

Mixed Fortune In Robin Savage Challenge Shield



Since the last edition of Batchat we have played twice against Barming for Robin Savage Challenge Shield. We won last year at our Howard Table Tennis Centre Venue, but our opponents gained sweet revenge this September with a 23-17 victory at Beechwood Community Centre. We look forward to continuing our rivalry back at home next year.



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Chatham Players Awards

Players presented with trophies at our AGM this year were: Jake Buckley - Junior Player Of The Year and the John Kemp Shield for his amazing season in the junior British league and the Medway Premier Division.
 Sam Berhan - Most Improved Player for a great first season for Belfast.
 Stuart Fritter - Adult Player of the year after many years of loyal service for the club having had his best season.
 Lennon MacLorg - Coaches Award for his rapid improvement this year.
 Martin Coake - Clubman of the year for services to the club.



Happy 20th Birthday CTTC!

Welcome to BATCHAT the Chatham Table Tennis Clubs magazine. We are a friendly 3 Star Premier Club with Clubmark accreditation for all standards of player in the Medway area of Kent. This year we celebrate 20 years and have grown steadily to become the largest club in Medway, Kent. I hope you enjoy reading about the many events our players are involved in.
 Trevor Towers (Chairman)



Hoping For A Good Return From Coaching Day

We invited professional coach Craig Bryant to deliver two fantastic training days over the past year. Following on from the service coaching day last year, Craig recently helped club members improve their return of serves. With his knowledge and guidance many of us will be better players as a result of these sessions.



Roger Going Strong At 80

Congratulations to Roger Chipperfield from our coaching team who celebrated his 80th birthday recently. As a valued member at the club, Roger dedicates himself to teaching and helping children learn and progress in the sport at many primary schools where he voluntarily coaches at.



Frank Wing Glides To Victory

Frank Wing was a deserved winner of our annual club handicap competition beating junior, Lennon MacLorg in the final. Frank showed what a very strong player he is becoming by winning comfortably by 42-31 in the main final.

In the Category 2 final, Segun Ake beat Chris Morford 42-30. Then in the Category 3 final, Joanna Lam beat Liu Yun Guo 42-33. Finally, Peter Worthington beat Scarlett Lennon in the Category 4 final, emerging victorious with a 42-40 result.

As always a good day was had by all participants whether successful or not.



Club Training Nights

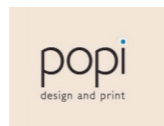
Our training nights are held every Friday, Juniors 17:30 to 19:30 and Adults 19:30 to 22:00 at the Howard Table Tennis Centre. We look forward to seeing you there.

Juniors - £3

Adults - £4

Concessions - £3.50

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Girls Runners Up In National Schools Final

‘About 5 years ago, I was approached by The Pilgrim School at the Medway Mini Youth games with a view to going along to one of their afterschool table tennis club sessions to have a look at their players. As a result of this visit, I agreed to become the coach of their Mini Youth games team and also attend the weekly afterschool club sessions. I was introduced to a group of highly talented young girls and I became their coach. I have since been on an incredible journey with these 4 girls: Katie, Scarlett, Lily and Stephanie and I have taken them all over the country competing in the National Schools Competitions at under 11 and under 13 age groups and the girls have achieved tremendous success winning the National under 11 title and being the runners up in the under 13 competition. This year they will compete in the National under 16 competition wherein I expect them to do very well. The girls are now also members of Chatham Table Tennis Club and will make their debut in the Medway Towns adult league this coming season.

The girls have all made remarkable progress and continue to do so. Their parents and their school have been very supportive of me and the girls. It is a privilege to be associated with the girls and who knows what the future has in store for them. Our club is extremely proud of them.’
Roger Chipperfield



Huge Success with Medway Junior Development League

Twenty juniors representing nine teams enjoyed the newly formed Development League run by members of our club. Matches each week were very competitive with many parents and supporters cheering on the players. The team emerging victorious were ‘Glosrose’ consisting of Jack Jordan and Lennon MacLorg. Finishing in second were ‘Smashed It’ with Liam Coake and Jude Clarke just missing out on the top spot. However, every player in the league made meaningful progress during the two month season. The second season commences in March and promises to be just as exciting as the first.

In addition, on November 7th, 24 players battled for the Medway Junior Development singles title, with Lennon MacLorg beating Jack Jordan in the main final. On his path to victory, Lennon defeated Liam Coake in the first semi-finals and Jack just beat Katie in the second. In the consolation final, Jude Clake narrowly beat Scarlett Lennon.



Ark Royal sets club record in Premier Division

History was made this year with our premier team amassing an incredible club record of 194 points finishing second in the premier division. Chatham’s other premier team finished in 8th place with a respectable 118 points. Widespread success was seen as Mark Buckley went undefeated, Martin Birley won 80% of his matches, Stuart Fritter won 74%, Jake Buckley won 73% and Harry Jones won 65%. In division one, both Cumberland and Dorset kept their place in the league for next season. Charlie Cook won 83% of his games, Dean Chipperfield won 80% and Trevor Towers with 69%. Finally in division two, Endurance, Furious and Gannet all played well despite not gaining promotion. Successes in division two were by Chris Morford with 70%, Luke Barnard with 67% and Jacob Goodchild with 62%.



Coaching Masterclass At ETTU Conference

Some of Europe’s top coaches including our own Senior coach Trevor Towers attended the three day ETTU coaching conference at the iconic Greenhouse venue in London. Germany coach Richard Prause lectured on the influence the new plastic balls have on technique and tactics. Also giving the opportunity to try out the advanced serving styles under his expert supervision. German fitness coach Benjamin Schmitz taught techniques to improve player speed and response. As well as this tennis coach Simon Wheatley from the LTA spoke about game base coaching to help players progress towards higher performances. Also Alan Cooke from TTE showed the pathway for aspiring juniors for progressing into the English Training Squads.

