



**Bristol and District  
Table Tennis Association**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**for**

**Season 2022 – 23**

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# Annual Report - Season 2022 – 2023

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BDTTA CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SEASON 2021/2022.

Dear members,

Welcome everyone to this year's AGM.

I would like to start the meeting by thanking the whole of the League Executive Committee for their continued commitment throughout the year, thereby ensuring the smooth and effective running of the league and cup competitions.

I would like to give special thanks to the following Exec. members: -

Aylwyn Powell for his role as League Secretary, a role he has completed for many successful years, as will be discussed later, this will be his final year as Secretary.

Brian and Clive Ellison for their work with team and player registration, division and fixture creation, result entry to both websites and resolving of any software issues throughout the year.

Mervyn George for his role as League Treasurer.

Mike Withyman for his work in relation to both local and national junior leagues.

Shaun FitzPatrick for his ongoing communications with TTE and area representatives to help the develop Table Tennis in our region.

Dave Grounell and Martin Moore for their managing of the Mordecai and Belsten Cups.

The 2022 - 2023 season ran extremely well and finished on time, the timeliness of inputting results were much improved with minimal chasing required, also the number of postponement was also reduced and, in general, their rescheduling effectively completed.

Congratulation to all cup, divisional winners and promoted teams.

Unfortunately, we were unable to run the Bristol Closed as no volunteers were forthcoming to organise the event and the hard bat competition was cancelled due to insufficient interest, hopefully we will have more success with these competitions next season.

Andy Elliott BDTTA Chairman

**Financial Report- 2022/23 Season**

Transaction Details	2021/22		2022/23	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
	£	£	£	£
Team Registration	120.00		930.00	50.00
Player Registration	874.00	26.00	3,254.00	2.00
Table Tennis England Fees	48.00	48.00		
Avon County Affiliation		678.60		670.80
Junior League	200.00	500.00	250.00	500.00
Summer League	361.00		423.00	
Hard Bat Competition			30.00	30.00
Deposit Account Interest	1.21		44.25	
Score Books	115.00		210.50	
Table Tennis Balls	426.00		634.5	882.96
Bristol Associates	304.00	547.00	320.00	1,110.00
Trophies		373.30		578.04
AGM /Exec Meeting Expenses		132.50		124.70
General Secretary Expenses				43.49
Fines	30.00		60.00	
Internet Expenses		143.88		
English Schools TTA		225.00		
Totals	2,479.21	2,674.28	6,156.25	3,991.99
Net profit (Loss)		(195.07)		2,164.26

I would draw your attention to the following points of note:-

- 1) A refund of £50 in team fees was made because one club paid these fees twice.
- 2) The large difference in the income for Team Registration fees is that teams who paid for the aborted season (2020/21) did not have to pay these fees for the 2021/22 season. The same principle applies for the Player Registration fees.
- 3) The Hard bat tournament was cancelled due to lack of entries. This which meant any payments made electronically were refunded.

This can be reconciled as follows:

**2022/23**

	£		£
Balance at start of season		Balance at close of season	
Deposit Account	12,000.00	Deposit Account	14,500.00
Current Account	824.73	Current Account	488.99
Excess of Income over Expenditure	2,164.26		
	14,988.99		14,988.99

In view of the level of League funds, I have recommended to the Executive, which they have agreed with, that the Team Fee of £10 per team; Adult Player Fee of £8.00 and Junior Player Fee of £4.00 should remain unchanged for the forthcoming 2023/24 season.

Mervyn George  
League Treasurer 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023

I have audited the accounts of the Bristol & District Table Tennis Association and in my opinion these accounts present a true and fair view of the Association's affairs shown by the records of accounts presented to me for the period 1st June 2022-31st May 2023.

Signed:..... Date:.....

(Terry Toghill---Honorary Auditor)

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(Chris Webster---Honorary Auditor)

### Registration Secretaries Report

Thank you all for your cooperation during this season which again has run smoothly.

We have continued to run both the TT Leagues and TT365 systems.

While this may appear to be extra work we have benefits from an increased set of facilities that allow us to keep control and get the work done. It also mitigates risk if one of the systems become unavailable or unusable for a long period.

We would have continuity via the other system.

Therefore, we will continue using both systems again for the coming season.

The player and doubles averages on both systems have been reconciled and should be in line.

In general scores were submitted on one or other of the systems quite promptly

We only had to chase a few scores. Please remember the rule change for next season that the time for entry of score sheets reduces from seven days to five days.

There have been a couple of problems with the TT Leagues mobile app that limit its use.

At present only team captains can submit scores using the app.

Hopefully this will be fixed for next season.

Postponements have led to some issues. Many of the captains or people requesting

Postponements do not use the form from the website.

That in itself is not a concern for us but we frequently are sent email that do not state clearly what match is being postponed and the reason for postponement.

This gives us problems in that we often have to work out what has happened from limited or occasionally no information.

We try to get postponements and revised dates onto the system as soon as we are notified.

If we fail to do this then it would be helpful if team captains check the system has been updated. Sometimes people forget to notify us, or we do not spot the notification.

The postponement details are recorded and visible on TT365

(but unfortunately not TT Leagues).

We have been lenient with teams requesting postponements who had to call a match off due to Covid.

For the coming season we will not be so lenient unless the circumstances require it (eg new variant of concern).

A reminder to clubs that postponements can lead to costs for the home team affected and we emphasise that away teams should be considerate of this and postpone as a last resort.

During the last season there was some discussion about players dropping more than one division for the following season. We will be tracking where this happens.

The league is not against players dropping down for good reason but do not want to see the player then rapidly move back up through the divisions by taking advantage of the reserve rules.

For the past season we were 12 teams short through the divisions therefore we are in danger of having to lose a division. We are receiving mixed messages about whether the league will be gaining or losing teams for the next season.

It would be helpful if secretaries give us reasonable notice of changes to the number of teams.

We expect clubs to firm up the number of teams by the end of July.

so we can start set up in August.

Hope you all have an enjoyable season to come.

Brian Ellison

There were 20 Clubs 395 Players

Promotion and Relegation 2022/23

**Premiere Division**

Winners: - **Table Tennis Daily** - Runners up **Failand F**

Relegated: - Portishead Surfers & St George Dragons

**Division 1**

Winners: - **Civil Service Saracens** Runners: - up **Almonds A**

Relegated: - Knowle & Bris B & Failand C

**Division 2**

Winners: - **St George Chargers** Runners up: **SGS-Filton Olympus**

Relegated: - NailserA Tigers & Portishead Stingrays

**Division 3**

Winners: - **Portishead Anchors** Runners Up: - **Cleeve & Claverham Cobras**

Relegated: - Portishead Sea Rovers & Fromside B

**Division 4**

Winners: - **SGS Civil Service Britannia's** Runners Up: - **Civil Service Trojans**

Relegated: - AVSPOL B & Westbury Jackals

**Division 5**

Winners: - **Nailsea Cougars** Runners Up: - **Fromside D**

Relegated: - Westbury Coyotes & Bristol Club B

**Division 6** Winners: - **St George Heros** Runners Up **Page Editors**

Div 1	Winners
Portishead B	Runners up
Portishead C	Best Boy
Justin Finch	(Civil Service)
No girls	Best Girl

## Bristol Junior League 2022/23

This season I had 10 teams enter the B JL which was a small increase on the 2021/22 season

However only 3 Senior Clubs entered, Portishead, SGS Academy and Bristol Civil Service.

This is the second lowest number of entered teams since I have been running the League.

Unless more teams enter from other Senior Clubs I fear for the continued viability of the League and the subsequent reduction of young players coming through and playing in the senior league.

These players are the future of our League.

It should also be noted that there were no girls in the league which is most concerning and in turn had an effect on the County team.

Also, as previous seasons I ran a National Junior League with a total of 12 teams.

This large increase was largely due to the demise of a centre in Southampton so we attracted 2 teams from Dorset, a team from Cardiff, and a number from Gloucestershire as well as 4 Bristol based teams.

I would like to thank all the parents and coaches for providing taxi services for the players and for helping put out and take down tables on each of the sessions.

In addition, I would like to thank the SG&S Academy for accommodating us and Duncan Jones for his support in helping run the sessions.

The results based on completed sessions are detailed below.

Bristol Junior League	Div 1
Winners	Portishead "B"
Runner-up	Portishead "C"
Best Boy	Joshi Branch (Civil Service)
Best Girl	No girls

Colin Feltham Memorial Trophy – Matthew Cooper (Portishead)



## Development Report

This has been a low key year on the development front. Finding a permanent long term central playing venue and HQ has been very difficult given the state of public finances, so no progress. As a League we are still very strong compared to many areas where leagues, clubs and players have fallen away. It appears our strength in some ways mitigates against us getting a central facility, geographics, number of successful larger clubs and venues.

The administration of TT Leagues and TT 365 has been successful thanks to Brian and Clive Ellison along with supplying appropriate information and news. Our aim here is to ensure continuity and permanence for the future smooth running of the league. I have tried to mirror this on the league Facebook page, which produced over 30 enquiries about playing table tennis this season.

We have:

- \* 220 followers,
- \* Posts reach 377 people,
- \* 21% of viewers are women,
- \* Viewers from 10 countries look at the site.

This year we have not run the Bristol Closed as we couldn't find anyone to do it, despite advertising, it has also been difficult also finding a suitable venue to fit our timetable. One of the reasons why it's difficult to run the competition with so many events is having no suitable software.

However, the Treasurer has approved the purchase of software, if we can find any, so anyone with a candidate should contact me.

The Executive had noted that some Club administration had deteriorated and appeared to be linked to new Secretaries and Captains and as a result I produced a guide which can be found on the web sites.

At the last AGM I mentioned looking at different formats for the game and asked interested parties to contact me. As no one did there was no progress.

Lastly, there have been changes to the TTE structure and regional personnel and representation, we are seeking to set up meetings to develop all our opportunities.

Shaun Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair and Development Officer.

### **Veteran British League Teams – Season 2022-2023**

Both our teams were very exciting to be playing at Derby Arena again.

As with previously seasons, the overall standard throughout VBL, continues to grow, year on year and always a progressive challenge.

#### **Bristol Associates 1:**

Having been demoted into division 3A/3B this season, we were very much hoping to reverse the experience but were very aware of the high standard of the teams within the division.

There were many fantastic individual performances within the team, with both.

Danny Harris and Daniel Petit gaining very high averages and playing extremely well throughout.

The team consisted of Danny Harris, Daniel Petit, Mark Farrow(Captain) and Mike Bishop. The team finished in 2nd spot and are very much looking forward to their return to division 2A/2B.

#### **Bristol Associates 2:**

With the team unfortunately being demoted into division 5A/5B is season, the players were extremely keen to put that right. The squad of Andy Cox (Captain), Abubaker Salehbbhai, Hugh Dalton and Ray Goulding were competing against a number of very strong teams in this division, so the competition proved really tough. Special congratulations go to Abu, who returned an excellent average, only losing a single match across both weekend events. All the players played very well individually, and the team finished just outside the promotion spot but are really looking forward to progressing further next time round.

The Bristol Associates Squad are really looking forward to the coming 2023/2024 season with enthusiasm as always and positively working towards future successes, as always.

Finally, as always, many, many, thanks are offered to Bristol & District Table Tennis Association, who really support and promote this growing Veterans British League opportunity.

Thanks and Regards,

Mark Farrow (Bristol Associates - Squad Captain)

### **Summer League Semi-Finals October 1st, 2022**

The Summer League finals 2022 finally took place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at the Civil service Club having been postponed due to the death of the Queen in September.

The day started at about 8.30 am with Duncan Jones and Terry Toghil organising the setting up of the room for the day's events and our thanks go to them both for doing a fine job.

Thanks Terry and Duncan.

The matches got underway at 9.30am.

As there were 3 divisions, the top two teams from the 3 divisions qualified to play in the Semi- finals during the morning session of the Saturday and the finals were played with the winners of the 3 semi-finals playing against each other at the same time in the afternoon session.

Civil Service A played St George B and Civil service won by just 36 points and 5,5 -3,5 games 7.5 -3.5

Civil Service D played St Geroge D and Civil Service D won by just 38points and 5 – 4 games 7 - 4

AVSPOL B played St George A and AVSPOL won by just 23 points and 6 – 3 games 8 - 3

The matches were played on the same format as the summer league with a point being awarded for a game win and 2 points for a match win on points.

Congratulations to the winning teams and hard luck to all the St George teams.

### **Summer League Finals October 1st, 2022– Afternoon Session**

The Matches got underway at 1.15

The afternoon session was played on a league basis with the 3 matches being played simultaneously thus meaning that each player was either playing or scoring for the 3 hours. The matches in this part of the day were played on total points scored by the team to determine the winner. Teams playing Civil Service A Civil Service D and AVSPOL B.

After the first 3 games had been played in each match AVSPOL led Civil Service A by 5 pts, AVSPOL led Civil Service D by 1pt, and Civil Service A led Civil Service D by 8 pts. All very Close By the end of the next 3 matches AVSPOL B led Civil Service D by 5 pts and Civil Service A by 7 pts. Civil Service D led Civil Service A by 23 pts. Still all to play for.

We now come to the tense and last 3 matches which were to determine which team was to be the Summer League Champions 2022.

AVSPOL B took the last 3 games against Civil Service A and ended up winning by 23 points,

Civil Service D lost a bit of ground on Civil Service A eventually winning by just 9 points.

They then came back strongly against AVSPOL D running out winners by 21pts

AVSPOL B 350 - 371 Civil Service D.

AVSPOL B 354 – 331 Civil Service A.

Civil Service D 345 – 336 Civil Service A

**Congratulations therefore go to Civil Service D  
for becoming The 2022 Summer League Champions.**

**Runners Up AVSPOL B**

**CIVIL SERICE D PLAYERS James Russell, Austin Gane & Sam Edwards**

**CIVIL SERVICE A PLAYERS Ahbid Khan, Nigel Pedley, Steve Kingscott**

**AVSPOL PLAYERS Robin Woodward, Richard Bound, Paul Allen**

## **Gilbert Belsten Memorial Cup Report – 2022/23**

The results in this season's competition were as follows:

First round:

St George beat SGS Filton (5 – 4)

Almonds beat Nailsea (5 – 2)

Second round:

St George beat Portishead (5 – 2)

HCC beat Knowle & Brislington (5 – 4)

Bristol Civil Service beat Failand (5 – 4)

Table Tennis Daily beat Almonds (6 – 3)

Semi-Finals:

Bristol Civil Service beat St George (5 – 1)

Table Tennis Daily beat HCC (5 – 4)

Final:

Table Tennis Daily beat Bristol Civil Service (5 – 1)

Players in the Final were:

Table Tennis Daily

Anthony Kent

Joe Ratajczak

Dan Ives

Bristol Civil Service

David Busari

Svilen Andreev

Chris Price

**The Mordecai Cup Final**  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the Grove Centre Nailsea**

The Mordecai Cup is a prestigious competition open to all teams in the Bristol league, playing in Division 1 or Below .

The Handicap is 40 points head start for each division below one that the team is in. Div 2 Chargers started on 40 and Div 4 Leopards Started on 120.

There was a good crowd and they were treated to some great Table Tennis,

The Leopards have played very well this year and have finished high in Div 4 .

However the Chargers were runaway winners in Div 2. and took their league form into the Final.

It wasn't long before chargers took a grip on the match and after the First 4 games had overhauled the Leopard's handicap having by then one hand firmly on the Cup.

The Leopards needed to rally to have any chance of winning the cup.

The chargers however were too strong and galloped on a good Victory.

The winners therefore were Kevan, Craig and Marian - St George Chargers .

And a valiant second place to Nick, Sam and Cam – Nailsea Leopards.

Thanks Guys for a great nights entertainment and thank you to all who played in the Tournament,

Special thanks to all who took time out from their busy lives to come and #

Support the Final.

Dave Grounsell – Mordecai Cup Organiser

## Avon County Report for Season 2022/23 - County Championships

### Seniors – Div 2C      Final Place – First

After missing out on promotion last season by just one set the Seniors topped their division by a clear margin this season.

Played 5, Won 4, Drawn 1    Points 9      (Sets 37 – 13)

Results: Drew with Dorset 5 - 5; Beat Somerset 10 – 0; Beat Devon 7 – 3;  
Beat Hampshire 6 – 4; Beat Cornwall 9 - 1.

Players for Avon: Emma Harradine (9/7); Michele Reeves (9/8);  
Dave Reeves (10/7); Anthony Kent (10/7); Peter Ives (10/6).

### Veterans – Div 2D      Final Place – First

Relegated last season, the Veterans bounced back to Division 1 in convincing fashion with a draw against Dorset and the loss of just 2 sets in their six other matches.

Played 7, Won 6, Drawn 1    Points 13      (Sets 63 – 7)

Results: Beat Wiltshire “3” 10 – 0; Drew with Dorset 5 - 5;  
Beat Hampshire “1” 8 – 2; Beat Wiltshire “2” 10 – 0;  
Beat Wiltshire “1” 10 – 0; Beat Hampshire “2” 10 – 0; Beat Somerset 10 – 0;

Players for Avon: Michele Reeves (5/4); Emma Harradine (2/2);  
Dave Reeves (10/10); Daniel Petit (3/3); Gary Baldwin (3/3); Robert Chandler (2/2);  
Mark Ward (10/8); Peter Ives (9/7).  
Doubles (20/18)

### Juniors - Div 2B      Final Place – Sixth

The Juniors had to concede 20 sets due to having no girls in their team.

Played 5, Won 1, Lost 4      Points 2      (Sets 15 – 35)

Results: Lost to Gloucestershire “2” 2 – 8; Beat Devonshire 6 - 4;  
Lost to Somerset 3 – 7; Lost to Worcestershire 1 – 9; Lost to Cornwall 3 - 7.

Players for Avon: Emmanuel Do Rozario (9/6); Milan Gal (6/4);  
George Stenner (9/3); Ezekiel Do Rozario (4/0).

### Cadets – Div 2      Final Place – Third

The Cadets also suffered from a lack of girls in their team.

Played 4, Won 2, Lost 2      Points 4      (Sets 18 – 19)

Results: Lost to Glamorgan 2 – 8; Beat Wiltshire 7 – 3;  
Beat Northamptonshire 6 – 2; Lost to Gloucestershire 3 – 7.

Players for Avon: Joshy Branch (6/5); Robert White (8/6);  
Charlie Callus (8/3); Andy Wang (2/1);  
Millie Cottrell (5/0).