



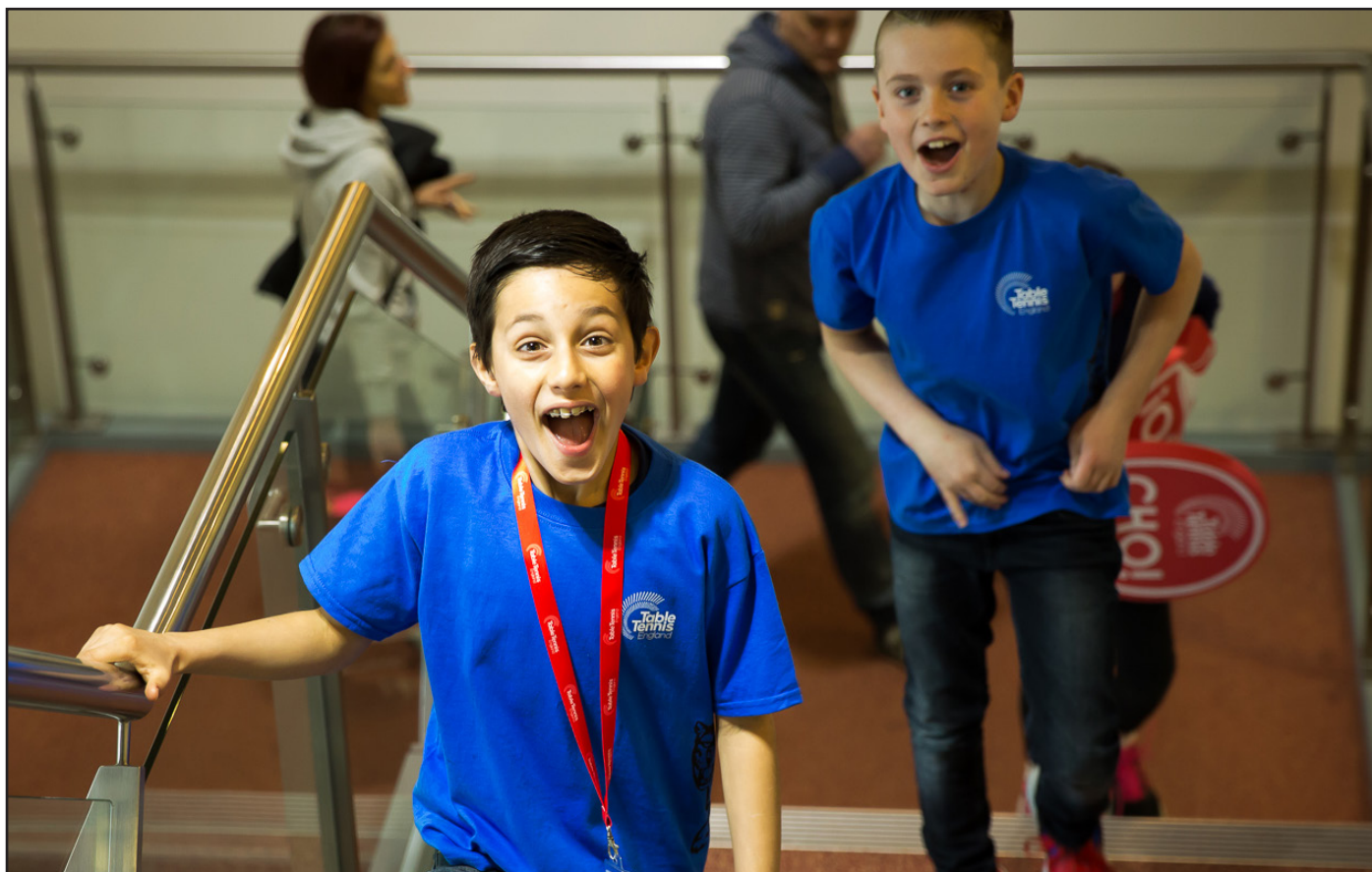
ANNUAL REPORT

2015/16

For the year ended March 31, 2016
Incorporating season review 2015/16



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Chairman's Foreword



Sandra Deaton

When I wrote in last year's Annual Report about our elite athletes making massive strides in the international arena, little did I imagine that a year later we would see them on the podium at the World Team Championships.

Yet that is exactly what happened in Kuala Lumpur in March as Liam Pitchford, Paul Drinkhall and Sam Walker won bronze medals, beating Germany and France on the way to a dramatic semi-final against Japan. The three of them really seized their chance and it was a fantastic performance which turned heads around the world.

All three have also earned a place in Team GB for the Rio Olympics – testament to the hard work they have put in to narrow the gap between them and rest of the world's best players. It was always part of our plan over the next 10 years to return to the top of the world game and the fact we have achieved this step forward at an early stage shows the potential we have in England. I know it has whetted the players' appetites to achieve even more.

You will read in these pages about other examples of achievement on the international stage, not only at Senior but also at Veteran, Junior, Cadet and Mini-Cadet levels. It is vital that we continue to support our leading athletes of all ages with the tools they need to succeed, whether physical, technical or mental.

The importance of elite athletes in developing any sport as a whole is not to be underestimated – think, for example, what the likes of Louis Smith have done to elevate the profile of gymnastics. They provide publicity and act as an inspiration not just for the next generation of aspiring athletes but by encouraging people in all walks of life to make sport part of an active lifestyle.

Recognisable elite athletes also help to make the sport marketable to television companies – and the fact that ITV4 broadcast live coverage of the closing stages of this season's PG Mutual National Championships is another important step forward for our sport and one we plan to build on.

Having said all of this, we must and will not forget that elite performance is only one part of our remit as National Governing Body. Our primary purpose is to create an increasing number of outstanding and exciting opportunities for everyone to enjoy and achieve in table tennis.

That means working in partnership with organisations including clubs and leagues, schools, workplaces, local authorities and other stakeholders to ensure that anyone who wants to play has the opportunity to do so, at whatever level they want.

Those partnerships are the key to the whole ethos of the organisation. We want to invest time, resources and support in



Presenting the World Team trophy to China (above) was a big honour, but just as important is supporting the sport at the grassroots in the likes of Burntwood (below) and Bishop Auckland (bottom)



the People who make table tennis happen and the Places where it is played. If we do that, then the other two pillars upon which the future of our sport rests – Participation and Performance – are far more likely to be strong.

In these pages you will read a lot more about how we are building those partnerships and strengthening those four pillars of People, Places, Participation and Performance.

I'd like to close with two votes of thanks. First, to our army of volunteers, without whom we would not be able to deliver our vision for the development of our sport. My full message of thanks can be found on page 35 of this publication but I would like to state here again how grateful both myself and Table Tennis England as a whole are for their enormous commitment.

Secondly, my personal thanks to the company members who voted at the elections for Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Treasurer last summer, when myself, Susie Hughes and Keith Thomas were elected to serve in those posts for another four years.

I said at the time what an honour and privilege it was that the members had put their trust in us. All three of us are looking forward to three more years and will continue to do all we can to repay that trust.

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Chief Executive's Statement



Sara Sutcliffe

The last 12 months has been a period of evolution as we lived the first year of the Mission 2025 strategy, and it has been year of excitement and continuously challenging ourselves to improve our delivery and support to the membership.

It has also been a year characterised by consultations as the new Minister of Sport announced she was ripping up the existing strategy for sport.

Shortly before Christmas the Department for Culture, Media and Sport published the Government's 'Strategy for an Active Nation'. As had been widely anticipated, there is a greater emphasis on public funding being directed towards physical activity rather than sports for sport's sake. We were, however, very pleased to see that the outcomes the Government want delivered do go wider than just the current blunt tool of '1x 30 minutes of weekly participation'.

The strategy recognises the wider benefits of sport including physical wellbeing, mental wellbeing, individual development, social and community development and economic development. In the centre of the strategy the Government clearly states that it wants to see 'more people from every background regularly and meaningfully taking part in sport and physical activity, volunteering and experiencing live sport'.

Earlier this year we were involved in Sport England's consultation process for its strategy to support delivery of the Government's strategy. In May, Sport England published its document called 'Towards an Active Nation'.

Central is the vision 'that everyone, regardless of their age,

background or level of ability feels able to engage in sport and physical activity. Some will be young, fit and talented, but most will not. We want everyone to feel welcome, to find something in sport and activity that meets their needs and for the sector to value them as customers'.

This provides a challenge to the traditional core of a Governing Body although the need for us to maintain (and grow) our committed players and provide a better experience for them is recognised, albeit it is expected to cost the public purse less than previously.

However, there are also exciting opportunities in the Sport England strategy, especially for a sport like table tennis that is easily accessible, does not require expensive specialist equipment at entry level and can fit into the modern and busy lifestyle. Work is now under way to submit our funding bid for 2017-2021.

Away from looking into the next four-year cycle, we have experienced some exciting evolutions this year. The Senior Leadership Team was added to with the creation of a new Head of Workforce, Greg Yarnall, whose focus is supporting, development and growing the coaching, officiating and volunteering networks. We also include brought on board Mark Taffler as Head of Commercial.

We launched our new website in February and introduced a new dynamic direct e-mail system. We often heard that members want to receive more communication from us. The new system has allowed us to launch targeted newsletters for clubs, schools, counties and leagues as well as the monthly Over

Chief Executive's Statement



Sporting Future:

A New Strategy for an Active Nation



#SportingFuture



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the Net newsletter direct into the inbox of all members. The feedback so far has been positive.

In March we turned a corner in terms of modernising the sport's image and profile with the National Championships appearing live for three hours on ITV4. We announced a title sponsor in PG Mutual, who were great supporters of the event.

One of the most memorable moments was the on-court presentation of a framed compilation of photos to the World Championship bronze medal-winning team to a standing ovation and long applause. The achievements of Liam, Paul and Sam in Kuala Lumpur were phenomenal and as I write it has been announced that they are all on the plane to Rio this summer for the Olympic Games, the first time Great Britain has featured in the team event.

We must all ensure that this is not a flash in the pan, but represents the early stages of a turnaround in fortunes for England and Great Britain. It has certainly started to catch the attention of the nation's media, which we must build upon.

We launched Loop this year, a brand for social and recreational table tennis which is a core Sport England-funded programme aimed at taking table tennis to where people are, rather than requiring people to come to where the sport is based.

Loop at Work is not reinventing the wheel. Workplace table tennis was very much part of the environment where table tennis thrived in past generations. But now, rather than relying on workplace social clubs and sports facilities, we are encouraging offices, factories and others to put table tennis right

into the heart of the workplace. With close to 200 workplaces engaged already, we believe this has the potential to be very successful programme.

Based on our own case study in the Milton Keynes head office, we have a thriving league competition and a lot of free play throughout the day. Members of staff who had never previously picked up a bat are now playing regularly and whenever any of our staff with coaching qualifications come near the office they are quickly tapped up for a quick coaching session.

I cannot finish my round-up of the year without paying tribute to two longstanding members of staff who left us this year. Rob Sinclair worked for the ETTA for 40 years, man and boy and was the key point of contact for administrative matters. On a personal note, Rob was a tremendous help to me as we took the Association through some huge changes in 2013/2104 and I remain very grateful that he then weekly commuted up to Milton Keynes from his home in Winchelsea for another two years. Rob is now enjoying semi-retirement, spending time with his family and other pastimes.

Secondly, Brian Skinner has also returned to working back down on the South Coast after 18 years of doing a sterling job of managing the Association's finances. The office 'Round the Table' trophy has been renamed the Skinner Cup in Brian's honour. We all wish Rob and Brian the very best for the future.

Finally, my sincere thanks to all the staff, Sandra and the rest of the Board, National Council and numerous other volunteers who are the heartbeat of our sport up and down the country.

Operations

It has been another exciting year of change and progress in the Operations team whilst importantly preserving and embracing the best of what has gone previously.

I would therefore like to start by thanking all the committees and individual advisers who form part of the Support and Advisory Network who have provided support and guidance throughout the year, a number of whom have provided reports below. A special thanks must go to the Trade Committee whose support for the organisation has been much valued. However, after a detailed internal review it was agreed that following the change in articles their role should be replaced by advisers and scrutineers. A special thanks must also go to John Freeman who retired from the Board of Appeal after 39 years, 22 as Chairman.

The staffing structures within the Operations team have also changed. In respect of staff, both Rob Sinclair and Brian Skinner have left the organisation. Rob has been an ever present in the organisation for 40 years and Brian 18 years and in both cases their knowledge, support and expertise will be missed.

We were pleased to welcome the membership team to the department, whilst the processing of our financial transactions were successfully transferred to Jockey Club Services, creating a more efficient and automated system. This has meant that we have been able to reduce our operating costs and allowed these savings to be moved from the back office to frontline delivery. The system successfully went fully live on 1st April 2016.

A new Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system and coaching portal have been successfully tendered for and established this year. The CRM system is still going through development but has begun to create more effective, personal and relevant communications with the table tennis community, whilst the coaching portal has re-established links to coaches and has supported the growth in numbers of licensed coaches.

> Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Company for 2015 was held on July 11, 2015 at Milton Keynes, with 63 Company Members present or represented by proxies, as well as 36 others.

There were no propositions, however a discussion took place around affiliation fees which remained the same for a further year while a longer-term strategy was determined; the Annual Report and Accounts were approved.

> Board

The Board met four times during the year with a two-day meeting in December. All members attended meetings as follows. Elected Directors: Sandra Deaton (Chairman) – 4, Susie Hughes (Deputy Chairman) – 4, Keith Thomas (Treasurer) – 4; Appointed Directors: Simon Griew – 4, Phil Huggon – 3, Andrew Nixon – 4, Tom Purcell – 2, Kelly Skeggs – 4, Mike Smith – 4, Sara Sutcliffe – 4, Anna-Lisa Tazartes – 4 and Colin Wilson – 2. Doreen Stannard (President) also attended, as did Senior Management Team and, as needed, other staff as well as external guests.

Colin Wilson resigned from the Board and it has been decided to leave the role vacant until the new strategy for sport is



The Annual General Meeting



The career was never planned that way but it gets in your blood and when you know you're part of the family of table tennis, it's a terrific thing.

It's gone far too quickly, but my life has been enriched by it – every event I've been to, my colleagues and all the volunteers who have embraced me. I shall never forget them.

– Rob Sinclair, who retired after 40 years with the Association



published by Sport England to understand its direction and where new skills may be required by the Board to support its delivery.

In its roles as policy maker and monitoring the executive activities, discussion topics covered included the revision of the coaching strategy and changes in the coach licence structure, club affiliation, a commercial strategy, major events strategy (which resulted in both a new format for the Senior Nationals, the Senior Nationals being televised and the successful bid for the European Youth Top 10 in 2017) and the Mission 2025, a 10-year plan for table tennis.

The Board has also been busy forming responses and influencing both the change in the Government Strategy for Sport and the formation of the new strategy from Sport England. Importantly, these responses have had input from National Council, ESTTA, BTTAD and various other table tennis bodies.

The Board Standing groups – Finance, Operations and Risk chaired by Keith Thomas, Honours chaired by Sandra Deaton and Network chaired by Mike Smith – all met during the year, whilst the Review Groups, Commercial (led by Keith Thomas), Competitions (led by Sandra Deaton), Major Events (led by Sandra Deaton), Voting (led by Tom Purcell), Website (led by Susie Hughes) and Strategy (led by Sara Sutcliffe) have all met and presented views and papers to the Board to help drive the sport forward.

These groups usually included a mix of Board members, volunteers with relevant experience, senior staff and in some cases external advisers.

> National Council

National Council met four times during the year in its advisory and communications remit. It was chaired by Tony Catt during the year.

Reports were made by the Company Chairman and Treasurer, Chief Executive and Senior Management; National Councillors,



England Leopards and Team GB athletes Sam Walker, Liam Pitchford and Paul Drinkhall visited our Head Office in Milton Keynes and were even persuaded to take on staff on the office table!

Board members and other invited colleagues then discussed matters arising from them.

Major discussion topics in presentations and groups included Children and Young People and Schools, Clubs & Volunteers, Anti-Corruption, Affiliation Fees.

This year has seen the National Council align with the board to enhance the transmission of feedback and guidance between the two bodies. The coming year will see the evolution of the National Council to enable it to establish its utility within the plans for table tennis development for the future.

> Support and Advisory Network

The previous committee system was transformed into the Support and Advisory Network set up in July 2014; a review in 2015 confirmed it was proceeding on the right lines. A total of 12 Committees continued to deliver national activities led by volunteers, for example County Championships and Rules, while 17 Individual Advisers supported senior staff in their work remits in Development and Operations.

During the year, a further three Focus Groups were organised

covering Development and Membership issues. In all, more than 100 volunteers apart from Board members were involved nationally in the Network. Ten Regional Committees with revised terms of reference concentrating on organising coaching and competitions while supporting development were operating, with the Regional Chairmen meeting in a Regional Forum. The South East region was split off from the South.

> Chief Executive and Senior Management Team

Sara Sutcliffe (Chief Executive) with her Senior Managers, Jonathan Bruck (Operations), Gerry Cronin (Marketing & Communications), Simon Mills (Coaching & Performance), Greg Yarnall (Head of Workforce) and Emily St John (Development) led the professional staff, taking immediate responsibility for the executive functions of the Company, working to implement policy decisions by Board.

> Rules Committee

A major task this year was the drafting of Anti-Corruption Regulations, as a precaution against the growing threat to all sports of practices such as match-fixing. Other regulations were amended with the object of simplifying them and of eliminating possible misunderstanding. Advice on rule interpretation was provided on request to the Board, committees and Affiliated Members.

> Disciplinary Committee

Two cases were determined this year, involving two quite different child safeguarding issues. The respondents were suspended permanently in one case and for at least five years in the other. We take the view that, even if there are extenuating circumstances, safeguarding the welfare of young people in the sport is paramount.

A case concerning a member yellow-carded at a competition did not reach the Committee as the Investigator did not find a case to answer because the member had already been adequately dealt with under the penalty marks regulations.

> Archives, Museums & Records Committee

The archive material that had been held in Milton Keynes have been moved to St Leonards-on-Sea. The increased storage capacity has been well utilised as Liverpool University informed the Association that it was no longer able to store all the material that had been held there for many years, over 50 boxes in all. This has been added to the store in East Sussex and is gradually being sorted and catalogued.

Research, record keeping and scanning has continued throughout the year and many queries from parties as far afield as the Moldova TTA and ITTF, as well as many personal enquiries from the public and staff, have been addressed.

The weekly Friday's Photos is proving as popular as ever with the number of views at times surpassing 1,000 hits.

Over the year we have received many additions to our collection: magazines, programmes and photographs as well as more personal items. Our thanks go to everyone who has contributed.

Thanks go to all the members of the committee for their work and contribution over the past 12 months.

> Board of Appeal

No appeals were heard.

JONATHAN BRUCK (additional reports by Mike Smith, Tony Catt, Colin Clemett, Diane Webb, Estyn Williams)

Marketing & Communications

> Website

A much-needed revamp of the main Table Tennis England website was carried out and went live in early 2016. This included a new, cleaner design and a reorganisation to make it easier for visitors to navigate their way around the website and find information.

It also made the website responsive to mobiles and tablets, which the majority of website visitors now use. The work was carried out in-house with minimal financial outlay relating to updating of existing software and website hosting fees.

In terms of website hits, March 2016 was the second most popular month for visitors since the former ETTA website was launched.

> Newsletters

The new Dotmailer communications platform was introduced in late 2015. This allows us to design more engaging newsletters and other communications and to deliver targeted messages to sectors of our membership, such as all coaches or all members of a certain age or living in a certain area. This will enable us to deliver relevant information to our members and stakeholders.

The Chairman's Newsletter was rebranded to Over the Net and delivered to all members via this platform.

Among other things, the platform was used to boost ticket sales to the PG Mutual National Championships and deliver post-event player and spectator surveys.

> Press and PR

Highlights of the year included:

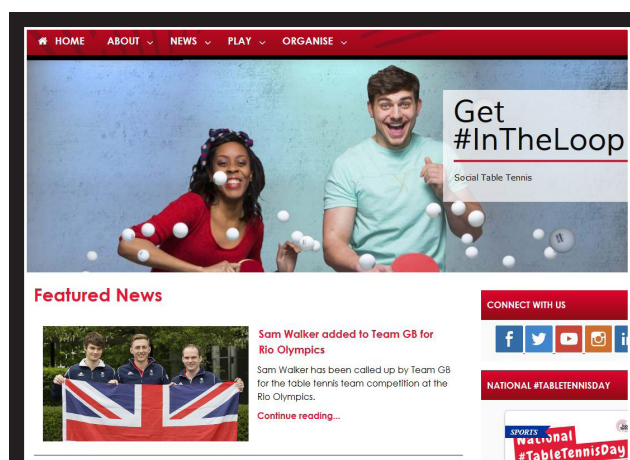
- Three hours of live coverage on ITV4 during the final stages of the PG Mutual National Championships.
- Daily coverage on the BBC website during the World Team Championships.
- Coverage of National Table Tennis Day on Sky Sports News and across the BBC regional network.
- National Lottery film advertisement featuring table tennis, facilitated with help from the communications department and Deputy Chairman Susie Hughes.
- Table tennis feature included in the primetime BBC programme *How to Stay Young*, facilitated with help from VETTS.
- Paul Drinkhall appeared on the Danny Baker Show on BBC Radio 5Live from the PG Mutual National Championships, playing the *Sausage Sandwich Game*, which reaches an audience of approximately one million listeners.
- Paul Drinkhall appeared alongside his wife Jo and son Dougie on the BBC1 *Sportsday* programme in the wake of the World Team Championships.
- Coverage of various events and players in local media outlets around the country, including press and online organisations with combined daily readership of almost two million.

> Social Media

We continue to grow the number of people we engage with on social media and as of March 31, we had 9,389 Twitter followers (up from 7,728 the previous year) and 10,091 Facebook likes (up from 8,266). In the past year, just under 900,000 minutes of footage were watched on our YouTube channel.

During the World Team Championships, a total of 11 Facebook posts reached more than 142,000 people directly, plus countless thousands more as a result of posts being shared 445 times.

We have launched a LinkedIn account, primarily for B2B coverage, and an Instagram account in the last year and continue to monitor developments in social media.



The new Table Tennis England website



TV cameras at the PG Mutual Nationals



'Media training' for young players at an event



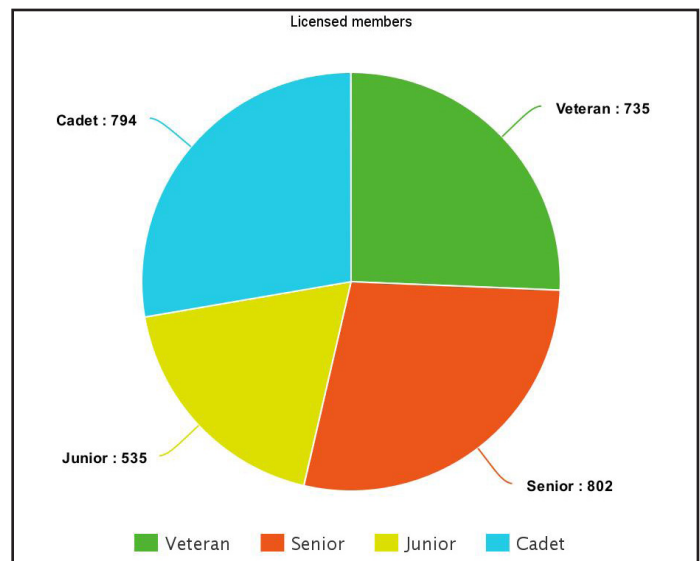
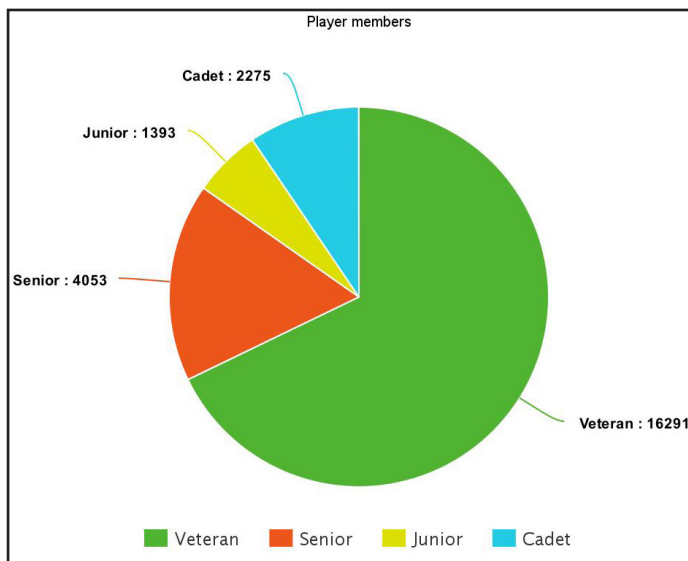
Greenhouse players filming for the National Lottery

> Events Coverage

We live-streamed coverage from all three National Championships, including tapping into the ITV4 footage on the final day of the PG Mutual Nationals before the channel was live on air.

The Communications team also attended two National Cup events, Inter-Regional Championships, selected Grand Prix events, the School Games, two ESTTA finals events and the Jack Petchey London Schools Championships.

Membership & Ranking



> Membership

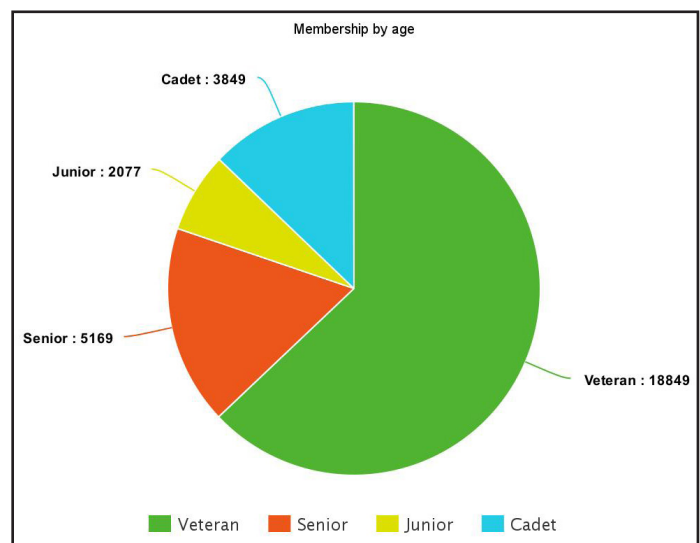
This season has seen another busy season for membership renewals and at the time of writing we have reached a total of 30,267. At March 31, the total was 29,944.

This year saw the introduction of free Associate membership which has seen the figure for that type of membership rise to 3,830. This is a 44% increase on the figure of 1,674 in the 2014/2015 season.

A total of 14,186 joined online, representing 47% of the membership. That is a 2% increase on last year, although we aim to increase that to 75% by 2016/2017.

Memberships arranged direct through Table Tennis England Head Office stood at 7,449 or 24% – 2% less than last year. Via Agent, the figure was 8,886, at 29% the same as last year.

We also introduced the ability to pay membership fees by direct debit this season, with 820 members signing up to the direct debit scheme.



> Membership by age

Veteran 18,849 (63%)
 Senior 5,169 (17%)
 Junior 2,077 (7%)
 Cadet 3,849 (13%)
 TOTAL: 29,944
 Gender split: Male 89%, Female 11%

> Membership by type

We currently have 2,866 Licensed members of which 735 are Veteran, 802 Senior, 535 Junior and 794 Cadet.

Player membership stands at 24,012 of which 16,291 are Veteran, 4,053 Senior, 1,393 Junior and 2,275 Cadet.

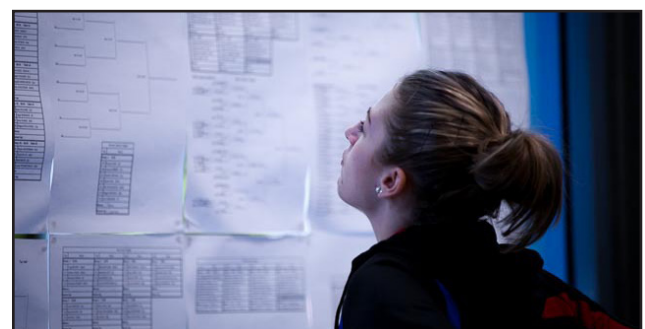
The number of Associate members is 3,830 of which Veterans number 2,092, Seniors 484, Juniors 222 and Cadets 1,032.

At the time of writing, the number of new members to have joined so far this season is 5,763.

We have a total of 203 registered leagues containing 6,024 teams at the time of writing.

> Ranking

With the introduction of the new Ranking system in 2014/2015 we are now into season two and we have nearly finished all the upgrades.



The system has still been met with positive feedback and with all the upgrades nearly completed it is now a lot more user-friendly for both player members and staff who have to input the 80,000 results per season.

Players who can view their audit trails have said this feature is a great addition as it gives them the ability to see all of their results throughout the season and is most definitely the best feature of the Ranking system.

So far since the beginning of the 2015/2016 season we have inputted a total of 58,306 results. December was the busiest period with 10,543 results, but on average the team input 6,500 results per month.

JUSTINE CAMPBELL

Development



Offer	Target	Launch date	Packages placed 2015/16
Loop at work	Registered companies	May 2015	166
Loop in the clubhouse	Sports clubs	September 2015	38
Loop on campus	Universities/FE	November 2015	7
Loop in the Community	Community organisations	Autumn/Winter 2016	N/A



The last year has been hugely exciting in the area of Development with new initiatives launched and more people engaging in our programmes than ever before. This section will introduce our new 'Loop' initiatives, share successes of the Ping! project, the second National Table Tennis Day and our clubs and disability initiatives, as well as introducing our new children & young people offer.

> Loop

'Loop' is our new offer for the social table tennis player. It offers workplaces, non-table tennis sports clubs and universities the opportunity to purchase everything they need to introduce table tennis to their organisation at a heavily subsidised price.

Packages include tables, bats, balls, resources and training for Ping Pong Pioneers to help them get lots of new people playing.

To find out more, watch the loop at work promotional video or see the first set of available packages, please visit the new Loop website www.keepintheloop.co.uk.

> Ping!

It has been a record-breaking year for Ping!, the nation's biggest street festival, with an estimated ONE MILLION visits to its free table tennis tables.

When Ping!, the free ping pong festival, first exploded onto the streets of London six years ago, no-one could have predicted that by the summer of 2015 there would be a thousand free-to-play tables popping up in the public spaces of 19 towns and cities all over England, from Teesside to Penzance; and that the public would flock to play on them in their hundreds of thousands.

The Ping! website has a 'play on' feature where you can find places to play in formal and informal settings at www.pingengland.co.uk/#playon.

> National Table Tennis Day

The second annual National Table Tennis Day saw more than 200 events held in clubs, schools and workplaces around the country, with thousands of people involved.

Our national event was held in Nottingham City Centre with special guests Des Douglas, Kelly Sibley and Sam Walker and attended by Sky Sports News and the BBC, among others. More than 1,200 tweets on the day used the hashtag #TableTennisDay,

reaching an estimated 4.7 million unique users.

The point of the day is to help raise the profile of the sport and to reach out to new participants, volunteers and officials.

> World Table Tennis Day

Our staff worked with clubs, workplaces and other organisations to facilitate participation events on World Table Tennis Day, organised by the ITTF to promote the sport around the world.

> Disability

The disability table grant scheme has helped 26 organisations supporting those with disabilities to introduce table tennis into their facilities.

The ability club support scheme has supported eight clubs to deliver projects to those with disabilities, which have to date engaged 172 new disabled participants. The clubs supported include Halton, Albert Premier, Deighton, St Neots, Knighton Park, Brighton, Generation 2 and Dorset.

The Wheelpower Spinal Injury Centre pilots has seen activity introduced to their Pinderfields, Wakefield and Salisbury centres. Informal coaching and activity sessions have been delivered to patients, with equipment available outside of the sessions and support given to link players into local clubs.



Desmond Douglas is interviewed on Sky Sports News during National Table Tennis Day

Highlights from the 2015 project:

- Mrs Lithauer visiting Ping! Chelmsford and telling us she “got kicked off so that my husband (29) and my Nan (79) could have a grudge match!”
- Brighton’s ‘chef’s frying pan championships’ using cooking implements as bats.
- Newquay’s ‘longest rally with a flip flop’ record attempt!
- The conversion of a vacant shop space in Plymouth, converted into a ‘Ping Pong Parlour’ with eight Ping! tables resulting in 300-500 people a day playing and the discovery of a Syrian refugee who unveiled himself as the former national coach for Syria and became involved in developing gifted and talented players in the local area.



Table Tennis England staff have presented at the All Party Parliamentary Group for mental health, speaking about the benefits of table tennis. There is also a Table Tennis England mental health action plan outlining our steps to raise awareness and support this area.

Three disability awareness courses have been delivered in Milton Keynes, Middlesbrough and West Ham.

> Clubs

We have received applications from 167 clubs for PremierClub Affiliation this year and five fully completed Clubmark accreditation submissions, which were all granted.

The satellite project continues to be successful with us hitting our Sport England recommended targets.

An initial pilot was set up with four table tennis clubs delivering adult satellite sessions. These sessions were at Bishop Auckland TTC, Crewe Central TTC, Weymouth TTC and Cheltenham TTC.

Table Tennis England invested £2,758 in these projects and all of the projects had successful results and had drawn in new club members. These sessions were also said to be sustainable and are still running beyond our funding support.

After this initial success we extended this project to

PremierClubs in early 2016. We offered these clubs the opportunity to apply for up to £750 to run an adult satellite clubs session to attract a new audience and new members to the club. After an application process, on assessment we were able to grant 15 successful projects with a combined total of £10,186.

The Youth satellite clubs programme has continued and has funded PremierClubs to introduce new sessions for young people, engaging a total of 5,176 participants.

> Facilities Grants

Two dedicated multi-table club schemes were supported at Carlton Le Willows, working with Sycamore, and Nottingham University. Five improvement fund projects were supported, including Corby Smash, Age Concern Great Yarmouth, Swerve, Bishop Auckland and Heacham TTC, and 11 clubs were also supported to purchase more tables to enable more players to come to sessions.

> Children and Young People Initiatives

Our schools table and equipment offer launched in January 2016. The offer provides schools a simple route to access appropriate

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The Wheelpower Games



Paul Drinkhall and James Smith play on a Ping! table in London’s Olympic Park

Development

tables, equipment and resources at great rates (cost covered by schools).

We also launched the schools grant scheme, enabling primary schools to apply for a grant to subsidise the pack. In the first three months the grant scheme supported more than 50 schools, with an additional 35 schools self-funding their own table tennis packages.

Our new schools newsletter was launched in February 2016 and is currently received by 1,436 schools on our database.

The Jack Petchey Foundation project focused on London and Essex has placed a further 308 tables into schools, alongside teacher training courses and student competitions. A further grant for 2016/17 has been confirmed.



This year's programme has seen an extremely successful table donation scheme reaching 8,851 participants (6,858 new)

There have been 1,642 participants involved in the Jack Petchey London Schools' individual and team competitions.

The programme continues to grow year on year.

We have been pleased to work with the English Schools' Table Tennis Association on development of our strategy/initiatives.

Thanks to both ESTTA and the Jack Petchey Foundation for their support throughout the year.

> Priority Zones

Priority Zone work has seen focused efforts in the locations of Plymouth, Bristol, Southampton, Oxford, Brighton, Croydon and Sutton, Tower Hamlets, Chelmsford, Leicester, Birmingham, Nottingham, Liverpool, Sheffield and Leeds. Following a rigorous selection process the appointed zones have received staff support to develop each zone and increase participation.

The activities launched in each zone depend on the needs of the area. Across the country these activities have included the development of new clubs, leagues, disability sessions, leisure centre sessions and social sessions, resulting in more than 7,980 over-16s and 3,813 under-16s playing in new activity.

> Premier League 4 Sport

PL4S continues to be a success, with high numbers of participants engaged throughout the programme. However, female participation in table tennis is the lowest across all of the sports and is something we need to address going forward.

The end of Year 2 PL4S stats (from 31st August, 2015) showed



Kelly Sibley with the winning Blackburn Rovers squad at the Premier League 4 Sport national event in Birmingham.

144 satellite projects being delivered by 28 football clubs engaging 6,436 young people, only 1,361 of these were females and of those females only 35 have been sustained to attending on a regular basis.

The PL4S Year 3 first quarter stats from 1st December 2015, show 116 satellite sessions being delivered by 28 football clubs engaging 2,761 young people since September 2015.

We ran a very successful national event on 12th March, 2016 at the Lighthouse in Birmingham, with 14 clubs attending what was a great day for all involved.

> Recreational Table Grant Scheme

The scheme was set up to allow organisations working with people aged 16-plus to introduce or expand provision of the game in social spaces, with the outcome of enabling more people to participate on a regular basis.

The scheme has delivered over 30 tables reaching more than 1,000 people. Organisations to benefit included community centres, trusts, colleges and bars. Moving forward, the scheme will form part of the Loop in the Community offer.

Please can I take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all clubs, schools, volunteers and partners for all their hard work over the past year. We look forward to continuing to work with you all.

EMILY ST JOHN

> Case Study



Last year Table Tennis England launched the Disability Table Grant Scheme as part of our commitment to creating more playing opportunities for people with disabilities and impairments.

Sense, who are the national charity for people who are deafblind or have sensory impairments, have really engaged with the scheme, with seven of their centres introducing table tennis to their activity timetable.

Sense Hampton College in Peterborough applied for the scheme in order to introduce more physical activities alongside their current provision.

The College uses the equipment on a two-weekly rota basis with another sporting activity.

Mark Flood, the Activity Co-ordinator, believes the sport has developed students' co-ordination and social skills: "Having the table tennis set has been of enormous benefit to our students due to the fact it is helping them with their mobility, hand-eye co-ordination and social interaction skills with each other.

"It has also helped with their expressive and responsive communication; but above all they have fun."

STEVE McFADYEN



A coaching session at Waterside TTC

> Staffing

There have been key changes to the staffing of the coaching and workforce team towards the end of the 2015/16 year. Simon Mills, who was previously Head of Coaching and Performance, now has a stronger focus on our talent and performance pathway and takes on the role of Head of Talent and Performance.

This enabled us to change the structure of the coaching team, which became the workforce department and will continue to lead on coaching but also now work with our volunteer structures across the whole of Table Tennis England.

As part of these changes, Greg Yarnall took up position in February 2016 as Head of Workforce, Miriam Beales has been replaced by Aled Howell as National Workforce and Education Officer and Sandra Pelizzoni continues in her role as National Coaching Co-ordinator.

> Coach Licence

This year has seen the introduction of the coaching portal, which provides a much easier system for coaches to manage their credentials and their continuous professional development. Coaches can now create their profile and manage their coaching qualifications through this system. The portal also enables us to communicate with coaches much more effectively.

It is important to emphasise that Table Tennis England see the coach licence scheme as an important way to ensure coaches continue to learn and develop, as well as ensure we are offering a safe and inclusive environment in our clubs and leagues across the country, which is why we ask coaches as part of their licence to keep their Safeguarding and First Aid certifications up to date.

The scheme also enables us to provide more support and tools to help coaches improve, such as the Winning Edge magazine and CPD opportunities free of charge. There are plans to engage with coaches even more in months to come to support them on their coaching journeys.

> Numbers

We now have 470 coaches who have purchased their coach licence, and this number continues to grow every week.

> Coaching course programme

There have been 27 Level 1 courses and five Level 2 courses run this year with a total of 315 coaches beginning or continuing their coaching journeys.

There have been challenges with the Level 3 programme and we are currently working closely with Sports Coach UK to ensure Level 3 courses are being offered in the 2016/17 season. We look



Live scoring volunteers at the PG Mutual Nationals



It was a great opportunity to discuss challenges and progress in English TT coaching at all levels, from primary school development work through youth team training right up to senior success at the World Team Championships.

– Steve Derbyshire (coach) on the coaching workshops

forward to welcoming coaches onto the course in the coming year.

We have begun work on redesigning our Level 1 and Level 2 programmes to ensure we continue to provide the best possible starting point and education for budding and existing coaches.

> Coaching workshops with national coaches

This year there have been three coaching workshops held at England Youth Development Squads with some of our national coaches delivering. These workshops are very important to us and will continue into 2016/17 and enable coaches to understand what the national coaches are looking for from our up-and-coming young players, in relation to the technical, physical and mental sides of the sport.

> Technical officials

As part of the new workforce department we will begin to work much more closely with technical officials. This work has already begun and we look forward to working closely with the all officials from across the country and providing a much longer update in the next annual report.

> Volunteers

A special thanks must go to all of our amazing volunteers who do such brilliant work in getting new people into the game and providing the right opportunities to keep existing players.

We are currently carrying out work on a volunteer's journey within a club environment to ensure we have the right support, resources and training in place so volunteers across the country feel valued, supported and proud to be involved in table tennis.

The Volunteer Awards are one way we aim to value and support our volunteers – a list of this year's winners can be seen on page 32.

GREG YARNALL

Competitions & Events

The 2015/16 season has seen the Competition Review Group implement a number of changes to the competition landscape. This included a restriction to entries in the National Championships, the removal of National qualification events, a new name for the National Cup events, the introduction of a new Inter-Regional Championships and a Premier League for Sport event and prize money awarded to Women's British League.

The Senior National Championships, which this year were sponsored by PG Mutual, were a resounding success and a major achievement and step forward this season.

With a growing number of competitions to deliver, Martin Day was appointed in February to join Zach Ferris, Neil McGuigan and myself and bring the Competition and Events team to four staff.

> National Championships

Undoubtedly one of our biggest highlights this season were the PG Mutual National Championships which were shown live on ITV4 on the Sunday. The draw took place at Head Office and the video was posted on You Tube for everyone to watch.

Tickets were sold through the Ticket Factory and were a sellout for both Saturday and Sunday (prior to the event) with Friday tickets just £5 on the door.

Four disability categories were included as well as a test Men's Team event which added a new dimension to the event. Held at Hatfield, 32 men and 16 women were selected and invited to take part.

The University of Huddersfield hosted the Cadet and Junior National Championships on 30th April & 1st May which saw 98 players competing for nine National titles. A test team event was added this year, involving four boys' teams and four girls' teams.

The final National Championships of the season were the Under 10-13s, these took place in Preston in June. This season saw a change to the age groups – adding the Under 10s and removing the U14 age group. In total, 48 boys and 24 girls were selected for this event.

> Inter-Regional Championships

A total of 176 players from across 10 regions came together at Arena Sports Kettering in May for the Finals of this newly established event.

The team event took place on the Saturday with the singles on the Sunday, both events involved players competing at U11, 13 and Cadet age groups.

Points were awarded to the medal finishing positions at the event and the South West were crowned the overall champions. The 10 Regional qualifying events involved a total of 535 players competing in individual events.

> British League

Prize money was introduced for the top four teams in the Premier division of Women's British League.

Derby Arena played host to both Junior British League weekends and one of the Veterans' British League weekends. Due to its popularity we have now secured the venue for the next three seasons for both JBL and VBL. Next season VBL will be run alongside VNL at the same venue, ensuring a good atmosphere and allowing players from both events to socialise together.

A new divisional structure will be implemented next season for the Senior British League with the Premier Division moving to a home and away format rather than central venue.

> Grand Prix

This season the Grand Prix series visited Liverpool, Aldershot, Bristol, South Shields, Nottingham, Doncaster, Blackpool and London. Satellites were held in Cardiff, Sussex and Jersey.

Due to popular demand we had to restrict the number of entries for three of the events. Overall entries were up an average of 24 players per GP.

London attracted 286 players, which is the highest entry for a Grand Prix since 2009/10. Next season we have secured larger venues in order to cater for more players and it is great to see so many new players taking part in the series.

> National Cadet League and National Junior League

15 NCL and 14 NJL venues saw nearly 1000 players developing their match play this season. Many thanks to Mike Atkinson for his diligence in arranging the venues and enabling as many young people to take part as possible.

> Jack Petchey

The team event, involving 160 players, was staged at the University of East London in January with the individual event at Brunel University in June. Sir Jack Petchey himself, knighted in the New Year's honours list earlier this year, was on hand to personally congratulate players.

> Junior National Cup

This event, formerly known as the Junior Masters, took place at Milton Keynes TTC in March. We were able to enhance the event for our players by laying Taraflex flooring.

A new selection criteria was implemented this season which meant the top six athletes were invited from the ranking list with a further discretionary selection of up to four further athletes. Games were played to the best of seven.



London Grand Prix final

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ITV used this event to film players, using the footage for the PG Mutual National Championships.

> Cadet & Under-12 National Cup

South Gloucestershire & Stroud College played host to the Cadet & U12 National Cup. With the addition of the U12 age group, the event saw 35 players take part over the two days in February.

> English Leagues Cup Competitions

The Finals weekend on 11th & 12th June at Westfield TTC saw the culmination of this competition following the zonal rounds which were held in April. Many thanks to Diane Webb for her continued dedication to running this fantastic event for local leagues.

> County Championships

A total of 264 teams were represented across five age groups in the County Championships this season. A huge thanks to Les Smith and his committee for their continued hard work in ensuring that the events run smoothly.

> Technical Officials Committee

A huge thanks to Stuart Sherlock for his ongoing hard work and dedication as Chair of TOC, along with his fantastic committee for continuing to drive things forward for officials in England.

This season we were successful in qualifying three International Umpires – Derek Sidaway, Lyndon Griffiths and Nico Caltabiano. We also saw two new National Umpires qualify – Lester Smith and Kim Mudge – and 28 new County Umpires. Congratulations to all of our umpires.

The campaign for more Tournament Referees resulted in more taking the test paper. Those who qualified were – Janie Kirby, Malcolm Macfarlane, Nico Caltabiano, Sue Hayes and Richard Hudson.

The Tournament Organiser course is currently being refreshed and will be rolled out in the early part of the 2016/17 season.

Ben Johnson was awarded the runner-up 'School Games Official of the Year' in this season's Sports Officials UK National Awards presentation. Ben is one of the youngest qualified County Umpires at 14 and was chosen to read at the oath taking ceremony on behalf of all Technical Officials at the event.

> Tournaments Committee

This season Tournaments Committee have administered more than 100 applications for open tournaments and five centres have run tournaments for the first time.

The number of players entering tournaments is down by 200 against this time last year however there are still several tournaments to run.

The number of warnings issued is down against last year but four players have been sanctioned during the season for one month for receiving five or more warnings.

Our thanks go to Steve Welch, who continued his role as Chair of Tournaments Committee, and the rest of the committee who work tirelessly to support tournaments across the country.

> Calendar Working Party

Harvey Webb continued his role as Chairman of this committee and has worked tirelessly over the season to produce action-packed calendars that provide plenty of competitive opportunities for players. Work continues to make the calendars more user-friendly, many thanks Harvey.

> School Games

Manchester Tennis Centre hosted 86 athletes and 73 volunteers



Ten new perpetual trophies have been generously donated by our members for competitions this season. Six of the trophies were awarded at the National Cup events with the remaining four trophies being presented to the new U10 National Champions and U13 Doubles National Champions.

- Junior Boys' National Cup – Bill Moran
- Junior Girls' National Cup – Doreen Stannard, in memory of Iris Moss

- Cadet Boys' National Cup – Mike Holt
- Cadet Girls' National Cup – Michael & Lillian Wilson
- U12 Boy's National Cup – Peter Charters
- U12 Girls' National Cup – Jill Parker
- U10 Boys' Singles – John Burtenshaw
- U10 Girls' Singles – Tony Chatwin
- U13 Boys Doubles – Rob Sinclair
- U13 Girls Doubles – Eileen Shaler

in September 2015 for the 10th School Games.

The four-day multi-sport event involved a total of 12 sports and 1,600 athletes. The winners of the Boy's Team were England Midlands, the Girl's Team were England South East and the Disability Team were England North East. The overall winners were England Midlands.

> Premier League 4 Sport

Young people aged 14 to 18 representing 14 different football clubs showed off their table tennis skills at the Premier League 4 Sport tournament at the Lighthouse in Birmingham.

Clubs represented at the event were: Newcastle, Tottenham, Aston Villa, Plymouth, Swansea, Stoke, West Brom, Arsenal, Hull, Manchester United, Wigan, Sunderland, Southampton and Blackburn, who were declared winners on points difference.

Desmond Douglas and Kelly Sibley were on hand to offer advice and tips and pose for photos, as well as play a scintillating exhibition match. Players had the chance to pose for photos with the Barclays Premier League trophy and enjoy the social area where they could interact with each other, play pool and Xbox games and less competitive table tennis.

> European Championship Qualification

The draw for the European Championship Qualifier events took place live on Laola1.tv on 27 November 2015. England's Men's team were drawn against Netherlands and Greece whilst the Women's team were drawn with Germany and Slovenia.

Matches will be played from the latter months of 2016 and with the final match in March 2017.

> Europe Youth Top 10

Table Tennis England were successful in their bid to host this event in September 2017 which will take place at Worcester Arena. We are excited to welcome Europe's best youth players and see our players compete on home soil.

AMANDA ROBINSON

Performance



It is not a coincidence that, with the smallest team in the division, some of the best performances were produced. The clarity of purpose and simplicity of task was an enabler.



> World Championships

The undoubted highlight this year was the outstanding result for the England men at the World Team Championships. A bronze medal was significantly beyond expectation going into the event and whilst the details of the performances will be covered in more depth elsewhere in this publication, the journey to these performances is as exciting as the result.

The men were promoted to the Championship Division the last time this competition was held and the initial objectives and expectations were focused on securing this promotion and remaining in the division. So a top-four finish in the group round was important.

The competition also was important for Paul Drinkhall and Liam Pitchford to secure sufficient world ranking points to safeguard their Olympic qualification and to support these two players, with Alan Cooke and Sam Walker, travelled to Singapore for their preparation.

Just a few days before the competition, Andrew Baggaley was forced to withdraw with an ankle injury that was to later rule him out of the National Championships. The selection panel felt the best option was for the team to enter with only three players and Alan available as a reserve should the worst happen.

The initial performances at the tournament against Sweden and France, whilst disappointing in the outcome, showed the players were improving and not far away from the performance standard required to secure the outcomes needed. Liam won against Kristian Karlsson to secure his first vital WR points and whilst Paul and Sam lost all their matches in these first games, they were close. The third match was a must-win against Denmark and the players responded perfectly.

Behind the scenes the focus was on supporting the players to become more bulletproof, in other words delivering their best when it matters most. During this competition we identified the importance of staying 'in the moment' as the vital characteristic that would enhance their ability to be bulletproof.

Paul showed the improvements first in his match against Groth in the must-win match. Despite being close and showing huge progress, Paul lost. However, Liam and Sam secured the next

three matches to wrap up the tie and ensure that England would finish no worse than fourth.

The next match was against Germany, who with Ovtcharov out through injury and an ill Boll, had lost 1-3 to France. The work behind the scenes continued to focus on 'staying in the moment' and being present and that, when all the players delivered this, then anything was possible. To support this, the talk of results and outcome was replaced with a conversation about delivering performances that the players could be proud of, whatever the result – in other words, controlling the controllables.

The rest of the matches continue the story from the early part of the competition, each player continued to focus on being present and delivering their performance(s) and along the way they all played at a level that surprised all those around them and delivered results not seen from England (or GB) players in many years. The key to these results though were the conversations and discussions off table where the focus shifted from being in the past or the future to being in the now.

The fact that each player had no option to rest and instead had to play each and every match, meant that there was no opportunity to relax or become distracted and it is not a coincidence that, with the smallest team in the division, some of the best performances were produced. The clarity of purpose and simplicity of task was an enabler.

Finally, thanks must also go to the physio support that Freddie Murray provided to the teams at the event, which meant that all three men could recover from some of the longest games in the tournament and continue to perform the next day.

The Women's team also delivered some strong performances, headlined by Kelly Sibley, who delivered consistent wins

including several against players ranked much higher than her. Kelly's preparation – physically, technically and mentally – enabled her to perform at a much higher level than in recent international competitions, most notably the disappointing performance at the 2015 European Championships.

Kelly was ably supported by improving performances from Tin-Tin Ho, who again won consistently, including a big win against Todorovic in a top of the group clash against Serbia.

The emotional toll on the players and staff after the tournament was significant and all three suffered in the months

Key learnings from the World Championships breakthrough

- Staying in the moment is the key to successful performances
- Physical fitness allows the players to stay in the moment longer
- Teamwork and team cohesion is vital
- If the players can do the above then anything is possible.



England Leopards are looking the part on the international stage thanks to their new kit. For the first time, Table Tennis England Official Clothing Supplier Butterfly created bespoke kit to be worn by England players in tournaments across the world for this season and next. The traditional three leopards which have been the symbol of English table tennis down the years feature prominently in the eye-catching and innovative design. The kit has both red and black home and away versions and, as well as the leopards, features the logos of Table Tennis England, Butterfly and

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Tees Sport, the Butterfly partner for specialist equipment in the British Isles. Table Tennis England Chief Executive Sara Sutcliffe said: "We're delighted with the design of the new England kit and very grateful to Butterfly for producing a unique kit which will ensure our athletes are noticed for their appearance as well as their results."

afterwards and took much longer to recover than originally planned, highlighting the importance of being physically fit.

The most abiding memory from this special tournament was not the individual or team wins or the medal ceremony, but the return to the hotel after the quarter-final match and the spontaneous ovation the players received from all the other teams when they arrived in the foyer.

> England Youth Squad

The England Youth Squad programme continues to progress and support players to make the jump to senior international standard.

This year has seen a shift from individual monthly sessions to fortnightly and whilst this is not able to replicate the daily training environment required by developing players, it is able to ensure that there is much greater alignment between the England Youth Squad programme and each player's home environment.

The current funding limitations continue to require each player to meet their own costs, although Table Tennis England is able to support a number of players to meet some of these financial costs through a number of initiatives including Sports Aid, Backing the Best, The Ivor Montagu Fund and Table Tennis England's own financial resources. Some players have also benefitted from local funding support, in part sourced through the performance team and some of which include the players local clubs.

Improving fitness support has provided all players on the England Youth Squad with a physical training programme and although some players are not doing enough physical training the importance of the players developing this part of their game has never been more important

> European Youth Championships

The performances from the teams at the 2015 European Youth Championships were again an improvement, with the Junior Girls finishing seventh, Junior Boys 10th and Cadet Boys 15th, all having earned promotion within the tournament and thereby achieving the objectives set by the selection policy.

Tin-Tin Ho was unbeaten throughout the Team event, including defeating the No 1 and No 2 seeds from Romania. The defeat of Germany was also a huge highlight for the Junior Girls, especially given that Maria Tsaptsinos received an injury to her

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Performance Coach Alan Cooke at an England Youth Squad session. Top left: Behind the scenes at the World Team Championships.

Performance

shoulder, which prevented her playing several games.

Tin-Tin and Tom Jarvis also reached the last 32 of their singles competitions, as did doubles pairs of Alex Ramsden and Harry Dai and Helshan Weerasinghe and Tom Jarvis.

The players work on becoming 'bulletproof' was starting to pay off.

> Cadet & Junior Opens

Table Tennis England have supported a number of players to enter these events and a growing number are also choosing to build international competitions into their programme at their own cost.

This exposure is critical for players to learn the standards required and the evidence that England players are taking this into their training is through the results that players are attaining.

The highlight of these results was the Junior Girls Team winning the Italian Cadet & Junior Open, where Tin-Tin Ho, Emily Bolton and Kate Cheer surprised the Japanese women in the final. Tin-Tin also reached the singles final narrowly losing and picked up a doubles medal with Emily too.

The Notable Achievements section of this publication also highlights a number of other great results. Well done to all.

> Talent Development Centres

Following a successful Reward and Incentive funding application, Sport England has provided additional support to add another two centres to the existing seven. The tenders have been received and will be assessed once the new Talent Pathway Manager, Marcus Gustafson, starts in June.

This post is also supported by the new funding and will see each Talent Development Centre provided additional support and integration into the England talent pathway, with a growing emphasis on providing opportunities for athletes with a disability to enter the pathway and be supported through to the BTTAD programmes above.

Thanks must go to the significant number of volunteers in each centre who support and frequently enable the Talent Development Centre programme to operate.

> Commonwealth Championships

Table Tennis England selected a young squad to attend this event, the men led by David McBeath and the women by Tin-Tin Ho. Both teams won medals, with the men defeating top seeds Singapore to win silver and the girls defeating Wales to win bronze.

The singles and doubles events were less successful, although Tin-Tin reached the quarter-finals. Tom Jarvis, Alex Ramsden won their first senior caps and Helshan Weerasinghe and Maria Tsaptsinos their second.

Again, significant learning for the players included being physically fitter, staying in the moment and focusing on the performance not the result.

> European Championships

The highlight of this championships was Liam's last 16 result where a close match against European No 1 Ovtcharov saw him eliminated.

The first caps for Maria Tsaptsinos and Lois Peake were also positive, with both winning matches against higher opponents.

Disappointingly, however, both teams failed to make progress and fatigue and failure to prepare appropriately the likely cause of both.

SIMON MILLS

> Great Britain



Kim Daybell will be part of the Paralympic GB team at the Rio Paralympics

> Olympics

The BTTF have nominated Paul Drinkhall and Liam Pitchford to represent Team GB at the Rio Olympic Games and Sam Walker to join them for the team event. Paul and Liam qualified by virtue of their world rankings – the first time two GB athletes have qualified this way since 1996 and the first time anyone has qualified by rights since Matthew Syed in 2000. It is also a first team qualification for GB. No female players were eligible for consideration.

> Paralympics

A total of eight English players were among the squad of 12 named by the British Paralympic Association to compete in Rio. The British Table Tennis Association for people with Disabilities is the governing body responsible for managing the Para programme.

Squad: Will Bayley (class 7), Jane Campbell (class 3), Paul Davies (class 1), Rob Davies (class 1), Kim Daybell (class 10), Sue Gilroy (class 4), Sara Head (class 3), Jack Hunter-Spivey (class 5), Paul Karabardak (class 6), Aaron McKibbin (class 8), David Wetherill (class 6), Ross Wilson (class 8).

> European Games

The first European Games were held in Baku in June 2015 and three England players represented GB at this event. The team was led by Simon Mills and Alan Cooke and saw Paul and Liam both reach the quarter-finals, with Paul going on to narrowly lose to Ovtcharov in the semi-final and Kou Lei in the bronze medal match. Kelly Sibley lost in the first round.

SIMON MILLS



Delegates at the Commonwealth Federation meeting in India

Table Tennis England has continued to have a strong working relationship with both the International Governing Body (ITTF) and the European Continental organisation (ETTU).

We have had representation at the European Youth Championships (2015) in Bratislava, the European Championships in Russia, the European Youth Top 10 in Romania and the World Team Championships in Malaysia.

The European Table Tennis Union had their main congress in Russia. Both the Chairman, Sandra Deaton, and the CEO, Sara Sutcliffe, attended the meeting. There was more information on the qualification for the team events and the dates are now set with the draw completed. We will be promoting our home matches for both the men and women's team.

The ETTU Hall of Fame was also unveiled and English Table Tennis recognition includes Johnny Leach and Jill Hammersley (Parker).

In the European Congress held at the World Championships (Malaysia) we had full representation with the Chairman and CEO. It was revealed that the financial position of the ETTU was much stronger than anticipated and therefore they will be increasing the development opportunities for the member countries. Several of our young elite potentials and performance coaches have already benefited from the European development programmes.

Sara Sutcliffe had the opportunity to present our bid for the European Youth Top 10 event in September 2017. It was an excellent presentation and well received by the executive board of the ETTU. We were informed the next day our bid had been successful. The event will take place at the Worcester Arena.

Sandra Deaton remains as the chair-person of the ETTU Youth Committee and was present at both the youth championships in Bratislava (July 2015) and the Youth Top 10 in Romania (October 2015). She held a full meeting in Bratislava with youth committee members from other national associations as well as ETTU executive board representation and the secretary general.

Sara Sutcliffe remains deputy chair of the women's committee. All our other European Committee members remain in post. The congress in October 2016 will include new elections and the Board are in the process of considering the relevant nominations.

The Commonwealth Federation held their championships in India in December 2015. Simon Mills was the delegate attending the appropriate meetings.

The 20th Commonwealth Championships were staged by the Table Tennis Federation of India in Surat between 16 and 21 December 2015.

The Championships were very well organised and promoted. They were broadcast to more than 20 nations throughout Asia for six hours per day for five of the six days of the competition.

The Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation Annual General Meeting was held in Kuala Lumpur on 29 February 2016. One of

the main items on the agenda was a report from the Organising Committee of the next Commonwealth Games which are to be held in the Gold Coast, Australia, from 4 to 15 April 2018.

Table tennis is to be included on a very similar basis to Glasgow except that for the Gold Coast there will be disability events for both men and women.

The Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation has been asked by the CGF to produce a ranking system and this was agreed at the meeting in Kuala Lumpur and is now available on the CTF website.

Currently there is no venue decided for the next Commonwealth Championships which are due to be played in 2017.

At the World Championships in Malaysia the Chairman and CEO attended the ITTF AGM. It was agreed that the chairman of the Athletes Commission, currently Vladimir Samsonov, should be a member of the ITTF Executive Board. There were numerous propositions, with many being defeated. Those agreed were mainly associated with the rules around equipment for events, however it was agreed for the ITTF to obtain insight into the height of the net with regard to different styles. It was also passed that from 1 October 2016 players may receive coaching advice at any time except in rallies, provided that continuity of play is not affected.

There is also considerable debate around the number of teams which should be included in the World Championships team event. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find host nations to cope with the numbers of players. The executive board have agreed on a significantly high-profile working group to discuss the options.

Our Chairman and CEO also attended the ITTF Development day which highlighted the significance of global increased participation. The ITTF are working on a "PING" project both from a development and marketing concept. As our association has considerable experience of the initial sport exposure we have offered to give support the international project.

There were also numerous meetings with other National Associations as well as a detailed discussion with the marketing and events department concerning the London Table Tennis Cup and future Pro-Tour events in England. Both our representatives once again had a personal meeting with the ITTF chairman Thomas Weikert.

Sandra Deaton was voted on to the ITTF nominations committee as a full member for a further two years, being the only female representative. She also had the great privilege of presenting the Swaythling Cup to the World Team Champions China, having previously watched with immense pride the England Men's Team stand on the world stage to receive their bronze medal.

SANDRA DEATON (additional report by Alan Ransome)

World Team Championships



Sam Walker



It was the tournament that put England back on the table tennis world map as the Leopards squad of Liam Pitchford, Paul Drinkhall and Sam Walker bagged a brilliant bronze medal at the World Team Championships in Kuala Lumpur.

Newly promoted to the top division of the world game for the first time since 1997, and seeded 18th, the team seized the moment.

Group defeats to Sweden and France were forgotten as they beat Denmark, second seeds Germany and Malaysia in advance to the second stage, where Poland and France were defeated to leave England

in a semi-final against Japan and on the podium for the first time since 1983.

And although they lost 3-1 to the third seeds in a match in which they had their chances, they became the first promoted side in history to win a medal as well as the last surviving European side in the competition.



The women's squad of Kelly Sibley, Tin-Tin Ho and Karina Le Fevre won four of five group matches and

were defeated by Puerto Rico in the first match of the second stage.

With thanks to Remy Gros (ITTF Photographer)

> European Championships

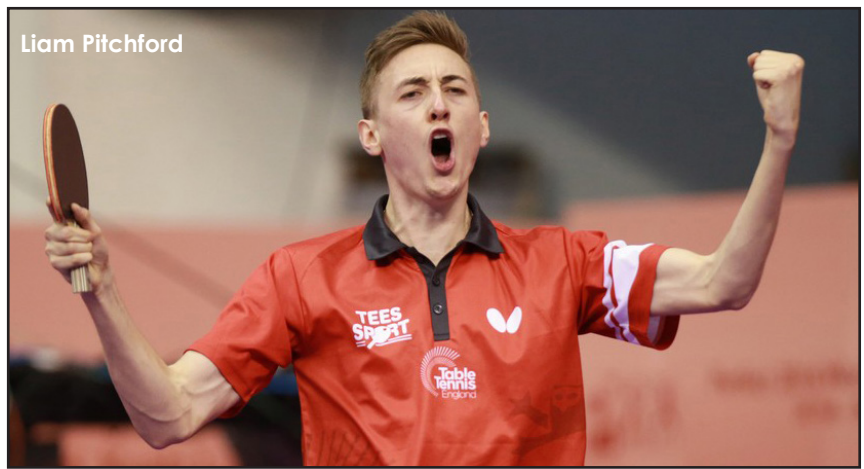


Lois Peake made her senior debut in Ekaterinburg

England's men finished in 20th position at the European Championships in Ekaterinburg, Russia. The squad of Liam Pitchford, Paul Drinkhall, Andrew Baggaley, Sam Walker and Danny Reed notched victories against Estonia, Italy and Bulgaria in the group stage and then defeated Lithuania.

Defeat to Belgium ended their hopes of winning the Challenge Division and, without Drinkhall or Pitchford, they lost their final match to Italy. England women (Kelly Sibley, Maria Tsaptsinos,

World Team Championships



Kelly Sibley

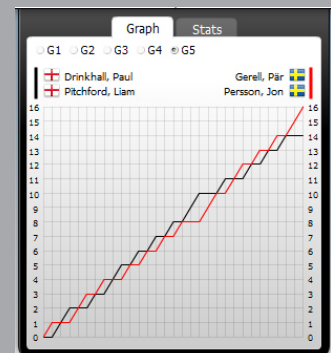
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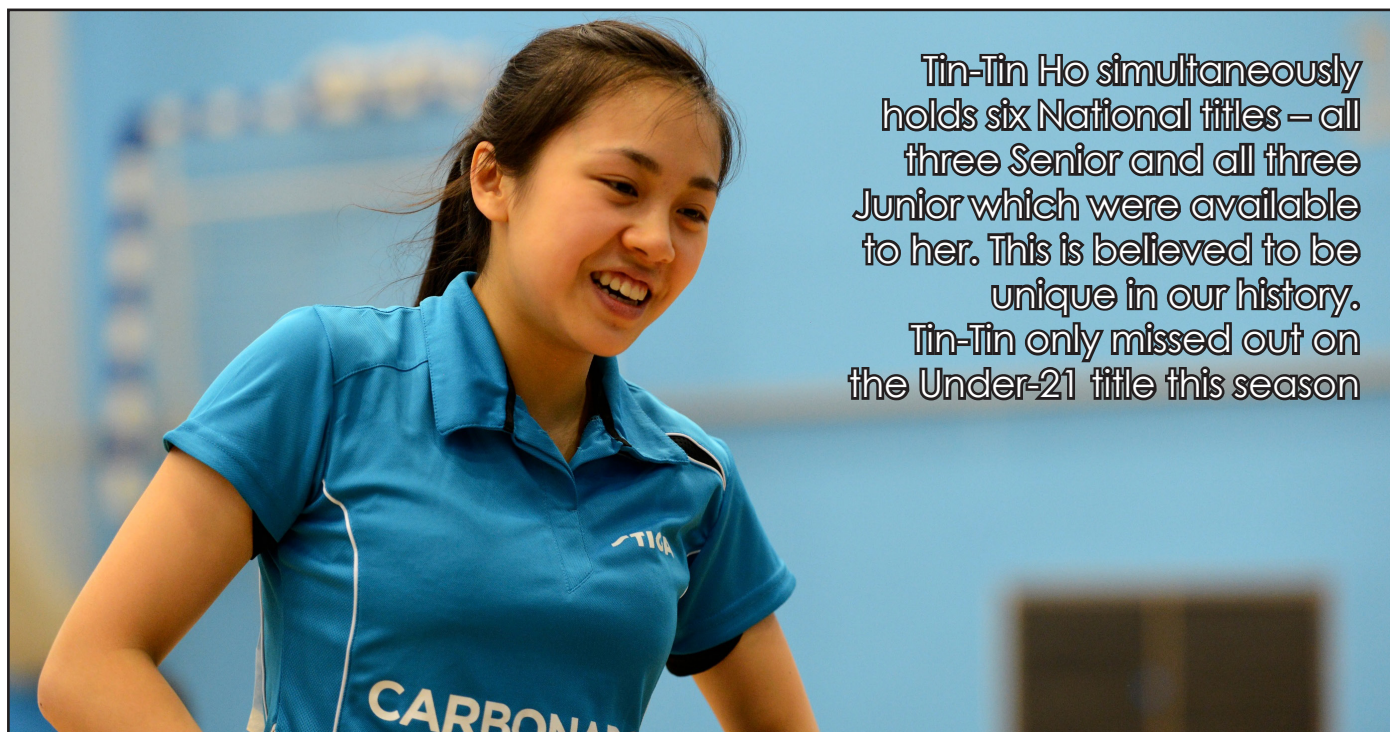
Celebrating with coach Alan Cooke

Karina Le Fevre and Lois Peake) sealed a 22nd-place finish. In the group stage, they defeated Finland and Belgium, but lost to Greece. Peake made her senior debut against Slovenia and beat an opponent ranked 210 places above her in the world, but could not prevent overall defeat. England finished with victory over Italy and defeat to Lithuania. In the singles, Pitchford was the best performing English player, reaching the last 16 and losing to top seed and eventual champion Dimitrij

Ovtcharov 4-2 (4-11, 11-7, 11-8, 6-11, 11-3, 11-4). Walker and Drinkhall were both eliminated in the last 64, while Baggaley went out in the group stage. In the doubles, Pitchford & Drinkhall reached the last 16, where they were narrowly defeated by Sweden's Par Gerell & Jon Persson 3-2 (8-11, 11-9, 8-11, 11-6, 16-14), with a tight final game generating the remarkable graph on the right, with both pairs having match points before the Swedes took it.



Notable achievements



Tin-Tin Ho simultaneously holds six National titles – all three Senior and all three Junior which were available to her. This is believed to be unique in our history. Tin-Tin only missed out on the Under-21 title this season



David McBeath with the Commonwealth Championships Fair Play Award

> Senior

- Paul Drinkhall won the Rio Olympics test event. David Edwards was part of the umpiring team and Stuart Sherlock was the referee.
- England women (Karina Le Fevre, Lois Peake) were overall winners of the Senior 6 Nations. Le Fevre also won the singles gold medal.
- Paul Drinkhall & Liam Pitchford reached the semi-finals of the Swedish Open men's doubles, losing 3-1 to Chinese pair Fang Bo & Xu Xin.
- The England team of David McBeath, Heshan Weerasinghe, Tom Jarvis and Alex Ramsden won team silver at the Commonwealth Championships in Surat, India. The women's team of Karina Le Fevre, Tin-Tin Ho and Maria Tsapsinos won team bronze.
- David McBeath won the Fair Play Award at the Commonwealth Championships.
- Andrew Baggaley retained his World Championship of Ping Pong title.
- Joshua Reynolds is ready to take his umpiring career to the next stage after officiating at the Austrian Open.
- English table tennis legends Jill Parker and Johnny Leach were named as inaugural inductees into the European Table Tennis Hall of Fame. There are two other inductees with strong connections to England – Victor Barna and Richard Bergmann (AUT). Also in the Hall of Fame is Romania's

Otilia Badescu, who is currently Bristol Academy TTC Talent Development Centre's full-time performance coach.

- International Umpire Harmesh 'Harry' Jutle officiated at the Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles.
- Evie Collier found world No 61 Bernadette Szocs too tough as she bowed out in the last 32 of the World University Games in Gwangju, Korea
- Rob Davies beat world No 1 Jean-Francois Ducay from France to retain his men's class one title at the ITTF PTT European Championships. There was silver for Will Bayley and bronzes for Tom Matthews, Billy Shilton, Paul Karabardak, David Wetherill. In the team events, Rob Davies & Tom Matthews took gold and there were silver medals for Will Bayley & Billy Shilton and Paul Karabardak & David Wetherill, and bronze for Aaron McKibbin & Ross Wilson and Sue Gilroy & Megan Shackleton.
- At the World Veterans' Championships in Alicante, Betty Bird won the WS80 gold medal, Pam Butcher the WS85 title and Lorestas Trumpauskas was MD40 champion.

> Junior

- Tin-Tin Ho, Emily Bolton and Kate Cheer won the gold medal at the Junior Girls' team event at the Italian Youth Open. Tin-Tin and Emily also won doubles silver and Tin-Tin won singles bronze.
- Tin-Tin Ho, Maria Tsapsinos and

Notable achievements

Helshan Weerasinghe represented England at the World Junior Championships in France.

- At the European Youth Championships, England's Junior Girls finished seventh, the Junior Boys 10th and Cadet Boys 15th, all hitting their targets set in the selection policy. Tin-Tin Ho reached the last 16 in singles and Alex Ramsden & Harry Dai and Helshan Weerasinghe & Tom Jarvis the last 16 in doubles.

- Helshan Weerasinghe played in the ITTF World Junior Circuit Finals.

- Jamie Liu was selected to represent Europe at the ITTF World Hopes Week. He also reached the quarter-finals at the Euro Minis Championships, finishing seventh.

- England's Josh Weatherby was one of only nine players to be selected for the Euro Talents programme.

- England's Boys' and Girls' teams both won bronze medals at the Cadet 6 Nations.

- Young umpire Ben Johnson was shortlisted for the School Games Official of the Year award at the Sports Officials UK National Awards. As well as umpiring at the Games he was chosen to read the Oath on behalf of all Technical Officials at opening ceremony.

- Rising stars Amirul Hussain and Jasmin Wong were among the first group of athletes to receive one of Sport England's new Backing The Best awards. Para players Billy Shilton and Felicity Pickard also received the award.

- The Boys' National Team of Billy Forster, Tom Jarvis, Alex Ramsden and Alec Ward finished fifth at the ISF World Schools' Championships in Israel.

The Girls' National Team of Kate Cheer, Gauri Duhan, Letitia McMullan and Denise Payet were sixth.

Grantham College, playing in the Girls' School Championships and represented by Emily Bolton, Beth Cook and Grace Potter, were 12th London Academy (Theo Achampong, Eren Gozcu, Omar



Joshua Reynolds at the Austrian Open

Khassal, Valentin Sepsi) were 14th in the Boys' event.

- Omar Khassal was selected as one of two worldwide table tennis ambassadors by the International School Sports Federation.

- England's line-up of Helshan Weerasinghe, Tom Jarvis and Luke Savill reached the semi-finals of the team event at the Croatia Youth Open, where they were beaten by eventual champions Romania A.

- Helshan Weerasinghe reached the final of the Junior Boys' Singles at the Serbian Junior & Cadet Open, losing to top seed Darko Jorgic.

- Nicole Scott and Louis Price won bronze medals at the Andro Open – rated the biggest youth table tennis event in Europe with more than 1,400 youth participants.

- English Schools won every team trophy available at the Home Countries Schools' International Championships in Perth, Scotland. (U14, U16, U18 boys and girls).

- Shayan Siraj won the sports achievement award at the British Muslim Awards.



Omar Khassal



Tin-Tin Ho, Kate Cheer and Emily Bolton won team gold at the Italian Youth Open

> The following have represented England

Senior	Tin-Tin Ho
Andrew Baggaley	Tom Jarvis
Paul Drinkhall	Alex Ramsden
Tin-Tin Ho	Luke Savill
Tom Jarvis	Maria Tsaptsinos
Karina Le Fevre	Helshan Weerasinghe
David McBeath	
Lois Peake	Cadet
Liam Pitchford	Charlotte Bardsley
Alex Ramsden	Kate Cheer
Danny Reed	Joe Clark
Kelly Sibley	Mollie Patterson
Maria Tsaptsinos	Denise Payet
Sam Walker	Alex Ramsden
Helshan Weerasinghe	Shayan Siraj
	James Smith
Junior	Ethan Walsh
Emily Bolton	Jasmin Wong
Kate Cheer	



Sam Chesterman

> The following have competed at ITTF tournaments

Senior	Sam Chesterman
Andrew Baggaley	Harry Dai
Paul Drinkhall	Jonny McMullan
Sam Mabey	Denise Payet
David McBeath	Shayan Siraj
Liam Pitchford	James Smith
Danny Reed	Ethan Walsh
Sam Walker	
Helshan Weerasinghe	Mini
	Ruby Chan
Junior	Sophie Chiang
Emily Bolton	Rhys Davies
Tom Jarvis	Jamie Liu
Sam Mabey	Louis Price
Luke Savill	Darcie Proud
Helshan Weerasinghe	Thomas Rayner
Cadet	Josh Weatherby
Charlotte Bardsley	Jasmin Wong
Reece Chamdal	

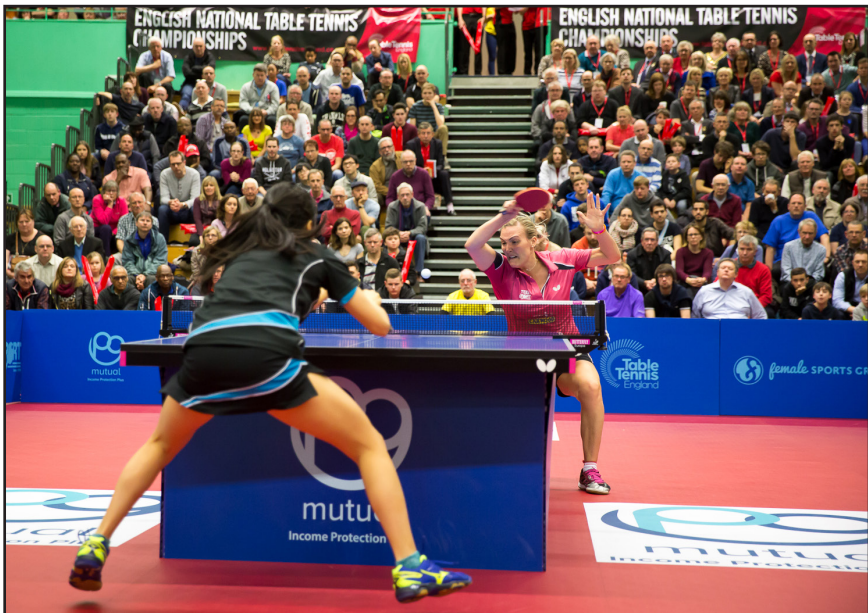
> The following umpires were selected for foreign events

David Cochrane	Alex Mercer
Neil Curtis	Eric Pentland
David Edwards	Lynda Reid
David Gough	Joshua Reynolds
Brian Jackson	Tom Purcell
Harry Jutle	Alan Thomas
John Mackey	

PG Mutual National Championships



Above left: Maria Tsaptsinos and mascot. Above: Jane Campbell. Below right: Matt Ware. Below left: the Women's Singles final. Left: ITV4's live broadcast



PG Mutual National Championships



Above: Paul Drinkhall celebrates his title win. Below: Mike Perry of PG Mutual presents the Under-21 Men's Singles medals



Above: Tin-Tin Ho and Sam Walker in the interview zone. Below: Paul Drinkhall and Liam Pitchford win the Men's Doubles



RESULTS

Men's Singles: Paul Drinkhall bt Sam Walker 4-2 (9-11, 11-4, 11-7, 3-11, 11-5, 11-8)

Women's Singles: Tin-Tin Ho bt Kelly Sibley 4-2 (5-11, 11-9, 3-11, 11-9, 11-9, 11-6)

Men's Doubles: Paul Drinkhall & Liam Pitchford bt Chris Doran & Mike O'Driscoll 3-0 (11-4, 11-4, 11-7)

Women's Doubles: Tin-Tin Ho & Maria Tsaptsinos bt Karina Le Fevre & Emma Vickers 3-1 (11-2, 16-14, 8-11, 11-7)



Mixed Doubles: Sam Walker & Tin-Tin Ho bt David McBeath & Emma Vickers 3-0 (11-8, 11-6, 11-8)

Under-21 Men's Singles: Tom Jarvis bt

Helshan Weerasinghe 4-1 (10-12, 11-8, 12-10, 11-8, 11-5)

Under-21 Women's Singles: Maria Tsaptsinos bt Tin-Tin Ho 4-3 (12-10, 8-11, 8-11, 6-11, 13-11, 11-8, 13-11)

Other winners

Women's Class 3-5: Sue Gilroy

Men's Class 3-5: Jack Hunter-Spivey

Men's Class 6-8: Ross Wilson

Men's Class 9-10: Kim Daybell

Men's Team: Fusion (Mike O'Driscoll, Lorestas Trumpauskas, Emran Hussain)

U10-U13 National Championships



Clockwise from left: Ben Fillingham, Sophie Chiang, Oliver Maric-Murray and the event umpires and officials



RESULTS

Under-13 Boys' Singles: Amirul Hussain bt Jaime Liu 3-1 (11-9, 8-11, 11-5, 11-1)

Under-13 Girls' Singles: Jasmin Wong bt Darcie Proud 3-1 (11-6, 8-11, 11-3, 11-2)

Under-13 Boys' Doubles: Josh Weatherby & Ben Fillingham bt William McCarthy & Fraser Kent 3-0 (11-9, 12-10, 13-11)

Under-13 Girls' Doubles: Ruby Chan & Darcie Proud bt Gemma Kerr & Holly Smithson 3-0 (11-2, 11-6, 11-8)

Under-12 Boys' Singles: Jamie Liu bt Louis Price 3-1 (11-0, 11-13, 11-4, 11-8)

Under-12 Girls' Singles: Sophie Chiang bt Scarlett O'Neil 3-0 (11-7, 11-9, 11-2)

Under-11 Boys' Singles: Bertie Kelly bt Adam Szabo 3-1 (12-10, 11-7, 12-14, 17-15)

Under-11 Girls' Singles: Sophie Chiang bt Amy Marriott 3-2 (12-10, 10-12, 7-11, 13-11, 12-10)

Under-10 Boys' Singles: Connor Green bt Oliver Maric-Murray 3-1 (10-12, 11-6, 11-5, 11-5)

Under-10 Girls' Singles (round-robin): 1 Lucy Gent, 2 Anna Green, 3 Saskia Key



MIKE WATTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



The Mike Watts Achievement Awards, presented to the girl and boy who had made the greatest improvement in ratings points between August 1, 2014 and July 31, 2015, this year went to Israel Awolaja (above, photo courtesy of John Upham) and Mollie Patterson (right).



Cadet & Junior National Championships



Darcie Proud



Left: Harry Dai & Shayan Siraj. Above: Will Ibbitson. Top: the Grantham College team reacts during a match



Jonathan Heslop & Justin Wong



Cadet Girls' Singles: Mollie Patterson, Gauri Duhan, Denise Payet, Charlotte Bardsley

RESULTS

Junior Boys' Singles: Tom Jarvis bt Alex Ramsden 4-0 (11-3, 11-4, 11-5, 11-6)

Junior Girls' Singles: Tin-Tin Ho bt Mollie Patterson 4-0 (12-10, 11-9, 11-5, 11-6)

Junior Boys' Doubles: Tom Jarvis & Alex Ramsden bt Josh Bennett & Matt Leete 3-1 (13-11, 6-11, 11-5, 12-10)

Junior Girls' Doubles: Tin-Tin Ho & Emily Bolton bt Denise Payet & Kate Cheer 3-0 (11-2, 11-4, 11-6)

Mixed Doubles: Tom Jarvis & Tin-Tin Ho bt Luke Savill & Emily Bolton 3-1 (11-3, 9-11, 11-8, 11-7)

Cadet Boys' Singles: Harry Dai bt James Smith 4-2 (12-10, 6-11, 9-11, 11-7, 11-8, 11-6)

Cadet Girls' Singles: Denise Payet bt Charlotte Bardsley 4-2 (11-6, 3-11, 11-13, 11-8, 11-9, 11-8)

Cadet Boys' Doubles: Harry Dai & Shayan Siraj bt Amirul Hussain & Sam Chesterman 3-0 (11-6, 11-8, 11-9)

Cadet Girls' Doubles: Gauri Duhan & Mollie Patterson bt Darcie Proud & Hannah Ward 3-0 (11-7, 11-8, 11-2)

Other winners

Boys' Team: E-BATT (Alex Ramsden, Josh Bennett, James Smith, James Chappell)

Girls' Team: Burton Uxbridge (Charlotte Bardsley, Mollie Patterson, Letitia McMullan, Katie Holt)



Tom Jarvis and Tin-Tin Ho both won three titles in Huddersfield

Inter-Regional Championships



Clockwise from left: Kian Burgess, Erin Richards, Lucy Gent

RESULTS

Team

Cadet Boys: London 3 East 0

Cadet Girls: South West 3 South East 0

Under-13 Boys: North East 3 North West 1

Under-13 Girls: West Midlands 3 South West 2

Under-11 Boys: North East 3 South East 0

Under-11 Girls: South West 3 East 1

Individual

Cadet Boys: Kian Burgess bt Zaiim Premji 3-0 (11-9, 11-8, 11-6)

Cadet Girls: Gemma Kerr bt Darcie Proud 3-1 (8-11, 11-7, 11-4, 11-1)

Under-13 Boys: Ben McDonald bt Fraser Kent 3-2 (11-7, 8-11, 11-9, 12-14, 11-6)

Under-13 Girls: Erin Green bt Mukmanee Warburton 3-0 (11-5, 11-6, 11-8)

Under-11 Boys: Leo Pontone bt Georgios Gerakios 3-1 (9-11, 11-9, 11-4, 11-9)

Under-11 Girls: Megan Jones bt Isabelle Lacorte 3-0 (11-9, 11-8, 11-9)

Overall team positions

- 1 South West
- 2 North East
- 3 East
- 4 West Midlands
- 5 London
- 6 South East
- 7 East Midlands
- 8 North West
- 9 Yorkshire
- 10 Southern



NATIONAL CUP FINAL STANDINGS

> Junior Boys

- 1 Tom Jarvis
- 2 Alex Ramsden
- 3 Luke Savill
- 4 Matt Leete
- 5 Josh Bennett
- 6 Alec Ward
- 7 Josh Harland
- 8 Shaquille Webb-Dixon
- 9 Joe Clark
- 10 Billy Forster

> Junior Girls

- 1 Emily Bolton
- 2 Charlotte Bardsley
- 3 Gauri Duhan
- 4 Denise Payet
- 5 Kate Cheer
- 6 Mollie Patterson
- 7 Jasmin Wong
- 8 Letitia McMullan



- 9 Amy Humphreys
- 10 Amy Blagbrough

> Cadet Boys

- 1 James Smith
- 2 Ethan Walsh
- 3 Harry Dai
- 4 Shayan Siraj
- 5 Jonny McMullan
- 6 Josh Weatherby
- 7 Amirul Hussain
- 8 Jamie Liu

- 9 Sam Chesterman
- 10 Louis Moyes

> Cadet Girls

- 1 Denise Payet
- 2 Mollie Patterson
- 3 Charlotte Bardsley
- 4 Sophie Barlow
- 5 Jasmin Wong
- 6 Amelia Chan
- 7 Tiana Dennison
- 8 Gauri Duhan

- 9 Katie Holt
- 10 Jemma Walker

> Under-12 Boys

- 1 Thomas Rayner
- 2 Louis Price
- 3 Rhys Davies
- 4 Felix Thomis
- 5 Harry Boston
- 6 Adam Szabo
- 7 Bertie Kelly

> Under-12 Girls

- 1 Scarlett O'Neil
- 2 Ruby Chan
- 3 Jasmine Williams
- 4 Amy Marriott
- 5 Helena Dicken
- 6 Anaya Patel
- 7 Alana Mansfield
- 8 Holly Smithson

Winners, from left: Scarlett O'Neil, Denise Payet, Thomas Rayner, James Smith

Other competitions

ENGLISH LEAGUES CUP COMPETITIONS



Wilmott Cup winners from Chester/Ellesmere Port, Tomasz Rzeszotko and Shaun Hall



JM Rose Bowl winners from Leicester, Lois Peake and Karen Smith

The finals weekend saw the culmination of one of the best competitions in recent years, if the closeness of the matches is anything to go by.

The Wilmott Cup was won by Chester/Ellesmere Port who beat the holders and long-time rivals, Sheffield, in a thrilling 3-2 final. Shaun Hall and Tomasz Rzeszotko were the winning pair.

In the J M Rose Bowl, Karen Smith took the title for the fifth time for Leicester aided by the undefeated England International, Lois Peake. Warrington fought hard in the final but the current and former internationals proved too strong.

In the junior events it was a double victory for the Crawley and

Horsham League and also a family affair for the Hazell siblings, Alice and George.

It was a very close contest in the Carter Cup, the duo of Josh Bennett and George Hazell for Crawley & Horsham overcoming the gallant Cambridge team in the fifth match.

The young ladies of Crawley & Horsham, Kate Cheer, Junior International, and Alice Hazell were undefeated throughout the day and were worthy champions. Hull finished in second position.

Many thanks to Westfield Table Tennis Club in Wellingborough for hosting the finals once again and to all the officials for all their hard work over the weekend.

DIANE WEBB

GRAND PRIX SERIES

Eight Grand Prix and three Satellite events were held during the season. There was a total number of 4,472 entries by 836 players. The entry number is up from 3,966 entries last season.

The winners were:

Men's Singles: Ryan Jenkins

Women's Singles: Kelly Sibley

Men's Band 1: Sean Doherty

Women's Band 1: Rachel Baker

Men's Band 2: Matt Leete

Women's Band 2: Emily Bolton

Men's Band 3: Dylan Curry



Women's Band 3: Annie Hudson

Men's Band 4: Billy Shilton

Women's Band 4: Kitty Chow

Men's Band 5: Finn Morgan-Bayliss

Men's Band 6: Lewis Palmer

Veteran Singles: Tomasz Rzeszotko

U21 Men: Jack Bennett

U21 Women: Emily Bolton

Open Doubles: Gavin Maguire

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The season saw a total of 236 teams entering the County Championships. Teams representing most counties in England and also some teams from our Welsh neighbours took part, ensuring it remains one of the most popular Table Tennis England competitions.

It was disappointing that only 16 counties entered all sections and that nine counties did not enter a Junior or Cadet team. There is still a shortage of girl and women players.

It has also been noted that as a result of the competition being held over only two weekends in the season and involving overnight stays, some players have found a conflict of commitments to families and so on. Following a request from the 2015 Annual Conference, next season matches will be staged over three Saturdays.

The Senior Premier Division was won by Sussex, with Middlesex taking the runners-up position - this was a reverse of their positions last season. Devonshire and Kent will be relegated.

Lancashire won the Junior Premier Division, runners-up being Hampshire, who had led until the final match. Glamorgan and Northamptonshire will be relegated.

Leicestershire took the Veteran Premier Division title, Sussex taking the runners-up spot. South Yorkshire and Berkshire will lose their places in the top flight next season.

Yorkshire retained the Cadet Premier Division for the third season, with Hampshire as runners-up, a repeat of last season. Cambridgeshire, Essex and Sussex are relegated.

This season the Over-60s' Premier Division was retained by Essex, with Oxfordshire in the runners-up position and Cheshire and Hampshire being relegated.

The administration involved by the volunteers is significant, but despite being a small committee, it continues to do its best to ensure all divisions run smoothly.

Thanks go to all who helped with the administration of the County Championships this past season and those who staged the Premier Division weekends.

County Championships Committee: Chairman/Secretary/Administrator Les Smith; Assistant Administrator (Junior, Cadet) John Alsop; Assistant Administrator (Senior, Veteran, Over-60) Dave Goulden; Premier Weekend Organiser (Senior, Junior) Ken Eliot; Premier Weekend Organiser (Cadet, Over-60, Veteran)/Publicity Officer Barry Snowden; Referee Tim Harris; Deputy Referee Margot Fraser; Neil McGuigan.

LES SMITH

The champions:

> Senior

Premier: Sussex

1A: Lincolnshire

1B: Dorset

2A: Norfolk

2B: Sussex III

> Junior

Premier: Lancashire

1A: Yorkshire

1B: Devonshire

2A: Cheshire

2B: Devonshire II

2C: Nottinghamshire

2D: Berkshire

> Veterans

Premier: Leicestershire

1A: Warwickshire

1B: Dorset

2A: Northamptonshire

2B: Middlesex II

2C: Surrey II

2D: Oxfordshire

3A: Cambridgeshire II

3B: Suffolk

3C: Sussex III

3D: Dorset II

> Cadet

Premier: Yorkshire

1A: Nottinghamshire

1B: Middlesex

1C: Devonshire

> Over-60

Premier: Essex

1A: Lincolnshire

1B: Hertfordshire

British League



The British League has made significant progress over the last 12 months.

The coming season sees the move back to home matches for the senior premier division, as well as a complete re-structure of the divisions in the senior event.

This is the most significant change in the British League, perhaps ever. It's a bold move that demonstrates the ambition of the British League committee and the confidence the Table Tennis England board has in the committee's vision. It is also very pleasing to note that the vast majority of existing premier division clubs have supported the initiative by signing up for the premier division already.

Due to the changes made to support the new home match format, no play-offs were held and North Ayrshire TTC and Halton TTC we promoted. These changes have also meant a large number of regulation changes, for which a tremendous amount of work has been completed by both the senior British League committee and the rules committee.

Next season's venues have been secured earlier than normal to provide a guide for geographic location of each division, this is in response to club feedback and it is hoped that with some of the mystery surrounding venue location removed, combined with the new pyramid structure, we will see an increase in entries this coming season.

This past season saw the introduction of doubles into the senior event following a close vote at conference.

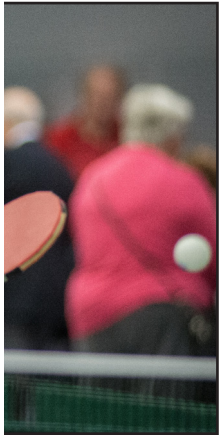
The inclusion has been met with mixed responses and the future of the inclusion of doubles remains uncertain. The final decision will be announced at this year's conference.

The women's event under the stewardship of Amanda Robinson was a great success and offered prizemoney for the first time this season. Karen Tonge became the new referee following the



From top: Title-winning teams Nottingham Sycamore, Draycott East Midlands, EBATT and Ellenborough; Top, from left: Billy Shilton, Jane Ellis, WBL umpire Graham Rollinson receives the Solihull Cup, Viktor Gorman with the trophy for most wins

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retirement of Gill Smith at the end of last season, plus recognition to Diane Webb for covering weekend one in Karen's absence. The organiser received very positive feedback from clubs and players this season following a number of improvements on the previous season.

The junior event was once again over-subscribed and required a play-off to determine the final 74 teams. The event was held at the new velodrome in Derby which, following a piece of research completed by Table Tennis England, will see this become the permanent home for the JBL for the next three years. The move to this bigger and higher quality venue will come at a cost, due to the increase in overheads.

The fee structure has also been changed to make the true cost of entering events more transparent for clubs, with the hope that when given the facts they will realise the current fee structure is necessary to ensure we provide first class facilities and equipment for each event.

The veterans also ran one weekend at the velodrome in Derby. Although the venue is big enough to incorporate the Veterans' National League (which has, historically, had to be run at a separate venue), on this occasion part of the arena was not available.

The general view of clubs and players was that the incorporation of the VNL

was preferred and again when canvassed, the majority supported paying a little more in the form of a venue levy to secure this fantastic venue for the next three years.

As a result, the Veterans' National League has been consumed by the VBL and all divisions will be played at the single venue. All regulations referring to the Veterans' National League will be removed. Gill Smith will receive additional support from the Table Tennis England competitions department to help with the additional workload caused by the amalgamation.

The press and publicity team worked tirelessly once again covering most of the events, my thanks to John Upham and Matthew Shaw.

Sadly, due to work commitments, we have now lost the services of Matthew Shaw, who will be extremely difficult to replace.

We are now looking to expand our team, so if you are interested please contact the British League Chair.

A tremendous amount of work has been put in by the British League committee and my thanks go to each member for their efforts over the past 12 months.

It has been a very busy but successful year for the British League and we look forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

CHRIS DANGERFIELD

Chairman: Chris Dangerfield

Secretary: Gary Wood

Table Tennis England staff representative & WBL representative: Amanda Robinson; JBL representatives: Brenda Hudson, Richard Hudson; SBL representative: Malcolm Macfarlane; VBL representative: Gill Smith; Board representative: Susie Hughes; Calendar secretary: Alan Ransome OBE

Press Officer: Vacant

Photographer: John Upham

Senior British League

Secretary: Gary Wood; administrator: Malcolm Macfarlane; Referee: Stuart

British League Committee

Sherlock; Jason Ramage, Alan Ransome OBE

Junior British League

Administrators: Brenda Hudson, Richard Hudson; Referee: Steve Welch

Veterans' British League

Administrator: Gill Smith; referee: Alan Duke; Veterans' National League organiser: Neil McGuigan; Veterans' National League Referee: Brian Jackson

Women's British League

Administrator: Amanda Robinson; Referee: Karen Tonge

Senior British League

Premier Division	Nottingham Sycamore
Division 1 North.....	North Ayrshire
Division 1 Midlands	Nottingham Sycamore II
Division 1 South.....	London Academy II
Division 2 North.....	Northfield
Division 2 Midlands	York Gardens II
Division 2 South.....	Portsmouth
Division 3 North.....	Ravenscroft
Division 3 Midlands	Corby Smash
Division 3 South.....	Horsham Blades
Division 4 North.....	Ravenscroft II
Division 4 Midlands	Westfield II
Division 4 South.....	Waterside
Division 5 South.....	Hillingdon

Women's British League

Premier Division	Draycott East Midlands
Division 1	Draycott East Midlands II
Division 2	Byng Hall A
Division 3	York Gardens Angels
Division 4	Burton Uxbridge II
Division 5	MK Vixens

Veterans' British League

Premier Men	Bribar St Neots Saints
Premier Women	Bribar Bunch
Division 1A Men	Fullmarks
Division 1B Men	Seasiders
Division 1 Women	Irish Colleens
Division 2A Men	Norton
Division 2B Men	Custom St Marys
Division 2 Women	Cippenham Ladies

Junior British League

Premier Boys	EBATT
Premier Girls.....	Ellenborough
Division 1 Boys.....	Draycott East Midlands
Division 1 Girls.....	Warrington
Division 2A Boys	Pompey
Division 2B Boys	Byng Hall
Division 2 Girls.....	Sussex Alliance
Division 3A Boys	Kingfisher
Division 3B Boys	Halton
Division 3 Girls.....	Ellenborough B
Division 4A Boys	Draycott East Midlands II
Division 4B Boys	Jersey Academy

Veterans' National League

Division 1A.....	Hereford Challengers
Division 1B.....	South Essex
Division 2A.....	Blackpool
Division 2B.....	Graham Spicer II

Awards and thanks



The winners at the Volunteer Awards, held during the PG Mutual National Championships

A special message of thanks from our Chairman, Sandra Deaton

One of the great joys of attending the PG Mutual National Championships in March was that it gave me the chance to meet some of our fantastic volunteers – and to see some of them in action too!

The Nationals is our showpiece event and it is only right that, as well as honouring our leading players, we also take time to salute those unsung heroes who help to make our sport great.

That's why the annual Volunteer Awards remain a central part of the Nationals programme as we recognise and reward some of the outstanding individuals who underpin the game as coaches, administrators or in many other capacities.

In addition, it was lovely to see the dedicated, smiling team of event volunteers in action in Hatfield.

From the front-of-house team who were the first faces seen by players and spectators as they arrived at the event to the back-of-house assistants, live scoring team, crowd helpers and media assistants, they all did an amazing job – and praise for them was a common theme in the post-event surveys we received back from spectators.

In short, they helped to make the Nationals a fantastic event, not just for those watching and playing at the venue but also for those tuning in to the live coverage on ITV4.

I must also pay tribute to all those wonderful volunteers who we will

recognise at the AGM for their service to the sport. In many cases they have given a lifetime's service and dedication to table tennis in roles as diverse as coaching, umpiring and refereeing, serving on management committees for clubs, counties or leagues and promoting the sport in their areas - not to mention carrying out the numerous less glamorous tasks that keep everything running smoothly.

The time they give, but more importantly the enthusiasm and expertise they bring to a wide variety of roles, is truly appreciated. It's no exaggeration to say the sport would simply not function without them.

I would also like to thank all those volunteers who play an important role in the running of Table Tennis England, as members of our National Council or in other advisory and administrative roles.

We are truly lucky to have so many hard-working and dedicated volunteers in table tennis, ensuring everyone enjoys participating in our sport, whatever level they play at.

And although we are only able to recognise a few of you every year at the Volunteer Awards and AGM, I want to say that you are ALL valued and on behalf of Table Tennis England I thank you ALL for your commitment.

Finally, I must pay tribute to our staff members who are always prepared to go the extra mile to improve the table tennis landscape in England.

Volunteer Awards

Club of the Year

Winner: Bishop Auckland TTC
Runner-up: Joola Plymouth TTC

Coach of the Year

Winner: James Lewis
Runner-up: Harvey Stevens

Equality Award

Tim Holtam

Volunteer of the Year

Winner: Keith Warrington
Runner-up: Debbie Whiting

Unsung Hero

Winner: Bryan Edwards
Runner-up: Roger Bowkett



Paul Drinkhall was presented with the Johnny Leach Most Improved England Player of the Year Award at the opening of the ETTU Hall of Fame

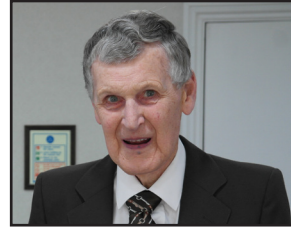
Awards and thanks



Peter Charters



Leslie Allwood



Mike Atkinson



Barry Chapman



Jim Clegg



David Edwards



Nick Jarvis



Derrick Marples



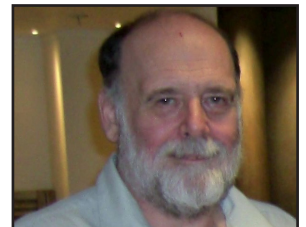
Mike Smith



Denis Neale



Sir Jack Petchey CBE



Graham Rogerson



Gill Smith



Peter Taylor



Diane Webb

Tom Blunn Fund

The following officials received grants:

David Edwards
Margot Fraser
Harry Jutle
Tom Purcell
Alan Thomas

Ivor Montagu

Junior Fund

The following received grants:

Amirul Hussain
Alex Ramsden

Honours bestowed on members at AGM

Honorary Life Members

Peter Charters
Mike Smith

Vice-Presidents

Leslie Allwood
Mike Atkinson
Barry Chapman
Jim Clegg
David Edwards
Nick Jarvis
Derrick Marples

Denis Neale
Sir Jack Petchey CBE
Graham Rogerson
Gill Smith
Peter Taylor
Diane Webb

Keith Ponting President's Memorial Award

Les Smith

Victor Barna Award

Will Bayley

The Johnny Leach MBE Most Improved

England Player of the Year Award

Paul Drinkhall

Ivor Montagu Award

Estyn Williams

Malcolm Scott Award

Sandra Deaton

AK Vint OBE Staff Award

Zach Ferris



Clockwise from top left:
**Estyn Williams,
Les Smith,
Will Bayley,
Sandra
Deaton, Zach
Ferris**



Maurice Goldstein Awards

B Freer (Cambridge)
R Neal (Lytham St Annes)
C Newberry (Sussex)
D Stanton (Folkestone)
R Howard (St Neots)
J Talbot (Didcot)
M Foulkes (Stone)



Who's who

Honorary Life Members & Vice-Presidents

Honorary Life Members

PA Charters, LA Chatwin, MG Clark, CJ Clemett, A Drapkin, PHM Hillier, MR Holt, LF Landry, AN Murdoch, AE Ransome OBE, RC Scruton, LJ Smith, MGR Smith, Mrs DM Stannard, Mrs KM Tonge MBE, HJ Webb, JM Wright, DA Young, R Yule

Deceased Honorary Life Members

The Dowager Lady G Swaythling, AF Carris, GW Decker, LE Forrest, IGS Montagu, AK Vint OBE, PE Warden, CG Woodcock, M Goldstein, WE Stamp, IC Eyles, FGJ Mannocho, 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, KTO Ponting, MWJ Lewis, NK Reeve

Vice-Presidents

M Allsop, L Allwood, Mrs AP Archdale, J Arnold MBE, M Atkinson, D Berriman, J Blackband, PR Bradley, JM Burtenshaw, B Chapman, S Clarke, J Clegg, M Close, A Cooke, Mrs W Cunningham, C Davison, P Day, Mrs S Deaton, JE Dignum, D Douglas MBE, D Edwards, K Eliot, D Evans, J Freeman JP, BR Granger, DC Gray, G Gurney, J Hilton, TM Honey, RB Hudson, A Hydes, CT Hyland, C Jacques, N Jarvis, Mrs D Jermyn, Mrs G Johns, Mrs A Jones CBE, Mrs V Jones, Miss S King, BP Lamerton, Mrs C Lewis, P Lewis MBE, JY Liu, Mrs D Macfarlane, MC Macfarlane, KJ Marchant, D Marples, AI Marshall, K Matthews, Mrs C Moore, Mrs V Murdoch, D Neale, J Neslen, Mrs DM Nightingale, Mrs J Parker MBE, M Payne, Sir Jack Petchey CBE, LH Pilfold, DD Plowes, Mrs R Ponting, Mrs E Preat, Mrs J Ransome, G Rogerson Dr D Ryde MB MS FRC, Mrs J Sands, D Schofield, Mrs C Seward, Mrs E Shaler, SE Sherlock, RH Sinclair, B Skinner, Mrs G Smith, RJ Stevens, MD Strode, GA Taylor, P Taylor, K Tonge, DR Tremayne, GP Trimming, GMG Twiss, DN Tyler, GE Tyler, C Villiers MBE, RR Washington, Mrs JL Watts JP, Mrs D Webb, S Welch, GM Wilson, M Wolman, R Yates

Support & Advisory Network

SUPPORT COMMITTEES

Marketing and Communications

British League Committee

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Calendar Working Party

Chairman Harvey Webb; Secretary Di Jermyn; Mike Atkinson; Amanda Robinson; Steve Welch; Gary Whyman

County Championships Committee

See page 29

English Leagues Cup Competitions Committee

Chairman Diane Webb; Secretary Richard Hudson; Zach Ferris

National Cadet and National Junior Leagues Committee

Chairman Mike Atkinson, Zach Ferris

National Council representatives

Avon: DL Hockney, Vacant

Bedfordshire: Mrs VJ Murdoch, J Alsop

Berkshire: C Dyke, A Bruton

Buckinghamshire: RR Washington, RJ Hedley

Cambridgeshire: BR Freer, Mrs V Parkes

Cheshire: Mrs KM Tonge MBE, R Jackson

Cleveland: AE Ransome OBE, C Davison

Cornwall: Mrs DM Jermyn, K Fudge

Derbyshire: LA Chatwin, J Cowell

Devonshire: P Goulding, A Millman

Dorset: LT Whittaker, N Hardisty

Durham: A Thompson, P Whitfield

Essex: Vacant, Vacant

Gloucestershire: LJ Smith, Mrs EJ Kirby

Hampshire: DB Turner, BP Lamerton

Herefordshire: H Jutle, B Kitchener

Hertfordshire: DJ Edwards, JM Barnes

Isle of Wight: Vacant, Vacant

Kent: N Le Milliere, Vacant

Lancashire: S Clarke, DD Goulden

Leicestershire: G Sanders, Mrs S Pickering

Lincolnshire: GE Tyler, D Brown

Middlesex: M Close, R Sutcliffe

Norfolk: T Vincent, Vacant

Northamptonshire: R Barr, Vacant

Northumberland: J Donnelly, A Hedley

Nottinghamshire: M Allsop, B Rimmer

Oxfordshire: N Hurford, J Birkin

Shropshire: C Dangerfield, T Ridgway

Somerset: JM Burtenshaw, M Reading

South Yorkshire: R Loxley, J Kenny

Staffordshire: D Sherratt, C Bell

Suffolk: Vacant, Vacant

Surrey: Miss M Fraser, HA Laws

Sussex: A Catt, S Pound

Warwickshire: EJ Williams, M Macfarlane

Wiltshire: CN Sewell, Vacant

Worcestershire: MG Clark, Mrs LA Reid

Yorkshire: RB Hudson, B Snowden

KEY

County: National councillor, deputy

Our Board



Sandra Deaton
Chairman



Susie Hughes
Deputy Chairman



Keith Thomas
Treasurer



Sara Sutcliffe
Chief Executive



Simon Griew



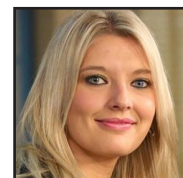
Phil Huggon



Andrew Nixon



Tom Purcell



Kelly Skeggs



Mike Smith



Anna Lisa Tazartes



Doreen Stannard
President

Technical Officials Committee

Chairman Stuart Sherlock; Secretary Colin Clemett; David Edwards; Margot Fraser; John Mackey; Amanda Robinson; Graham Rogerson; Steve Smith; Karen Tonge MBE. **Specialist Panels:** Referee Review - Stuart Sherlock; Steve Smith; Karen Tonge MBE; Steve Welch. Tournament Management Officials - Stuart Sherlock; John Mackey; Amanda Robinson. Tournament Organisers - Graham Rogerson; Amanda Robinson. Training and Development - Karen Tonge MBE; David Edwards; John Mackey. Umpire Selection - Margot Fraser (Secretary Foreign Competitions); David Edwards (Secretary Domestic Competitions); Lynda Reid

Tournaments Committee

Chairman Steve Welch; Secretary Di Jermyn; Margot Fraser (TOC); Shaun Haskell, Amanda Robinson; Harvey Webb; Margaret Welch

Operations

Archives, Museum and Records Committee

Chairman Diane Webb; Secretary Rob Sinclair; Colin Clemett; Don Davies; Ken Eliot

Board of Appeal

Chairman John Freeman JP; Clerk Nigel Gibson-Birch; Administrative Clerk Rob Sinclair; Peter Bradley; Tony Clayton; Michael Close; Peter Diver; Michael Flynn JP; David Hewitt; Laurie Holland; John Marshall; Doreen Nightingale; Eric Pentland; Alan Shepherd; Jan Thorpe JP; June Watts JP

Disciplinary Committee

Chairman Estyn Williams; Secretary Rob Sinclair; Ken Field; Richard Habgood; Craig Milner; Lynda Reid; Gordon Sanders Reserves; John Burtenshaw; Gary Whyman; Investigator: Judy Rogers

Returning Officer and Scrutineers

Returning Officer Caroline Williams; Scrutineers Jim Palmer (Chief); Angela Bowness; John Bowness; Paul Nichols

Rules Committee

Chairman Colin Clemett; Secretary Jonathan Bruck; David Adams; Ian McKelvey; Lynda Reid; Estyn Williams

Trade Committee

Chairman Stan Clarke; Secretary Rob Sinclair ; Jonathan Bruck; John Burtenshaw; Tony Chatwin; Martin Clark; Harvey Webb

REGIONAL STRUCTURE

Regional Forum

Chairman Phil Goulding; Secretary Jonathan Bruck. Regional Chairmen: East Brian Davison; East Midlands Shirley Pickering; London: Stephan Hastings; North East Colin Davison; North West Karen Tonge MBE; South: David Turner; South East: Kim Mudge; South West: John Burtenshaw; West Midlands: Neil Wheatley; Yorkshire: Bokmun Chan. Board Representatives: Sandra Deaton, Susie Hughes, Mike Smith, Sara Sutcliffe; Keith Thomas. Good Standing Representatives Karen Tonge MBE (BTTAD); Mike Smith (BUCS); John Arnold MBE (ESTTA); Mrs LA Reid (VETTS), Gerry Cronin; Simon Mills; Emily St John

Regional Committees

Regional Chairman (appointed by Board); Vice-Chairman; Secretary; Treasurer; Coaching Co-ordinator; Competitions Co-ordinator; Development Liaison Officer (elected by Regional Committee), County Representatives: minimum 1, maximum 3 - including preferably National Councillor or Deputy National Councillor; Coaching Officer; Development Officer; (elected by Counties) Good Standing Representatives: BTTAD, BUCS, ESTTA, VETTS (appointed by their Organisation); Table Tennis England Area Development Lead or representative(invited)

ADVISORY - INDIVIDUAL ADVISERS

Coaching and Performance

Performance - Kevin Satchell

Development

Facilities - David Morley; Volunteering - Graham Frankel; Participation and Membership Development – Adult Dan Lines; Children and Young People/ Schools - John Arnold MBE; Clubs - Colin Dyke; Disability - Shaun Newcomb; Leagues - Vaughan Allington; Universities - Mike Payne

Marketing and Communications

Membership Processes - Russell Sutcliffe; Membership Services - John Cowell; Sponsorship - Ray James

Grand Prix - David Evans; National Championships - Stuart Sherlock; Ranking - Malcolm Macfarlane

Operations

Child Protection Case Management Group - Phil Goulding; Customer Relations Management - Tony Catt

Our staff

Chief Executive Sara Sutcliffe

Operations

Head of Operations Jonathan Bruck

Finance Administrator Samantha Garey

Finance Assistant Supriyaa Parthiban

Safeguarding & Ethics Manager Judy Rogers

Customer Insight Officer..... Rachel Elsley

Membership & Rankings Manager Justine Campbell

Membership & Rankings Administrator Jessica Kratovil

Department Administrator Holly Baker

Receptionist & Office Administrator..... Abi Gabb

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Senior Communications Officer..... Paul Stimpson

Marketing Communications Assistant Jamie Gordon

Competitions & Events Manager..... Amanda Robinson

Competitions & Events Officer Zach Ferris

Competitions & Events Officer Neil McGuigan

Competitions & Events Officer Martin Day

Development

Head of Development Emily St John

Adult Participation Manager Keely Armitt

Clubs & Disability Officer Steve McFadyen

Children & Young People Manager Caroline Howkins

Schools Officer..... Luke Smith

Development Project Support Officer Vacant

Ping! Innovation Officer Andy James

Ping! Marketing & Media Officer Julie Snowdon

Ping! & Programmes Operations Officer Alex Bunney

Workforce

Head of Workforce Greg Yarnall

National Workforce & Education Officer Aled Howell

Coaching Co-ordinator Sandra Pelizzoni

Performance

Head of Talent & Performance Simon Mills

Head Coach Nick Jarvis

National Coach Alan Cooke

National Coach (Talent) Matt Stanforth

Talent Pathway Manager Marcus Gustafson

Performance Administrator Melanie Allen

Talent coaches

Plymouth Paul Whiting

BATTS Jane Barella

Nottingham Sycamore Chris Turner

Ormesby Hong Hong Peebles

Staff based remotely

Area Development Leads

South West Chris Brown

London & South East John Andrews

Central Mark Willerton

North Martin Ireland

Development Officers

South West Lee Monk

Gemma Parry

Lisa Williams

London & South East Craig Bryant

Duncan Jenkinson

Kieron Pelling

Central Helen Lower

Chris Newton

North Andrea Holt

Sally Shutt

The following have left the organisation this year: Rob Sinclair, Brian Skinner, Miriam Beales, Michelle Wrighting, Gerry Cronin, Angela Brown, Kerry Coombs, Michaela Clark

Financial reports



We continue to be vigilant with our operational costs, utilising limited funds to deliver the best service possible whilst saving money and moving it to frontline delivery.

– Keith Thomas, Treasurer

The year 2015/16 was the third year of the 2013/17 Sport England Whole Sport plan cycle. What is noticeable is that turnover has increased significantly with a marked escalation in expenditure to the frontline of the sport.

I am pleased to report that we are showing a surplus of £16,078 in a year where membership fees were frozen and some exciting and unexpected delivery took place. This delivery includes providing sufficient funds to support successful Olympic qualification and delivery of a new format for the Senior Nationals which were televised on ITV4 and reached an audience of 150,000.

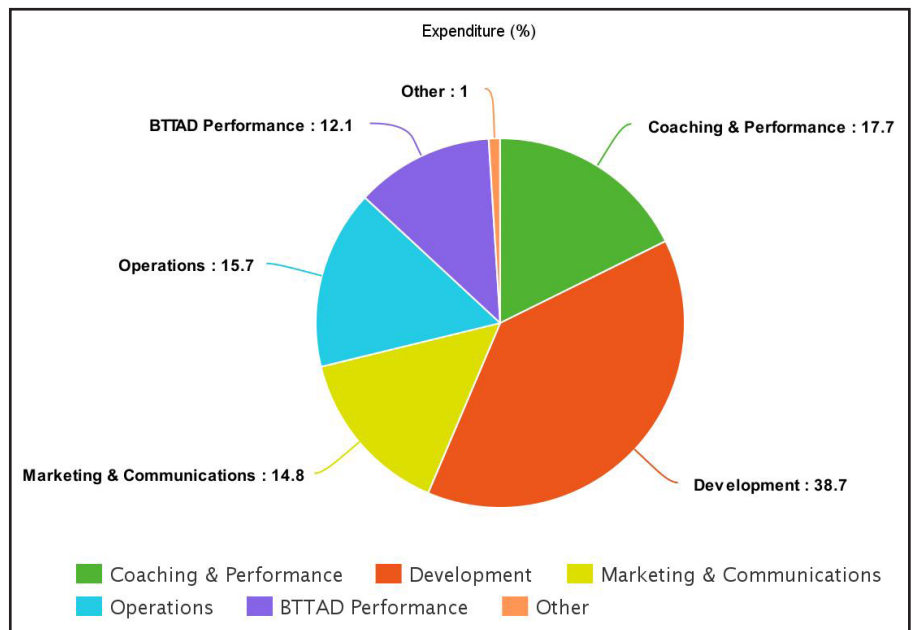
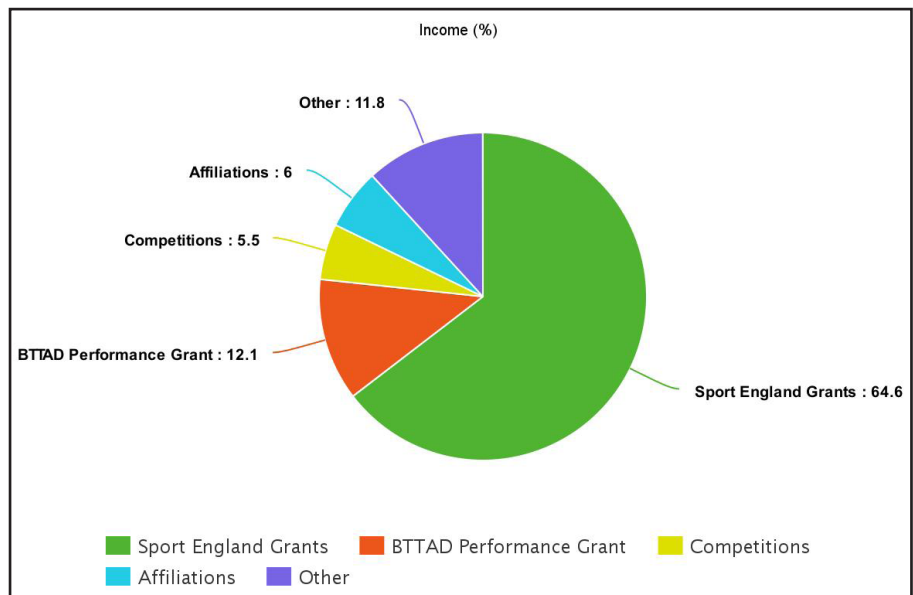
The Performance programme continues to be self-funded but continues to go from strength to strength. This year was an exceptional year with two world championships taking place in one financial year, culminating in a bronze medal in the World Team championships.

Having delivered a new facilities strategy, Sport England re-introduced our capital funding, £375,000, which was utilised to deliver a number of exciting projects which varied from supporting the building of a new bespoke table tennis centre to new tables for clubs.

We continue to be vigilant with our operational costs, utilising limited funds to deliver the best service possible whilst saving money and moving it to frontline delivery. A new CRM system has been introduced, the impact of which has been felt with improved and more targeted communication. From the 1st April 2016 we outsourced our financial processing which will further reduce operational costs in 2016/17 and allow further funds to be moved to frontline table tennis delivery.

Based on its success, the Talent programme benefited from some additional two-year funding from Sport England, increasing the number of Talent Development Centres across the country.

Jack Petchey continues to support the Children and Young People and we continue to be thankful to the charity for its continued support, the effect it has truly impacts the lives of those who are supported by the funding.



Financial reports

English Table Tennis Association Ltd

Income and Expenditure

for the year ending 31st March 2016

	2016			2015		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure (Net Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure (Net Income)
Coaching & Performance						
Coaching	204,647	72,409	132,237	180,295	73,863	106,432
Talent & Infrastructure	410,254	-	410,254	391,398	6,665	384,733
Commonwealth Games	-	-	0	103,491	95,340	8,151
Performance	234,032	110,152	123,880	125,192	49,866	75,326
	848,932	182,562	666,371	800,376	225,734	574,642
Development						
Area Team	491,693	-	491,693	486,698	1,386	485,312
Clubs	35,407	-	35,407	26,358	-	26,358
Children & Young People Note 1	211,982	155,884	56,098	251,974	228,806	23,168
Satellite Clubs	62,294	-	62,294	66,631	-	66,631
Adult Participation	174,931	6,071	168,861	98,055	-	98,055
Disability	55,581	-	55,581	36,320	-	36,320
PING	249,019	5,150	243,869	9,016	-	9,016
Capital	439,504	64,504	375,000	-	-	0
Infrastructure	132,490	15,041	117,449	91,150	6,522	84,628
	1,852,902	246,649	1,606,254	1,066,202	236,714	829,488
Marketing & Communications						
Competitions	411,300	263,769	147,531	383,196	293,082	90,114
Marketing & Communications	189,958	19,995	169,963	174,754	26,102	148,652
Membership Costs	106,511	-	106,511	81,640	-	81,640
	707,770	283,764	424,006	639,590	319,184	320,406
Operations						
Meetings	56,187	-	56,187	50,469	-	50,469
Staff Costs	378,303	-	378,303	387,179	-	387,179
IT Development	112,724	-	112,724	82,562	-	82,562
Other Core Costs	206,497	-	206,497	218,082	-	218,082
Sport England	-	3,104,638	(3,104,638)	-	2,169,011	(2,169,011)
Affiliation Fees	-	287,672	(287,672)	-	291,082	(291,082)
Sponsorship	-	30,750	(30,750)	-	22,500	(22,500)
Ranking & Tournament Levies	-	40,124	(40,124)	-	36,920	(36,920)
Bank Interest	-	2,646	(2,646)	-	4,007	(4,007)
Other Income	-	10,177	(10,177)	30,569	67,332	(36,763)
	753,711	3,476,007	(2,722,296)	768,861	2,590,852	(1,821,991)
Other						
BTTAD Performance Grant Note 2	581,325	581,325	0	554,416	554,416	0
Other Grants	1,385	1,385	0	76,811	76,811	0
Regions Note 3	41,235	31,647	9,588	45,301	37,672	7,629
	623,945	614,357	9,588	676,528	668,899	7,629
	4,787,261	4,803,339	(16,078)	3,951,557	4,041,383	(89,826)

Financial reports

Notes to Income & Expenditure Report

For the Year Ended 31 March 2016

- Note 1 The Jack Petchey Foundation grant is included in income in 2016. The grant has been matched against related expenditure.
- Note 2 The British Table Tennis Association for People With Disabilities (BTTAD) is the governing body for performance of UK table tennis for people with disabilities and is 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 BTTAD Performance Monitoring Group.
- Note 3 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.

ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION LIMITED

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 04268058

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2016

	2016		2015	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets		35,059		43,046
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stocks	13,653		8,746	
Debtors	201,898		151,422	
Cash at bank and in hand	1,146,136		1,147,481	
	<u>1,361,687</u>		<u>1,307,649</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year				
	<u>(849,886)</u>		<u>(819,913)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		511,801		487,736
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>546,860</u>		<u>530,782</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Other reserves		35,057		36,907
Income and expenditure account		511,803		493,875
		<u>546,860</u>		<u>530,782</u>

Notes re Balance Sheet included in full Financial Statements Report



Brian Brumwell: England international who made his senior England debut in February 1950, against Wales, playing alongside Richard Bergmann, Aubrey Simons, Ron Crayden and Diane and Rosalind Rowe.

Brian competed at World Championships in 1948, 1954 and 1955 and at the English Open every year between 1950 and 1963, reaching the Men's Singles last 16 on three occasions.

On his retirement from playing nationally, Brian became president of the Ilford & District Table Tennis League and was made a life member of Essex County Table Tennis Association.

Bill Moran: International Umpire and founding member of the AETTU, Bill had a long history in table tennis as a player, International Umpire, County Committee member and a member of many ETTA Committees. He was also a Table Tennis England vice-president.

He was a former National Councillor as well as treasurer of VETTS.

Bill qualified as a County Umpire in 1971, stepping up to National level in 1975 and joining the International ranks in 1977.

Bill was a member of the Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District TTA for more than 60 years.

Pam Mortimer: England international who made her debut against Wales at Bolton on November 26th, 1954 winning her one Singles and Women's Doubles matches in a 7-2 victory. She also played against France and Hungary.

She played in the World Championships three times (1954, 1955, 1959, the team finishing fourth in 1959).

In the Women's Singles, she reached the round of 16 in 1954; in the Women's Doubles the same stage in 1955; and in the Mixed Doubles the round of 32 in both 1955 and 1959.

In the English Open, she appeared every year from 1952 to 1963, winning the Women's Doubles with Ann Haydon in 1958. She reached numerous doubles semi-finals and the quarter-finals of the Women's Singles in 1955 and 1962.

Len Pilditch: Middlesex TTA stalwart, also a Table Tennis England vice-president, Len first qualified as a County Umpire in 1961, becoming a National Umpire in 1966 and attaining the International qualification in 1974.

He officiated at the Commonwealth Championships in Cardiff in 1973, the Welsh Opens of 1978 and 1987, the 1988 European



Clockwise from top left: Pam Mortimer, Len Pilditch (with Middlesex team), Bill Moran, Brian Brumwell

Youth Championships in Yugoslavia and the 1988 Paralympics in Seoul. Having qualified as a National Referee in 1971, his accolades included Deputy Referee at the World Championships in 1977 and Referee at the English Open in 1980, an event at which he was also Deputy Referee in 1970, 1971, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1982 and 1990. At the National Championships, he was Referee in 1972, 1973, 1975 and 1976 and Deputy Referee in 1978 and 1979, and Organiser in 1971.

He was also an ETTA English Championships and County Championships Committee member.

Harry Ward: President of Leicestershire County association. Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy, 1996.

Sam Raistrick: President of Durham County association.

We also remember . . .

Neil Houghton: A Derbyshire Table Tennis Association committee members since 1993 and held the roles of junior team coach and umpires' secretary.

Mike Barry: Treasurer of Surrey Schools TTA and London South Schools TTA.

Patricia Ball: former General Secretary of Leicester and District TTL and Knighton Park TTC.

Geoff Squires: Lincoln Table Tennis League Chairman and Treasurer.

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