ITTF	International Table Tennis Federation
IU	International Umpire
JUA	Junior Umpire Award
LOCOG	London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games
NCL	National Cadet League
NJL	National Junior League
NR	National Referee
NU	National Umpire
NURC	National Umpires and Referees Committee
PESSCL	Physical Education, School Sport & Club Links
RDO	Regional Development Officer
RFL	Rugby Football League
SIS	Step Into Sport
SSP	School Sport Partnership
TR	Tournament Referee
TTDO	Table Tennis Development Officer
TTC	Table Tennis Club
TTN	Table Tennis News
TTK	Table Tennis Kids
UKCC	United Kingdom Coaching Certificate
VCIS	Volunteer Co-ordinator Incentive Scheme
YDS	Youth Development Squad

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