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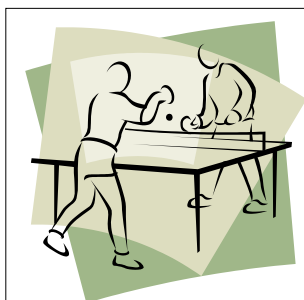
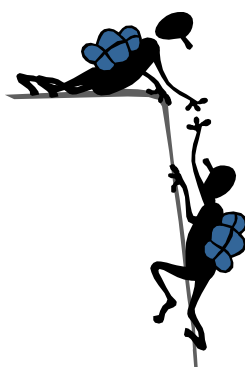
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### YOUR COUNTY NEEDS HELP !!!

Having served on the Middlesex Committee for 44 years, I am concerned for our County, firstly the demise of the Senior Closed Championships, now followed by the Junior Closed, both due to the lack of support from the leagues. Does this information stop at the league secretary and is not passed onto league members? We haven't run Junior trials for a few years, again lack of an organizer. Now the Inter-League Competitions are about to fold. The Management Committee is also struggling to keep things going, our Chairman Michael Close taking on the task of Hon, General Secretary, again due to the

lack of a volunteer. Surely there is somebody out there willing to play a small part to keep our county alive. Please pass on the plight of our county association to your league members, you never know there might be somebody willing to help.

Doreen Stannard  
Deputy Chairman



If you know of anyone or any organization who is willing to sponsor our website or would like to place an advertisement in our newsletters, please contact me.

Editor

### COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS HONOURS

- *Senior Premier Division Champions (J Sugrue, N Charles, T Cutler, Z Zilesnick, P Ho, I Morais, Miss E Adomelyte, Miss S Horsnell, & Miss K Szadkowska)*
- *Junior Premier Division Champions (D Basterfield, P Ho, I Morais, W Morais, Miss T Ho, Miss C Kirby, Miss S Limbu & Miss D Tamang)*
- *Cadets Premier Division Champions (J Basterfield, C Neenan, T Wells, Miss T Ho & Miss C Kirby)*

### TABLE TENNIS NEWS IS NO MORE!!!!

The ETTA announced in August that there would not be any further publications of Table Tennis News. I for one was a bit sad, mainly as I enjoyed reading articles about our sport and on different table tennis players—national & international. Though sadly there was no specific reports on Middlesex County. But It was with pride that I read about the

exploits of our County Players—Daniel Basterfield, Tin-Tin Ho, Igor Morais, Zak Zilesnick to name a few. Now where will I get any news? Yes the ETTA e-Zine may be of some use, but reading a lengthy newsletter from a computer screen is so much different as compared to reading from a magazine. Hence when the opportunity to be a mem-

ber of the MTTA Committee presented itself, I had no hesitation in jumping at it. This way, I'd be in a position to contribute as well as publicize what how our County players were performing. So with this in mind I have created our first Newsletter with the hope of many more to come and hope to have contributions from others too. Editor

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## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS (SENIORS, JUNIORS & CADETS)



Tin-Tin Ho— National Under 14 Girls Singles Champion

(Photograph courtesy of Steve Parkin)

The County 1st teams had a very successful season, winning the Senior Premier Division, Junior Premier Division and Cadet Premier Division. A unique treble. The success in the Cadet Premier division was for the third successive season.

The 2nd senior team finished 3rd in Division 1B. The only disappointment was the Junior 2nd team who finished bottom of Junior Division 1B but this was mainly due to several selected players be-

ing unavailable.

Players who represented the County—Senior 2nd & Junior 2nd were as follows:

Senior 2nd (R Maynard, J Sprackling, J Walsh, D Zurowski, Miss S Horsnell & Miss M Muda)

Junior 2nd (R Maynard, C Neenan, M Papantoniou, D Thomas, Miss E Aylen, Miss S Lai, Miss T Simpson and Miss D Tamang).

County Badges were

awarded to R Maynard & Miss M Muda (Senior teams) & W Morais, M Papantoniou, Miss W Aylen, Miss S Lai & Miss T Simpson (Junior teams)

George Walsh

County Match Secretary (Senior, Junior & Cadets)

## UNDER 11,12,13 & 14 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the recent National Championships for the above-mentioned age groups, Middlesex players were successful.

In the Under 14 Boys Singles, the number 1 seed Igor Morais took the trophy beating the number 2 seed Helshan Weerasinghe from Sussex.

In the Under 14 Girls Singles, the number 1 seed Tin-

Tin Ho beat the number 3 seed Emma Torkington of Sussex. Tin-Tin repeated this success in the Under 13 girls beating the number 3 seed Ella Patel from Essex. Tin-Tin completed the treble winning the Under 12 Girls beating Letitia McMullan from Hampshire. Tin-Tin also won the Under 14 Girls Doubles event in partnership with Emma Torkington. Tin-Tin's haul was 4 trophies—

Well done Tin-Tin!!

In the Under 12 Boys Singles the number 4 seed Vincent Stacey was beaten in the final by Marcus Giles of Surrey. Vincent had an excellent semi-final victory over the number 1 seed Hugo Pang from Dorset.

Tony Dias

“HAVING TAKEN BOTH HER OVER AGE EVENTS WHO WOULD BET AGAINST TIN-TIN WINNING HER OWN AGE GROUP?”

## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS (VETERANS & OVER 60s)



Igor Morais — National Under 14 Boys Singles Champion

(Photograph courtesy of Steve Parkin)

This season a few teams struggled to get people to play. The 1st team did enough to maintain their position in Div 1B. The 2nd & 3rd teams have just about managed to stay in Div 2B, whilst the 4th placed team performed well enough under the circumstances to keep their place in Div 3D. The 5th team continue in Dive 4B and the Over 60s

team continue in Division 1B.

It was very disappointing & disheartening for the captains that some of their first choice players were not available with the 4th team especially struggling to get a team.

This year we have entered 4 teams in the Veterans, and hopefully there will be less

strain on the captains being able to field a team.

Tony Dias (County Match Secretary Veterans (over 40s) & Over 60s)

## IRIS MOSS

Table Tennis was very saddened to hear of the death of Iris Moss in February this year. She was in her 90th year.

Iris first joined the Middlesex County Committee in 1957 and the following year became the Hon Secretary and Treasurer which she held until 2006 when she retired due to failing health. This does not tell the whole story. During this period she was the mainstay of Middlesex Table Tennis. She considered the role of General Secretary to be very far ranging and whenever there was a vacancy on the committee she was there to fill it. The various additional roles she undertook during this period included the organizer of every Middlesex open and Closed Tournament, Handbook Secretary, Minute Secretary and hostess of committee meetings. Iris always gave any newcomer to the Committee a welcoming smile and helping hand.

The ETTA also benefited. Iris was the Umpires controller at the World Championships in Wembley in 1954, and carried out this role at many national events until 1977 when she became carer to her mother and was unable to continue going to events. Before this Iris was often to be seen at the referee's table assisting either as deputy or as an assistant.

In her latter years she was treasurer of the ETTA London Region. It is pleasing that the work and devotion of Iris was recognized. A Vice-President of ETTA and Life Vice-President of the Middlesex TTA, she received special long service awards from the London Federation of Sport and recreation at the Houses of Parliament and from the Middlesex federation of Sport.

However, she was best known for her pioneer work at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Caz Walton, Paralympic table tennis player, has her

own tribute for this work. In 1958 Stu Dane and Charlie Maine persuaded Iris to join them at Stoke Mandeville where the sports movement for the paralysed was growing. Iris was hooked, bringing her unique blend of knowledge and understanding to help write the rules, raising standards and establishing TT as a core sport in the Paralympic movement—her “Para family”.

Iris gave so much to table tennis for disabled people. She helped out at all levels, becoming treasurer for the English Paraplegic Sports Association, a post she held for over 40 years, running competitions at regional, national and international level, bringing in other officials from Middlesex and ETTA, and sharing her expertise with other countries to help the sport grow even further. Iris travelled widely with sport for people in wheelchairs helping to run comp-

etitions in as far flung places as Germany, Israel and New Zealand. She gave 50 years of her time, expertise and friendship to disabled people and was one of the most loved faces in table tennis.

Iris received the award “Services to Wheelchair Sport” in 2001 having given a lifetime of unselfish, caring support to all those she came into contact with. She always thought of other people, putting them before her own needs and was one of the nicest, kindest human beings that I have ever had the privilege to know.

There is a general saying that nobody is indispensable and irreplaceable. When Middlesex Table Tennis Association thinks of Iris, we find this very difficult to believe.

Michael Close

## ENGLISH LEAGUE CUP COMPETITIONS

### **Wilmott Cup (Men)**

There were eight teams in the finals held in May at Draycott Table Tennis Centre which included 2 Middlesex leagues, Wembley & Harrow TT League & North Middlesex TT League.

The Wembley & Harrow team of James Sprackling, Dariusz Zurowski, Eli Baraty & Ashley Stokes finished top of Group B and played

Group A Winners Stockton for 1st & second place. Wembley & Harrow were comfortable winners beating the team from Stockton 3-0.

The North Middlesex team of Jimmy Walsh & Steve Dobbins played Worthing for 3rd & 4th places and lost 2-3 to finish fourth.

### **Carter Cup (Junior Boys)**

The North Middlesex team of Connor Neenan & Bradley Tuttle finished fourth losing to Hull in the battle for 3rd & 4th places.

### **Bromfield Trophy (Junior Girls)**

The very young North Middlesex team of Eda Aydin and Samantha Lei were amongst 4 teams in the finals, and despite a gallant effort finished fourth.

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**Middlesex Table Tennis Association**

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### County Ranking list (Top 5 based on ETTA ratings)

#### Sr Men.

- 1 TOM CUTLER
- 2 ZAK ZILESNIK
- 3 NEIL CHARLES
- 4 DARIUSZ ZUROWSKI
- 5 COSTAS PAPANTONIOU

#### Jr Boys

- 1 ZAK ZILESNIK
- 2 IGOR MORAIS
- 3 PING HO
- 4 WILLIAM MORAIS
- 5 RYAN MAYNARD

#### Cadet Boys

- 1 IGOR MORAIS
- 2 TYRONE WELLS
- 3 VINCENT STACEY
- 4 SENYO OWUSU
- 5 DAVID RAHBANI

#### Sr Women

- 1 EGLE ADOMELYTE
- 2 KLAUDIA SZADKOWSKA
- 3 BARBARA IZYK
- 4 SARAH HORSNELL
- 5 MALGORSATA MUDA

#### Jr Girls

- 1 TIN-TIN HO
- 2 CHARLEIGH KIRBY
- 3 SALLY HOANG
- 4 SUSHMITA LIMBU
- 5 MAJADA YASMIN

#### Cadet Girls

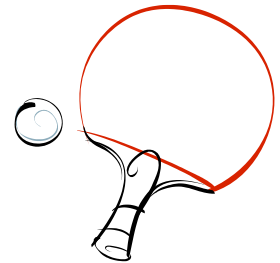
- 1 TIN-TIN HO
- 2 EDA AYDIN
- 3 TRACEY SIMPSON
- 4 RAYNA BAGCHI
- 5 SAMANTHA LAI

#### Veteran Men

- 1 C PANATONIOU
- 2 D WILLIAMS
- 3 F RASUL
- 4 L MIDDLETON
- 5 J SENORIN

#### Veteran Women

- 1 RACHEL SMITH
- 2 SUE PLAISTOW
- 3 SALLY RAYMOND
- 4 LORNA SLIFKIN



## NEWS FROM THE LEAGUES

As this is the 1st edition of the newsletter, there is nothing much to report from the leagues, however I shall take this opportunity to publish the links for the leagues that have websites.

Wembley & Harrow Table Tennis League: <http://www.wembleyharrowtt.f9.co.uk/>

North Middlesex Table Tennis League: <http://www.nmttl.com/>

Central Table Tennis League: <http://cttl.users.btopenworld.com/>

Please visit these websites as they have local league news and results, local news arti-

cles and more importantly club addresses and details.

Most clubs are always on the lookout for new players to add to their membership and teams.

Recent news articles published on these web sites included a letter from a Chairman to league members regarding ETTA Individual Membership, report on the Wilmott Cup, a report of a clubs youngsters who have had a season to be proud of, AGM news etc.

I would greatly appreciate it if in the coming months, someone from the local leagues (either the press secretary or the general

secretary) were to provide me with news from their leagues that could be included in the news letters.

Newsletters will be published every 2 months the next edition will be in November. I sincerely hope to get many articles from the leagues. For starters—how about interviews with the talented youngsters playing within your leagues.

Please e-mail articles to [tony.dias@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.dias@btinternet.com)

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### NATIONAL HONOURS

Junior Boys Singles — Daniel Basterfield

Junior Boys Doubles— Zak Zilesnick

Cadet Boys Doubles— Zak Zilesnick

### INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

Daniel Basterfield— Junior Boys

Igor Morais & Zak Zilesnick—Cadet Boys

Tin Tin Ho & Charleigh Kirby—Cadet Girls