



ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

SUMMER NEWSLETTER – 2011

Past ~ Present ~ Future

Roll of Honour – 2010/11

Butterfly National School Team Champions

- Under 19 Boys – West London Academy, Northolt (London West)
- Under 19 Girls – Kesteven & Grantham Girls' School (Lincolnshire)
- Under 16 Boys – Harefield Academy, Uxbridge (London West)
- Under 16 Girls – Trinity School, Brentwood (Essex)
- Under 13 Boys – London Academy, Edgware (London North)
- Under 13 Girls – Northfield School, Billingham (Cleveland)
- Under 11 Boys – Globe Primary School, Tower Hamlets (London East)
- Under 11 Girls – Enmore CE Primary School, Bridgwater (Somerset)

Butterfly National Individual Champions

- Under 19s – Lewis Gray (Kent) & Rachel Trevorrow (Cornwall)
- Under 16s – Sam Walker (Nottinghamshire) & Yolanda King (East Sussex)
- Under 13s – Marcus Giles (London South) & Tin Tin Ho (London East)
- Under 11s – Tom Jarvis (Lincolnshire) & Stephanie Cross (Essex)

The Association and their sponsors, Butterfly, congratulate the above teams and individuals and thank all those who have contributed in any way to their success.

Results of the above competitions can be found on the ESTTA website www.estta.org.uk

Photographs for viewing and purchase, taken by the ESTTA Official Photographer, can be found on <http://www.photoboxgallery.com/tedcottrell> in two sections - National Team Championships and Individual Championships. To access click on 'View Collection' and enter the password 'whiffwhaff'. Ted Cottrell can be contacted on tedcottrell@mac.com.

Website – www.estta.org.uk

What can you find on the website today?

Results of the 2011 Butterfly School Team and Butterfly Individual Championships; results from the 2011 British Primary Schools' Table Tennis Championships held recently in Cardiff; Photo Gallery including the photographs from the above events; up to date contact information for County Secretaries and ESTTA Officials.



Annual General Meeting

A reminder that the Annual General Meeting of the English Schools' Table Tennis Association will be held at 2.15pm on Sunday 8th May 2011 at Wood Green Academy, Wood Green Road, Wednesbury, WS10 9QU. The school is situated on the A461 approximately ¼ mile from Junction 9 of the M6 Motorway.

We look forward to seeing school and county representatives who are interested in the development of table tennis and participation through competition. County Secretaries will already have received notification of the meeting with appropriate documentation. Please contact the General Secretary, Richard Hudson on richardhudson847@btinternet.com if you require further information.

ESTTA Team Championships – Zone Finals

County Secretaries and Executive Committee Members will find with this newsletter a discussion document – 'ESTTA Team Championship Zones – A Rethink'. It has become obvious over the last few years that the eight designated zones established some eight years ago are now imbalanced. There will always be fluctuations of interest and entry to the events which will result in this situation. The Championship Committee has the right to change 'the allocation of counties to zones' at any time from those published in the Yearbook. However, it was felt reasonable to promote discussion before reaching any decision. I think the notes clearly explain the situation. Constructive comments are welcome!

PDMs/SCMs/CMs

It would be wrong in looking forward not to look back and thank the Partnership Development Managers, Senior Competition Managers, Competition Managers and school based staff who have worked tirelessly to support the development of schools' table tennis and other sports over the last few years. We wish them well, whatever their future holds.

The School Games – Introduction

In June 2010 the Government announced the launch of new school sport competitions to further revive the culture of competitive sport in schools. This consists of competition at four levels:

- Level 1 – Intra-school competition
- Level 2 – Inter-school competition
- Level 3 – County Festivals of Sport
- Level 4 – National events

Together, they are a package and referred to as 'The School Games' (not to be confused with the present Sainsbury's UK School Games).

Levels 1, 2 and 3 are linked with formats envisaged for around 30 sports providing for Years 3 to 13. Schools can decide which competitions they wish to enter and are encouraged to involve as many young people as possible by entering individual competitions and also a number of teams in a broad range of sport. At present, nine pilot areas are exploring in a range of sports the connectivity between Levels 1, 2 and 3 and considering the respective roles of schools and local organising committees and how best to stage and run events, particularly the County Festivals. Table tennis was only included in the pilots as one of a number of sports suitable for athletes with a disability.

In each of the pilot counties, the Youth Sport Trust has organised a 'Roadshow' to enthuse with teachers in their area.

The School Games Website

The new website has been launched – www.yourschoolgames.com from which you can download the School Games Prospectus for both primary and secondary schools. This includes:

- An overview and explanation of the four levels of the Games.
- The competition ladder and choosing sports,
- Inclusive models,
- Why do it?
- A platform to enhance all aspects of school life,
- Timeline from April 2011 to September 2012,
- How schools can register,

This has been sent to all schools – over 400 have already registered. Similar information can be found on the Youth Sport Trust website.

School Games Organisers

The 450 hubs, mostly schools but in some cases LEAs where they were the hosts of the School Sport Partnerships, have been invited to support a School Games Organiser. The posts are jointly funded by the Department of Health and Sport England. Each hub has been asked if they wish to take up the offer of a grant.

The funding will support the employment of the Organiser to work across a group of schools in a local area for the equivalent of three days per week. It is hoped the hub school will consider the possibility of sourcing additional funding to turn the post into a full time position.

A list has been prepared to show the core tasks a SGO will be expected to undertake. This has also been sent to all National Governing Bodies.

It is essential that nationally, at county and local level, 'table tennis' sets out to make strong communication links with this new workforce. ESTTA needs contact details as soon as School Games Organiser posts are filled in order that, in September, they can supply packages of information to make table tennis a sport which will inspire, engage and appeal to young people. Schools will only choose sports which are attractive to them!

At the earliest opportunity, ESTTA, in conjunction with the English Table Tennis Association, will be making strong recommendations that table tennis is included as a sport within the School Games Package. It is essential that ESTTA and the ETTA work together in developing frameworks for the School Games and that schools must lobby their Local Organising Committee to ascertain that table tennis is included within their programme. They should also be prepared to offer assistance to achieve this.

Calendar

- Butterfly Schools' Invitation International – Lilleshall National Sports' Centre, 24th/26th June 2011. Teams at Under 14/16/18 from England, Guernsey, Ireland, Isle of Man, Jersey, Scotland and Wales will compete in team/individual events.
- Sainsbury's UK School Games to be held at Ponds Forge, Sheffield 1st/4th September 2011. Teams from five England Regions will be joined by those from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Participation is by invitation only.