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Video of the Men's Singles Final of the Berkshire Closed competition, between Martin Adams and Federico Viterbo - who came through as champion.

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## Ping Pong Merrily...

Half way through the season and already play is proceeding at its most brilliant standard - as the Divisional Secretaries have done their best to capture.

Not so many photographs in this issue, but I have compensated by using a video as the cover photo.

Has that idea hit our nation's great newspapers yet? *I'm not sure.*

Will the video work on the printed copy of this Newsletter? *A Christmas prize for the first reader to make it work!*

Will the video work on this page? *The answer is yes if you click OK often enough. If you are using a Firefox browser, click the option to open the file with Adobe Acrobat.*

What is ii.ytmg.com ? *Don't ask me! A red herring.*

Do look in on page 2, which has key facts for the New Year; also a hello from our Chairman, and a reminder of rules on postponing matches.

And of course - Merry Christmas!!

from Derek Wavell



## Key Facts from the RDTTA Secretary

- 1. Table Tennis New Year Fixtures** - All players are reminded that the second half of the league season gets under way during week commencing **6th January**.
- 2. Individual Handicap Competition** - This season's event will take place on **Sunday 5th January** 2014 at the Kingfisher Club. Entry forms were issued to Club Secretaries for distribution at the start of the season and they are also available on the website or from Nigel Maltby. Entries should be sent to Duncan Abbott at 39 Warborough Avenue, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 5LB by the closing date of Friday 27th December, or you can e-mail him at [dungerabb@live.co.uk](mailto:dungerabb@live.co.uk)
- 3. Reading Closed Championships** - Entry forms are now available for the Reading Closed Championships which are to be held at the Kingfisher Club over the weekends of **15th/16th Feb** (Senior & Veterans) and **22nd/23rd Feb** (Juniors). Entry forms will shortly be available from Club Secretaries, via the website or from tournament organiser Eric Van-Looy. Completed forms should be sent to Competition secretary: ERIC VAN LOOY, 36 FRANKLIN STREET, READING, RG1 7YA Tel: 07847 355 510. Or they can be e-mailed to him at [ericvanlooy@hotmail.com](mailto:ericvanlooy@hotmail.com) to arrive no later than Friday 24th January 2014. Please do try to support these worthwhile events. Entry remains free.



Nigel Maltby

### Chairman's Pitch by Nigel Rowland

Firstly on behalf of your committee I would like to pass on our seasons greetings and wish everyone a Happy New Year.

I would like to thank everyone for their kind words of support given to me during my evenings table tennis matches. I would like to remind everyone I am only looking for a 'one' year tenure. So please, if you wish to take up the role and drive us forward with new ideas come and talk to us, it may be the right time for a new Chairman with a vision to make significant changes to the Reading League.

I have recently been travelling and taken advantage of having a knock where ever there has been a table tennis table. At a number of these sessions there have been lots



of father's and son's having a game. On speaking to them, in most cases, the fathers all used to play league table tennis years ago and the sons are not playing for any clubs. I asked them why and the majority say they don't have the time which is disappointing to hear. What was encouraging is that the tables were always in use even though the bats were falling apart, nets threadbare and balls the cheapest one could buy (and the wrong size)!

Simon Clarke and Matthew Rowland are currently both representing the RAF at Table Tennis. Simon is currently playing for Birch Copse and Matthew used to play for Birch Copse and Tilehurst Methodists alongside players of yesteryear John Sant and John Freeman. Matthew is currently joining a club in the Kings Lynn league.

### Match Postponements

#### A wake-up call from the RDTTA Committee

Please refer to Rules 12.11.1 to 12.11.5.

- RDTTA rules were changed a few years ago and team captains are no longer allowed to postpone matches, unless rule 12.11.2 applies.
- Team captains should make use of the other players registered for their Club in lower Divisions. (unavailability of the star player is not a valid reason for re-arranging a match)
- If a match needs to be re-arranged for a later date, this can be only be done with prior approval of the relevant DFS,.

Many team captains are aware of 1 and already do 2 and 3, but it has come to the attention of the Committee that some teams are not playing fair, but are "postponing"

matches just because they cannot field their strongest team and are doing so without first getting approval of their DFS.

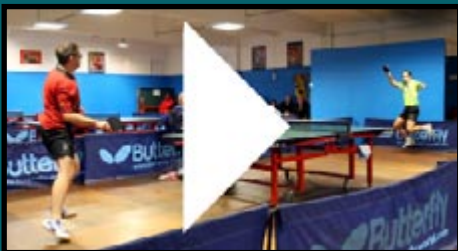
We want to encourage people to play their matches wherever possible, and each DFS does have some leeway to allow this to happen, but it is unfair to those teams who do follow the rules and field "weakened" teams if others are allowed to re-arrange their fixtures to ensure their best players are available.

This season especially, with a full complement of teams in each Division and a limited number of "free" weeks, it is important that the number of re-arranged matches is kept to a minimum.

Team captains are reminded that the rules of the Association are printed in the RDTTA Handbook each season and they should familiarise themselves with them, if they haven't already.



## VIDEOS - click a thumbnail to play the video



Final:  
Martin Adams v.  
Federico Viterbo



Ladies Singles:  
Clare Woodham v.  
Wendy Porter



Mixed Doubles:  
Clare Woodham &  
Federico Viterbo v.  
Wendy Porter &  
Daniel Moses

These videos are from the 2013 Berkshire Closed competition. The top one is the exciting final - the same video as our 'cover photo' (just in case you have trouble with that on your machine)

Below that are links to videos of the ladies singles and mixed doubles.

All videos are the work of Didier Garçon - as are the still photos of that competition, which adorn other pages of this Newsletter.

## Lower Divisions Cup by Duncan Abbott

### Introduction

This tournament follows last season's format, with all 9 sets in each match being doubles games featuring three players on each side. Please note that each set will be best of 3 (not 5) with games being up to 11 points as in league games.

The draw for the Lower Divisions Cup has been made. There is a record 20 teams entered this year, so as a result there will be an extra round in this year's competition.

There are five groups of 4 teams, the group winners progress to the quarter finals as will the best three runners-up (ie the teams with the best record of sets won less sets lost for matches actually played). After then it will be sudden death.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the format, it is a doubles competition where each set is the best of 3 games up to 11 points. Each set won gains a league point, so if you win 6-3 you get 6 league points.

### Group A

Birch Copse 'B' **16\***  
Milestone 'B' **16\***  
SC&P 'G' **13**  
Kingfisher 'J' **0**

### Group B

Tidmarsh 'D' **25**  
OLOP 'G' **10\***  
Springfield 'C' **10\***  
Milestone 'C' **0**

### Group C

SC&P 'F' **15**  
Tidmarsh 'E' **13\***  
Springfield 'D' **10**  
Milestone 'D' **7\***

### Group D

OLOP 'F' **17\***  
SC&P 'D' **17**  
Springfield 'E' **8**  
Sonning Sports 'B' **3\***

### Group E

Polish 'C' **19**  
Curzon 'B' **19**  
SC&P 'E' **5\***  
Kingfisher 'K' **2\***

\* One match left to play

Matches w/c 16 December:

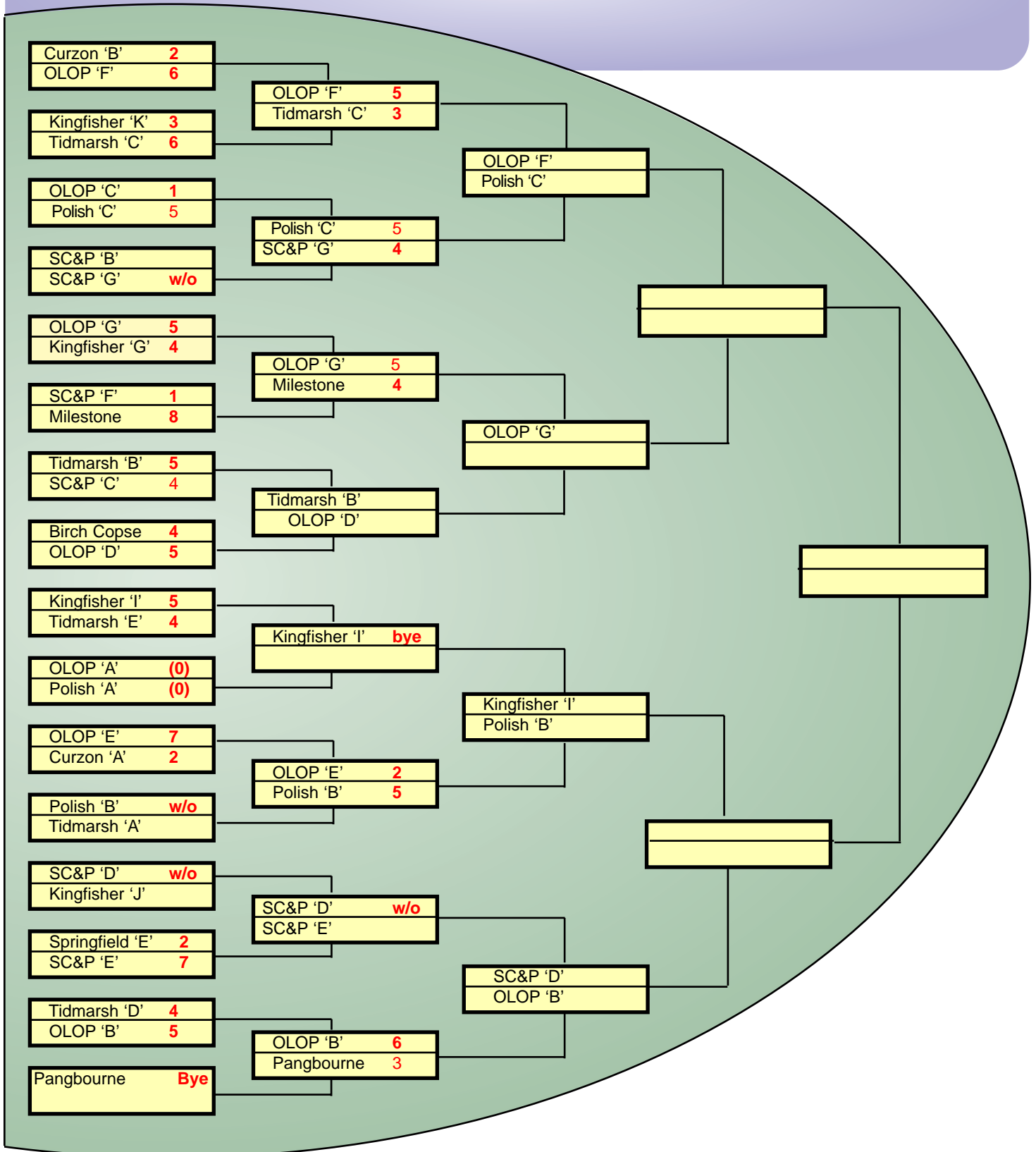
SC & P 'G' **9** Kingfisher J **0 (w/o)**  
Milestone B v Birch Copse B  
Tidmarsh D **9** Milestone C **0 (w/o)**  
OLOP G v Springfield C  
Springfield D **4** SC&P F **5**  
Tidmarsh E v Milestone D  
OLOP F v Sonning Sports B  
Springfield E **0** v SC&P D **9**  
Curzon B **4** Polish C **5**  
SC&P E v Kingfisher K

For detailed results, see the web site.

# Team Handicap Competition 2013-14

organised by Duncan Abbott

The Team Handicap is a knockout competition open to all teams in the Reading & District League. All players are given handicaps by the Handicap Committee based on their recent results. In a Team Handicap match the three players from one team play all players from the other team, 21-up, taking into account the relevant handicaps. There is no doubles contest.



# DIVISION ONE *by Malcolm Gregory*

As 2013 draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my readers and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



After the fantastic highs of last year's Olympics and other marvellous British sporting triumphs, it was very sobering that Andy Murray won the BBC Sports Personality of the Year with no real competition. Lucky he didn't win Wimbledon in 2012 – it would have been embarrassing for the poor lad!

Closer to home, the Division One league table is taking a predictable shape. As reported previously, OLOP 'A' drew first blood against their old foe Kingfisher 'A', but Kingfisher are breathing heavily down the necks of OLOP having dropped no other points so far this term. Once again the return fixture is going to be a mouth watering prospect. Make a mental note in your diaries now: Monday 27th January 2014 at Kingfisher (unless the game gets postponed for any reason).

Similar to last season, there is a glut of mid table teams not quite good enough to challenge the leaders but far too good for the teams at the bottom.

And the teams at the "bottom" are once again engaged in a relegation dogfight. Curzon 'A' and Sonning Common and Peppard 'B' already look doomed but Sonning 'A' are far from safe. The teams above these 3 already probably have too many points in their respective bags to get drawn into the fight for survival.

Let's take a closer look at some of the team and individual performances but always bear in mind if you want much more detail about the players and teams in our top division, just visit our fabulous website which has reams of statistics to look at.

At the time of writing, **Kingfisher 'A'**'s most recent result

was a tight 6 - 4 win over OLOP 'B'. To be fair this match did include the concession by Mark Banks of his set against Daniel McTiernan but even so there were some tight looking games that night. For example Sean Pickin had two 5-game sets – beating the in-form Mark Banks 11-7 in the 5th and losing to Tony Reynolds 6-11 in the 5th.

Incidentally, if the scorecard states "walkover" or "conceded" for any particular set, the system requires scores to be entered so for the time being, this will erroneously affect players' averages. A system fix has been logged for this.

		PL	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Kingfisher 'A'	11	10	0	1	82	28	20
2	OLOP 'A'	9	9	0	0	70	20	18
3	Kingfisher 'B'	11	8	1	2	74	36	17
4	Tidmarsh 'A'	10	6	1	3	63	37	13
5	OLOP 'B'	10	5	2	3	59	41	12
6	Kingfisher 'D'	11	6	0	5	59	51	12
7	Tidmarsh 'B'	11	5	0	6	50	60	10
8	Kingfisher 'C'	11	3	2	6	50	60	8
9	YMCA	10	4	0	6	42	58	8
10	SC & P 'A'	10	2	0	8	30	70	4
11	Curzon 'A'	11	1	0	10	23	87	2
12	SC & P 'B'	9	0	0	9	18	72	0

A Mosesless **OLOP 'A'** showed enough strength in depth to overcome YMCA in their most recent fixture. Ian Cole, Trung Tran and Krasimir Ivanov easily overcame a YMCA team which included the talented Neil Hurford. Neil put up the most resistance for YM with a good win over Trung and two close defeats to Ian and Krasi both 11-4 in the 5th. Following their earlier 6 - 4 defeat of Kingfisher 'A', OLOP 'A' have followed this up with 6 - 4 defeats of Kingfishers 'B' & 'D' so we can see its not all plain sailing for OLOP 'A' and team selection will prove critical in their remaining campaign.

**Kingfisher 'B'** – or **Old Polish** as I prefer to call them - are having a similar season to last year. In Martin Adams and Steve Dobbins they have players right out of the top left hand drawer. Martin and Steve have played against the top two teams where Old Polish lost 4 - 6 to OLOP 'A' and 3 - 7 to Kingfisher 'A'. In the game against OLOP 'A', Martin lost to Krasi Ivanov but then defeated Daniel Moses and Steve did vice versa – defeating the classy Krasi 11-5 in the 5th but losing to Moses in 3. Kingfisher 'A' showed Old Polish a hell of a lot of respect by fielding their strongest team in Mark Banks, Hari Gehlot and Federico Viterbo which proved too strong for Old Polish who couldn't make "home advantage" count. The result was a 7-3 win for the A team.



TONY REYNOLDS PLAYS MICHAEL HOUGHTON





THE RICKS BROTHERS - SAM AND DANNY

**Tidmarsh 'A'** have some good strength in depth with 5 players sitting on averages better than 40% including the cultured Sander De Reimer who has only lost twice so far this season: to Hari Gehlot and Danny Ricks of OLOP 'B'. Their match against Kingfisher 'A' was interesting. Whereas Tidmarsh revealed their hand with their strongest team which included Ian Packford, Sander and Peter Matthews, Kingfisher fielded a slightly weaker team consisting Tony Reynolds, Hari Gehlot and Stuart Williams. Ian lost very narrowly to Tony first set of the evening: 10-12 7-11 10-12. Sander then also lost by a fine margin to Hari: 14-16 8-11 8-11. Bearing in mind Kingfisher ran out 6 - 4 winners, I think we can conclude they got away with it and Tidmarsh just

came up (surprisingly to me but what do I know?) short.

**OLOP 'B'** are benefiting from the emergence of Daniel McTiernan who is firmly established as a top ten player in Division One. Maybe Daniel isn't getting enough support from his team mates to enable OLOP 'B' to climb the table? For example, their 5 - 5 draw against Kingfisher 'C' saw Daniel win a tidy maximum and inspire a good doubles win. But the only other contribution was Neil Birds' defeat of Andrew Parker 11-9 in the 5th in the very first set which effectively earned OLOP 'B' their point and denied Kingfisher what would have been a fantastic team win. One factor which is startling in its incongruousness is the form of Danny

Ricks. At the time of writing, his average is 43%, having won 9 out of 21 sets played. Yet of his 9 wins, 2 of them included wins over Sander De Reimer and Marin Adams! Danny is clearly capable of raising his game against the very best players but maybe needs to learn how to achieve a bit more consistency against the more bread and butter type of player which abounds in our division.

**Kingfisher 'D'** consists of three players riding high in the averages; the incredibly polite and pleasant young men Eduard Caliman, Leo Long and Joshua Gallen. All these lads have won far more games than they have lost, so fair play to them and very well done boys. "Boys" is not a term I can use to describe their team mates (well maybe I could have done 40 years ago!) nevertheless the evergreens Trevor Organ and Richard Fifield are generally backing up the boys very well by picking up the odd vital win each week. A good example of their team ethic was their 6 - 4 defeat of Kingfisher 'C' where Eduard recorded a fine maximum including a 13-11 set 4 win against the difficult to beat Steve Murgatroyd. This was backed up by Josh Gallen beating Andrew Parker and Trevor's 11-7 in the 5th defeat of Lisa Williams.

**Tidmarsh** have had a shuffle round to form one strong team and one good mid table team which is **Tidmarsh 'B'**. A fairly large squad and a very mixed



DANIEL McTIERNAN

bag of results so far this season sees them comfortably sitting in mid table.

There was a close encounter of the Tidmarsh kind during this segment of the season when A & B faced each other across the darkened net. The A team were without their numero uno (Sander) and interestingly although the result was a close looking 6 - 4 to the B Team no fewer than 7 out of ten sets were decided in 3 ends. In fact the only sets not decided in 3 involved Sam Ricks who defeated Peter Matthews 11-7 in the 5th, John Barclay 11-3 in the 4th and Duncan Groves 11-8 11-9 11-6. Antony Baker weighed in with wins over Duncan and John and Andy Stephens helped secure the two points with a win against John.

So far I haven't said anything about how crucial the doubles can be in deciding the result of a match. The doubles is very important in deciding the result! However, a quick squint at the doubles averages doesn't really shout out any strong messages apart from, as one would expect, the higher teams tend to win more than the lower teams. As things stand Richard Rosinski and Steve Dobbins from Old Polish look like the pair to beat having won 4 out of 4 so far this season.

In their second season on the top flight it's obvious that **Kingfisher 'C'** are finding their feet. But for a back injury to Niall McGrane I'm sure they would be higher up the table. Having said that all 4 players seem to have raised their games. Steve Murgatroyd especially is showing what a good player he is this season – currently sitting in a very creditable average of 70%. Andrew Parker hits a table tennis ball nearly as hard as a golf ball. And trust me; Andrew hits a golf ball very hard indeed. At 50% Andrew is also hitting good form this season. Lisa Williams had a great win over Danny Ricks recently and also looks to be improving her game – from my observations much more aggressive in her play. Having secured a point in their 5 - 5 draw to Old Polish earlier in the season, Kingfisher 'C' followed this up with another point against an OLOP 'B' team which included Daniel McTiernan. A great team performance in which Andrew Steve and Lisa all beat Danny Ricks and Steve and Lisa both beat Neil Bird – in Lisa's case a nail biting 11-9 in the 5th to help secure the point. OLOP 'B' won the doubles in this one to help stave off defeat – crucial that doubles!

Having started banging on about the doubles I just can't stop now! Look at YMCA's match versus Kingfisher 'C'. YM ran out 6 - 4 winners. Why? Because Keith Winter and Neil Hurford beat Steve Murgatroyd and Andrew Parker 11-7 in the 5th in that vital 7th set. A very slightly more comfortable looking win for YM v Tidmarsh 'B' was nevertheless described as a "tough match" by Peter Bradley. In his words "the doubles were crucial" in what sounded like an exceptionally exciting doubles encounter.



By all accounts Keith Winter had more than his fair share of nets and edges in his win over Sam Ricks and the 7 - 3 scoreline was sportingly described by Peter as "a little unfair on Tidmarsh"

The good news is that **Sonning Common and Peppard 'A'** have caught up on their fixtures! Keith Swain and Jason Roberts are showing flashes of brilliant form but so far results have proved evasive. Keith scored a fantastic maximum against Tidmarsh 'B' defeating Antony Baker, Steve Rollason and Andy Stephens. Jason managed to beat Andy 11-9 in the 5th but it was that crucial doubles (oh give it a rest Malcolm!) which cost Sonning an albeit unexpected point following another 11-9 defeat in the 5th. We wuz robbed!

**Curzon Club**, complete with their wonderful glitter ball three and a half feet above the table, look to be struggling



SC&P 'A' - KEITH SWAIN, JASON ROBERTS AND MALCOLM GREGORY

a bit. They have suffered a few heavy defeats (as have all in the bottom 3) and it can be difficult to keep motivated and positive when you're on a losing streak. I'm speaking from experience here!! Their solitary win so far came against the bottom team Sonning Common and Peppard 'B'. This win was better than it looked as well because for the only time so far this season, Sonning fielded the tricky Simon Berry. Simon beat John Willcocks and the improving Jon Willis. This match featured a very good maximum from Andy Fakeerjan and it was his win in game 5 against Nigel Maltby which proved even more crucial than the doubles. Andy ran out a winner 13-15 12-10 11-3 12-14 11-7. By the way Curzon did win the doubles which helped them on their way to a 7 - 3 win which got them some points on the board.

**Sonning Common and Peppard 'B'** are probably guilty of sacrificing their true playing standard by stepping up to division one again, having been relegated last year. In anticipation of just having one team in Div One Sonning also had an internal reshuffle which saw Jason Roberts move across to the new looking A team. But this has weakened the B team and they are suffering as a



result. Having said all that, Jeremy Willis has proved a bit of a revelation having won 38% of his matches so far. Talk about step up to the plate! Another plus factor has been Nigel Maltby's rejuvenation. I guess the most telling fixture to report is the match between Sonning 'A' and Sonning 'B'. Jeremy Willis scored a very well earned maximum defeating Keith, Jason and Malcolm plus Paul Jarvis played exceptionally well to defeat his old playing partner Jason Roberts. But those 4 wins were all that could be mustered; however, it has to be said Paul and Jeremy were extremely unlucky to lose the doubles 13-11 in the 5th. Have I mentioned how crucial the doubles can be?!!

Anyway, I have to go now. I want to cut off the bottom of one my trouser legs and take it down to the library before it closes. That'll be a turn up for the books!

LEADING AVERAGES				
Player	Team	PL	W	%
Daniel Moses	OLOP 'A'	24	23	95.83 %
Ian Cole	OLOP 'A'	12	11	91.67 %
Sander De Riemer	Tidmarsh 'A'	17	15	88.24 %
Mark Banks	Kingfisher 'A'	21	18	85.71 %
Hari Gehlot	Kingfisher 'A'	21	18	85.71 %
Steve Dobbins	Kingfisher 'B'	33	28	84.85 %
Daniel Mctiernan	OLOP 'B'	24	20	83.33 %
Sam Ricks	Tidmarsh 'B'	21	17	80.95 %
Federico Viterbo	Kingfisher 'A'	15	12	80.00 %
Martin Adams	Kingfisher 'B'	15	12	80.00 %
Anthony Brown	Tidmarsh 'A'	5	4	80.00 %

# DIVISION TWO *by Nigel Rowland*

**C**ongratulations go to Tidmarsh 'C' as they continue to dominate at the top of the table. Well done to OLOP 'C' for taking the first points away from Tidmarsh 'C'. Wokingham 'A' have worked hard for their second spot, their only loss has been to top of the table Tidmarsh 'C'. OLOP 'C' have kept pace with the leaders and also share second spot.



It's great to see all teams have now got points on the board. There is nothing more demoralising than going through a season getting nothing in return. True to form, the teams coming fourth and fifth in Div 3 last season are propping up the table.

Can I please remind captains to inform me when games are being rearranged (with both teams consent). There have been occasions where I have gone chasing a card only to be informed the game has been rescheduled. Can I also ask you check the accuracy of the cards, example, sometimes the doubles pairing is missing or a score has been misplaced on the card. Many thanks to captains who are timely in getting cards e-mailed to me, this really helps me to get scores on the web and gets you press coverage. Cards arriving after Saturday of that week do not get press coverage.

Steve Miller remains top of the averages with 24 wins out of 24, winning the crucial game against Lee Calcutt. Lee Calcutt is second with 29 wins out of 30. Dave Wise and Lee Calcutt still lead the doubles averages with six wins out of six.

Have a great Christmas and New Year.

**Tidmarsh 'C'** A hard fought treble from Lee Calcutt and a double from Dave Wise gave them a close 6 - 4 win over SC&P 'C' to maintain their 100% record. Chris Webb just

lost out in all three but took Danny Dockree to five games. The all important doubles gave them the win. Trebles from Lee Calcutt and Duncan Groves with a double from Mike Aistrop as they crushed Wokingham 'A' 2 - 8 in a match where unbeaten records were at stake. Mike came from two down to win 11-13 in the fifth against Jim Spencer. In their clash against OLOP 'C' Dave Wise, Lee Calcutt and François Durand lost their first point in a very close match. Had it not been for Dave Wise defeating Chris West in the final set they would have suffered their first defeat. In the doubles Lee and Dave had to come back from two down to win in five against Clive Perry and Steve Miller. Lee lost his first set against Steve Miller. Lee Calcutt, François Durand and Mike Aistrop cantered to a 10 - 0 win over Kingfisher 'F'. Lee Calcutt was in irresistible form with a treble with supporting doubles from Mike Aistrop and Chris Webb as they dismissed the challenge from Kingfisher 'E' with a 7 - 3 win.

**Wokingham 'A'** Brian Chinneck and Graham Outrim recorded maximums along with a double from Jim Spencer in their 1 - 9 win over OLOP 'C' to maintain their 100% record. Daryl Griffith, Brian Chinneck and Jim Spencer fought like tigers in their 2 - 8 loss to Tidmarsh 'C'. Only three sets went to three games, many went to five as Brian got the only win apart from Brian and Daryl teaming up with an impressive doubles 11-5,10-12,14-12,8-11,11-8 win over Lee Calcutt and Duncan Groves. Brian Chinneck, Jim Spence and Daryl Griffith teamed up to get an impressive 6 - 4 win at Kingfisher 'E'. This keeps them in the running as promotion contenders. Brian Chinneck, Daryl Griffith and Jim Spencer powered their way to 10 - 0 win at Polish 'A'.

**OLOP 'C'** lost their 100% record as Dan and Chris West along with guest Jim McAllister felt the full force of



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1	Tidmarsh 'C'	11	10	1	0	85	25	21
2	Wokingham 'A'	9	8	0	1	67	23	16
3	OLOP 'C'	10	7	2	1	67	33	16
4	Kingfisher 'E'	11	5	3	3	64	46	13
5	Kingfisher 'F'	11	5	3	3	59	51	13
6	OLOP 'D'	10	5	2	3	53	47	12
7	Milestone 'A'	8	5	0	3	40	40	10
8	SC & P 'C'	11	3	1	7	53	57	7
9	Post Office 'A'	10	3	1	6	44	56	7
10	Polish 'A'	11	2	2	7	38	72	6
11	Tilehurst Meths 'A'	11	1	0	10	31	79	2
12	Kingfisher 'G'	11	0	1	10	19	91	1

Wokingham 'A' going down 1 - 9. Chris saved their blushes with a win over Jim Spencer. Jim just went down 9-11 in the fifth against Brian Chinneck. A Steve Miller treble, Clive Perry double and Dan West single gave them a good 7 - 3 win over Kingfisher 'F'. Clive Perry, Chris West and Steve Miller showed a gutsy performance to take a point off leaders Tidmarsh 'C'. Clive Perry came from two down to win in five against Dave Wise and Steve Miller protected his 100% record defeating Lee Calcutt in three straight. Steve Miller clawed his way to a treble with two from Clive Perry to share the spoils against Kingfisher 'E'. Siad Cole just lost out in five gamers against Colin Dyke and Roger Woolven-Allen.

**Kingfisher 'E'** Trebles from Geoff Civil and John Morris along with a double from Colin Dyke as they defeated Kingfisher 'G' 9 - 1. Geoff had a close five gamer with Allen Pack winning 14-12 in the fifth. A John Morris treble and double from Colin Dyke as they surrendered a point against a determined SC&P 'C'. Colin came from two down to win in five against Jon Abbott. A double from Colin Dyke along with singles from Roger Woolven-Allen and John Morris could not stop them going down 4 - 6 to Wokingham 'A'. Colin and Roger had impressive five game wins over Brian Chinneck and Jim Spencer. Geoff Civil and John Morris along with a double from Colin Dyke as they defeated Kingfisher 'G' 9 - 1. Geoff Civil, Colin Dyke and Roger Woolven-Allen pulled together to dig out a draw against OLOP 'C'. Colin Dyke, Roger Woolven-Allen and John Morris felt the full force of Tidmarsh 'C' going down 3 - 7 in the process. Colin and Roger had a brilliant doubles win over Lee Calcutt and Chris Webb.

**Kingfisher 'F'** A hard fought double from Ivor Hardman with single wins from Pete Bennett and Michael Houghton meant they shared the points against OLOP 'D'. Once again a doubles win gave them a point. Ivor Hardman got a double including a five game win over Dan West and Peter Bennett got a five game win over Dan West in their 3 - 7 loss to OLOP 'C'. Michael Houghton won some games but no sets. A hard fought treble from Ivor Hardman with doubles from Peter Bennett and Alan Bruton

gave them a good 8 - 2 win. Peter Bennett, Michael Houghton and Clare Woodham put up a brave fight but still ended up on a 0 - 10 loss to Tidmarsh 'C'. Allan Bruton battled for his treble, with a double from Ivor Hardman and Clair Woodham getting a win over Denise Weller to defeat Post Office 'A' 7 - 3.

**OLOP 'D'** A brilliant treble from Ben Xiao with a hard fought double from Steve Ng enabled them to snatch a point against Kingfisher 'F'. Ben had five-game set wins over Peter Bennett and Michael Houghton. Wendy Porter tried hard but drew a blank on the night. Ben Xiao and Steve Ng trebles with a single from Pat Daniels gave them a 7 - 3 win against Tilehurst Meths 'A'. Steve

won a hard fought five gamer against Nigel Rowland as did Ben against Phil Jones. Pat also got a good three straight win against Phil Jones. Steve Ng recorded a treble including a five game win over Simon Hopkins as they drew with Post Office 'A'. Ben Xiao and Pat Daniels were in support. Pat just lost out in a five gamer against Simon Hopkins. Trung Trang and Ben Xiao recorded trebles with a double from guest Pat Daniels in their 8 - 2 win over Kingfisher 'G'. Ben and Pat came back from two down to win against Dave Gostelow. Trebles from Steve Ng and Ben Xiao with a single from Wendy Porter as they defeated SC&P 'C' 8 - 2.

**Milestone 'A'** A hard fought treble from Robin Benwell, double from Hugh Crosfield and single from John Tucker gave them an impressive 7 - 3 win over SC&P 'C'. Robin came back from two games down to win in five against Jon Abbott and Hugh had a nery five game win over Danny Dockree. The win was cemented by Robin and Hugh coming back from two games down to win in five against Matt Stone and Danny Dockree. Robin Benwell got a treble



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and set 10 win over Dave Gostellow to snatch all the points in their 4 - 6 win at Kingfisher 'G'. John Tucker and Hugh Crosfield supported with one apiece and John and Robin the all important doubles win.

**SC&P 'C'** Matt Stone, Danny Dockree and Jon Abbott played some of their best table tennis in their close 4 - 6 loss to high flyers Tidmarsh 'C'. Matt had a five set 11-8,7-11,11-6,10-12,10-12 win over Dave Wise. Jon had a three set win over Chris Webb and Danny a five set win over Chris Webb. Hero Danny Dockree won in five to clinch the last set against Roger Woolven-Allen and a point in their game against high flyers Kingfisher 'E'. Matt Stone got a double and Jon Abbott won in five against Roger, but Matt and Jon got the all important doubles win over Roger and John Morris in five to secure a point. A double from Matt Stone and single from Danny Dockree could not stop them going down 3 - 7 to Milestone 'A'. Matt won a five gamer over John Tucker and Jon Abbott just missed out on a win over Robin Benwell going down 10-12,10-12,11-3,11-6,11-5. In a surprise result Danny Dockree recorded a great treble but could not stop them going down 4 - 6 against Polish 'A'. Matt Stone and Brian Meheux got singles in their 2 - 8 defeat to OLOP 'D'.

**Post Office 'A'** A John Simmonds treble with Denise Weller double and Simon Hopkins single as they won 7 - 3 against Polish 'A' to pull themselves away from the bottom end of the table. A further point was won as Denise Weller, John Simmonds and Simon Hopkins fought out a draw with OLOP 'D'. John Simmonds won set ten against Ben Xiao to nick a point. Denise Weller was in superb form as John Simmonds joined Denise in getting a treble with support from Simon Hopkins and they defeated Tilehurst Meths 'A' 8 - 2. John Simmonds, Denise Weller and guest Ray Webb all got singles in their 3 - 7 defeat to Kingfisher 'F'.

**Polish 'A'** Jacek Krzyzanowski and Darek Kaminski scored doubles with a single from Mac de Guzman as they got their first win 6 - 4 against Tilehurst Meths 'A'. Jacek had a close 10-12, 11-9, 11-7, 10-12, 11-8 win over Nigel Rowland. Darek Kaminski got a good 15-13, 7-11,11-9,11-9 win over Cath Venning. A Jacek Krzyzanowski double and Darek Kaminski single could not stop them going down 3 - 7 to Post Office 'A'. Jacek and Darek both had five game wins over Simon Hopkins and Jacek a three straight win over Denise Weller. Guest Zdzislaw Jerzmanski lost three straight.

Doubles from Jacek Krzyzanowski and Darek Kaminski along with a vital single win over John Upham from Krys Szczygiel won them a point over lowly Kingfisher 'G'. Doubles from Darek Kamanski, Jacek Kayzouowski and guest Grant Wheatley gave them a great 6 - 4 win at SC&P 'C'. Darek Kaminski took Brian Chinnock and Daryl Griffith

## LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
Steven Miller	OLOP 'C'	24	24	100.00 %
Graham Outrim	Wokingham 'A'	9	9	100.00 %
Duncan Groves	Tidmarsh 'C'	6	6	100.00 %
Lee Calcutt	Tidmarsh 'C'	30	29	96.67 %
Robin Benwell	Milestone 'A'	18	17	94.44 %
Mike Aistrop	Tidmarsh 'C'	21	17	80.95 %
Clive Perry	OLOP 'C'	15	12	80.00 %
Xiao Huang'	OLOP 'D'	24	19	79.17 %
Ivor Hardman	Kingfisher 'F'	24	19	79.17 %
Daryl Griffith	Wokingham 'A'	18	14	77.78 %
Steve Ng'	OLOP 'D'	24	18	75.00 %
Brian Chinneck	Wokingham 'A'	27	20	74.07 %
Dave Wise'	Tidmarsh 'C'	18	13	72.22 %
Allan Bruton	Kingfisher 'F'	18	13	72.22 %
Ivor Hardman	Kingfisher 'F'	9	7	77.78 %

to five gamers but they still went down 0 - 10 against Wokingham 'A'.

**Tilehurst Methodists 'A'** Nigel Rowland and Cath Venning battled hard to win two sets each in their 4 - 6 loss to Polish 'A'. Cath had a 9-11,11-7,11-6,3-11,9-11 win over Jacek Krzyzanowski . Paul Treadgold fought hard but to no avail. Singles from Paul Treadgold and Nigel Rowland could not stop a 3 - 7 defeat against OLOP 'D'. Nigel Rowland and Phil Jones recorded a rare doubles win over Ben Xiao and Pat Daniels. Wins from Nigel Rowland and Phil Jones were all they had to show for their 2 - 8 loss to Kingfisher 'F'. Nigel and Paul Treadgold just lost out in five gamers against Peter Bennett. Nigel and Phil just lost out in five against Ivor Hardman and Allan Bruton. Phil Jones and Paul Treadgold managed single wins over Simon Hopkins in their 2 - 8 defeat to Post Office 'A'. Nigel Rowland won a treble, with Cath Venning winning a double and a supporting single from Paul Treadgold as they finally got points on the board with a 7 - 3 win over Kingfisher 'G'.

**Kingfisher 'G'** Allen Pack got a single win over Colin Dyke in their 1 - 9 defeat by Kingfisher 'E'. Guest Didier Garcon played up and the team had to concede the other three sets. Guest Jean-Noel Thépaut won a treble along with a single from Allen Pack to secure their first point against Polish 'A' to lift them off the bottom of the table. Jean-Noel won a five gamer against Darek Kamanski. Allen Pack got a double but they lost 4 - 6 against Milestone 'A'. John Upham and Dave Gostellow got one apiece in support. Allen Pack was once again on the score sheet as they went down 2 - 8 to OLOP 'D'. Allen Pack fought hard with a double, along with a single from Dave Gostellow in their 3 - 7 loss to Tilehurst Meths 'A'. John Upham just lost out in a close five gamer against Cath Venning.



# DIVISION THREE *by Derek Harrison*

The compliments of the season to everyone and hope you all have/ had a good Christmas. I would also like to wish you all a VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR. Before I start my notes I have a request - there have been many lash-ups on the scorecards, mainly with scores the wrong way round plus sometimes the doubles pairings are not shown. So can you check the card is OK before sending it to me? Thank You.

As you can see we have only two points separating the top six sides with the top four all on 15 points.

**Wokingham 'A'** dropped their first point of the season when they were held to a draw at OLOP 'E'. Dan Buckle and Richard Neville both won twice and they also teamed up to win the doubles. In their big clash with Sonning Sports 'A' they came out 8 - 2 winners with the improving Dan Buckle obtaining a three straight treble by beating Nigel 11-6, 11-4, 11-9 then Bob W 11-5, 11-7, 11-4 and Dave 11-4, 11-9, 11-5 - so very well done Dan. Ken and Aiden Killian both gained doubles. They then crashed to their first defeat when going down 8 - 2 at Kingfisher 'H'. Dan won the two by beating Eric and Steve. They then bounced back by beating Kingfisher 'I' 9 - 1 with Aidan and Dan both hitting trebles. Ken played his part by winning two. At Springfield 'A', who were without Phil, they strolled to a 2 - 8 victory with Dan winning three and Tony and Richard both picking up doubles. By beating Polish 'B' 7 - 3 they went top of the table. Tony came back to form by gaining a great hat trick with Dan winning two and Richard picking up a single.

**Polish 'B'** shared the points against Curzon 'B' with Dan Dzieciol and Stephen Yon both winning two each. Grant Wheatley got the vital single. Grant and Dan were in top form against Pangbourne when they won all three and with Stephen gaining a single this gave them a 3 - 7 victory. At home to Tilehurst Meths 'B' they had their best win of the season by beating them 9 - 1, where Stephen and Grant both gained hat tricks. Dan did well by winning two. Grant



hit another maximum at Birch Copse 'A' and with Dan winning two and a Stephen single this helped them towards a 3 - 7 victory. At home to bottom side Springfield 'B' Dan, Stephen and Grant all obtained maximums. Their winning run came to an end when losing 7 - 3 at Wokingham 'B' where Dan, Stephen and Grant all picked up singles.

**Kingfisher 'H'** had a close 6 - 4 win over Birch Copse 'A' with Carol Byers and Steve Woolnough both obtaining doubles. Carol had a nice win over Simon Clarke beating him 9-11, 11-7, 9-11, 15-13, 15-13. They then beat bottom side Springfield 'B' 2 - 8. Eric and Steve both hit trebles. For Eric they were all three straight. Rogerio Albelo won the other single game by beating Paul Jenkins. They then put in their best performance of the season when winning 8 - 2 against Wokingham 'B' where Carol was the star by winning all three. In her game against Tony Eames she came back from two ends down. At OLOP 'E' Carol and Eric both won two each but alas they went down 6 - 4. They then bounced back by beating Sonning Sports 'A' 7 - 3 with Eric and Carol both gaining trebles besides teaming up to win the doubles. They then had a close 4 - 6 win at Curzon with Eric, Carol and Steve all winning two each after being 4 - 3 down. I really thought that we would get a point at least, Eric.

**Springfield 'A'** moved out of the relegation zone by beating Pangbourne 7 - 3. As ever Phil Burke hit a three straight treble. Ian Boaden found some form by winning two with his new bat. Seth won one by beating Roger Stevens. At Tilehurst Meths 'B' they just got home 4 - 6 thanks mainly to a Phil treble. Ian and Des both won one each. Phil was in masterly form by winning all three in straight sets. He beat Jes 11-7, 11-7, 11-7 then Mike 11-6, 11-4, 11-7 and Simon 11-7, 11-6, 11-9. Des also gained a treble with Ian winning one. Away to their 'B' team they won 1 - 9 with Seth and Des winning all three and Ian gaining a double. In the outstanding match against Kingfisher 'I' they just got home 6 - 4 with Phil, Des and Seth all winning two each. After winning 5 matches in a row they went down 2 - 8 to Wokingham 'B' with Des gaining two fine wins by beating Tony and Richard. Phil came back into the side against OLOP 'E' and hit a good treble, and with Des winning two and Seth picking up an important single this helped towards a 3 - 7 victory.

**OLOP 'E'** put in a great performance by sharing the spoils with Wokingham 'B'. Michael McAlister and Phil Saunders both gained doubles with Harry Brough winning that vital single. They then stormed to a great 1 - 9 victory at Curzon 'B' with Michael and Harry both gaining hat tricks. For Harry they were all three straight. Jim played his part by winning two. At Sonning Sports 'A' they came away with both points by winning 4 - 6 with Michael and Harry both gaining hat tricks. They then beat Kingfisher 'H' 6 - 4 with Harry and Michael both

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wokingham 'B'	9	7	1	1	64	26	15
Polish B'	11	7	1	3	68	42	15
Kingfisher 'H'	11	6	3	2	66	44	15
Springfield A'	11	7	1	3	63	47	15
OLOP 'E'	11	5	4	2	64	46	14
Tilehurst Meths 'B'	11	5	3	3	57	53	13
Sonning Sports 'A'	11	4	2	5	54	56	10
Kingfisher 'I'	11	3	3	5	44	66	9
Curzon 'B'	10	3	2	5	43	57	8
Birch Copse 'A'	11	2	2	7	50	60	6
Pangbourne WMC	9	1	4	4	40	50	6
Springfield 'B'	10	0	0	10	17	83	0

gaining doubles. Away at Kingfisher 'I' they won 3 - 7 thanks to a treble from Michael with Harry winning two and Jim picking up a single, plus the doubles. The winning run came to an end when they were without Michael; they went down 3 - 7 to Springfield 'A'. Harry won two and Phil obtained a single by beating Seth and also teamed up with Harry to win the doubles.

**Tilehurst Meths 'B'** had a convincing 1 - 9 win at a depleted Kingfisher 'I' who were without their star players. Ian Cockling and John Virgo both hit fairly easy hat tricks. At home to Springfield 'A' they went down 4 - 6 with Richard winning two and Ian and John both obtaining singles. I gather the match was played in good humour. They then crashed to a 9 - 1 defeat at Polish 'B' with Nick Barnes beating Dan. At home to Pangbourne Richard gained a great maximum and he also won the doubles with John. John himself gained a double which gave them a 6 - 4 victory. John's set against Howard was a strange one because he beat him 7-11, 11-7, 11-6, 0-11, 12-10.

At home to Curzon 'B', Nick played out of his skin by winning all three and with John and Ian both gaining doubles this gave them a 7 - 3 victory. In the Tilehurst Derby they shared the spoils with Birch Copse 'A' with Richard and Ian both winning two each.

**Sonning Sports 'A'** defeated Springfield 'B' 10 - 0 with Bob Snelgrove, Dave Chard and Nigel Goodman all gaining hat-tricks. For Bob it was his first ever maximum, so very well done Bob. At Wokingham 'B' they crashed to a 8 - 2 defeat with Bob W and Nigel winning one each. In Bob's game against Aiden he had a match point and then had a foul serve and then lost on a big net at 11-10 to lose the game. At home to fast improving OLOP 'E' they just got beat 4 - 6 with Bob W, Bob S and Nigel all beating Jim. Bob W and Nigel had a nice doubles win over Michael and Harry. At Curzon 'B' they slipped to their third defeat in a row when going down 7 - 3. Bob W won two and Bob S won one. The big surprise was the nil return from Nigel. Another defeat at Kingfisher 'H' followed with the two Bob's and Dave all obtaining singles in their 7 - 3 loss. Their 4 match losing run came to an end when they managed a draw with Kingfisher 'I' after being 3 - 5 down. In set nine Dave who won one led 6-0 and 10-4 only to be pulled back to 10-9 by Gabor but held on by a lucky edge. The two other scorers were Nigel and Bob W who both won two each.

**Kingfisher 'I'** without Jean-Noel and Nils crashed to a 9 - 1 defeat at home to Tilehurst Meths 'B' with Joaquin beating Martin Wetherell. At Birch Copse 'A' they came back to winning ways to gain a 3 - 7 victory. As ever Jean-Noel won all three and for the second time this season he has beaten an opponent by a 0-11 score line. Did you have to, Jean-Noel? He was ably backed by Nils and Joaquin who won two each. They then won a vital match against Springfield 'B' 6 - 4 thanks mainly to a very good Nils maximum. Gabor did well to win two and he also teamed up to win the doubles with Nils. At Wokingham 'B' they went down 9 - 1 with Nils beating Ken 11-9, 4-11, 7-11, 7-11. At Springfield 'A' Jean-Noel won all three which included a 11-9, 7-11, 3-11, 9-11 win over the previously unbeaten Phil Burke. He also teamed up with Joaquin to win the doubles but with no other singles they lost 6 - 4. At home to OLOP 'E' they crashed to a 3 - 7 defeat with Nils win-

ning two and Gabor gaining a single. They then gained their first point in 4 matches at Sonning Sports 'A' with Jean-Noel getting his normal hat trick which were all three-straight besides teaming up with Joaquin who won one to win the doubles. It would seem that they could influence the outcome of the division because when Jean-Noel plays they are certain of four sets.

**Curzon 'B'** gained a point at Polish 'B' thanks to a great maximum from Mike Maynard. His game against Grant was superb with long rallies. Mike also teamed up with Nick Lean to win the doubles. Nick also gained a single by beating Grant. We then went down 1 - 9 to OLOP 'E' with Nick beating Jim. At Pangbourne Mike roared to the rescue by winning all three and besides that he teamed up with Derek to win the doubles. To complete the scoring Derek and Jim both gained singles. At home to Sonning Sports 'A' Mike hit a three straight maximum besides teaming up with Derek to beat Bob W and Nigel. Nick did well to win two and Derek won one by beating Nigel. Our mini winning run came to an end when we went down 7 - 3 at Tilehurst Meths 'B'. Nick and Derek both won one each. Jim and Nick had a fine doubles win over John and Nick. Against Kingfisher 'H' we were 4 - 3 up only to drop the last 3 sets, to lose 4 - 6. Nick played well by beating Carol, and Steve and also teamed up with Derek to beat Eric and Carol. Derek won the other set by beating Eric.

I cannot leave the Curzon part without congratulating Tom Maynard, the son of my team mate Mike, on him winning the men's singles at the Nottingham Grand Prix. On his way to winning the title he beat the England number 8 Matt Ware in the quarter final. So well done Tom.

<http://www.bristolacademytabletennis.co.uk/2013/12/08/tom-maynard-wins-first-grand-prix-tournament/>

**Birch Copse 'A'** lost 6 - 4 at Kingfisher 'H' where Simon Clarke and Jes Eassom were the double men. After losing 3 - 7 at home to Kingfisher 'I' they have now gone 5 matches without a win. Jes did well by winning two by beating Nils and Joaquin. Duncan Abbott did well to take a game off Jean-Noel. At Springfield 'A' they took a good hiding by going down 8 - 2. Simon and Jes both won one each by beating Ian. Their winless run continued when they lost at home to Polish 3 - 7. Simon won two and Jes won one. Against a 2-man Pangbourne side they went down 4 - 6 with Jes winning the only set by beating Clive. Simon came back to form by gaining a treble against Tilehurst Meths 'B' with Mike winning his first set for ages by beating John Virgo. Jes won the other set by also beating John which helped them gain a draw.

**Pangbourne** went down 7 - 3 to Springfield 'A' and thus ended their drawing run. Clive Taylor with two and Howard Taylor with one were the scorers. Leroy said his team were full of praise for Phil and called him a fantastic professional. They then entertained Polish and went down 3 - 7 with Leroy and Clive both obtaining singles. They then smashed Dan and Grant in the doubles by winning 13-11 in the 5th end. At home to Curzon 'B' they went down 4 - 6 with Leroy and Howard both winning two each. For Clive he had a rare off night losing all three. Away at Tilehurst Meths 'B' they went down 6 - 4 with Leroy winning two and Roger and Howard both winning one each. They then picked up their first win by beating Birch Copse 6 - 4 with Leroy getting a great hat trick



and also winning the doubles with Clive who won two.

**Springfield 'B'** lost their match at Sonning Sports 'A' 10 - 0, but they still went for a drink afterwards with the Sonning lads. At home to Kingfisher 'H' they went down 2 - 8 with Andrew and Dan both beating Roger. At Kingfisher 'I' they almost obtained their first point but went down 6 - 4. Reserve Adam Sheen did well to win two with Paul and Ludo winning one each. Paul and Adam were very unlucky in the doubles going down 13-11 in the 5th end. In their local derby with their 'A' team Andy Balcon was the sole scorer, beating Ian. Sadly at Polish they went down 10 - 0.

Finally a few stats. All of the players apart from one who played in the third division last season have improved their average, some by quite a bit. However all the players who played in the fourth division last season have seen their average drop, which goes to show that there is a considerable difference in the standard between last season's third and fourth Divisions.

Cheers  
Derek

LEADING AVERAGES				
Player	Team	P	W	%
Jean-Noel Thépaut	Kingfisher 'I'	18	18	100.0%
Phil Burke	Springfield 'A'	24	23	95.8%
Mick Maynard	Curzon 'B'	15	13	86.7%
Michael McAllister	OLOP 'E'	27	23	85.2%
Daniel Buckle	Wokingham 'B'	24	20	83.3%
Carol Byers	Kingfisher 'H'	18	14	77.8%
Harry Brough	OLOP 'E'	21	16	76.2%
Simon Clarke	Birch Copse 'A'	29	22	75.9%
Eric Holmes	Kingfisher 'H'	30	22	73.3%
Des Hele	Springfield 'A'	24	17	70.8%
Grant Wheatley	Polish 'B'	30	21	70.0%
Daniel Dzieciol	Polish 'B'	33	22	66.7%
Leroy Wilson	Pangbourne WMC	21	14	66.7%
Tony Eames	Wokingham 'B'	18	12	66.7%
Richard Neville	Wokingham 'B'	15	10	66.7%
R Lownsbrough	Tilehurst Meths 'B'	23	15	65.2%

# DIVISION FOUR *by Barry Carter*

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2013. OLOP 'F' lead the way by four points and look a good bet for promotion as they have won their last seven matches. The runners up spot is less clear cut with only three points separating the five teams. Tidmarsh 'D' are currently leading that pack on sets difference from Sonning Common & Peppard 'D' then just one point behind are Kingfisher 'J' and then a further two points back are Tilehurst Meths 'C' and Post Office 'B'. At the other end of the table it's equally close with five points separating the bottom six.



climax as due to last minute illness Post Office 'B' were able to get only two players. OLOP ran out 7 - 3 winners. Their last match before the break saw them win 10 - 0 at Milestone 'C'; Cedric became the fourth member of the treble club with hard fought five game victories over Arun Rajagopal and Olly Bonser.

**Tidmarsh 'D'** find themselves in second place but have only played three times since the last newsletter, they have won twice and lost once. A good team effort saw them overcome a spirited Curzon Club 'C' 6 - 4

**Our Lady of Peace 'F'** seem to have found some form and have a strong squad in Alistair Richardson, Mark Bullion, Dave Godfrey and Cedric Dias. Alistair and Dave both won all three in the 8 - 2 victory over Curzon 'C' although Alistair was taken all the way by Terry Spice before he ran out an 8-11, 12-10, 8-11, 12-10, 12-10 winner. Cedric also scored an important win over Mick Gillard 11-7, 10-12, 11-9, 11-7. Mark Bullion joined the treble club in the 8 - 2 win over Sonning Common and Peppard 'E' with wins over Tony House, Mike Casserley and an impressive fightback from 0 - 2 down against Dave Aust to finally come through 5-11, 5-11, 11-6, 11-1, 11-4. The big match of week 10 was a bit of an anti-

as Dave Reynolds and Dave Edwards won two each, Dave Smith won a crucial match against Mick Gillard and

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OLOP 'F'	11	9	0	2	80	30	18
Tidmarsh 'D'	9	7	0	2	57	33	14
SC & P 'D'	9	6	2	1	56	34	14
Kingfisher 'J'	10	6	1	3	58	42	13
Tilehurst Meths 'C'	11	4	3	4	61	49	11
Post Office 'B'	9	5	1	3	49	41	11
Curzon 'C'	10	4	1	5	48	52	9
Milestone 'B'	9	3	2	4	42	48	8
SC & P 'F'	11	2	2	7	42	68	6
SC & P 'E'	10	3	0	7	38	62	6
Tidmarsh 'E'	10	1	3	6	34	66	5
Milestone 'C'	9	1	1	7	25	65	3

then the all important doubles win by Dave R & Dave E against Terry Spice & Linda King clinched the points. The other victory came against Tilehurst Meths 'C', which was by the same 6 - 4 scoreline. Dave Reynolds once again won all three and he was supported by two from Terry Hardie and then they teamed up to win the doubles. Mick Osborne was really unlucky to lose all three on the evening. The defeat came against promotion rivals, Kingfisher 'J' where one win each for Terry, Dave Edwards and John Liddle wasn't enough as they slipped to only their second defeat of the season. John Liddle and Terry defeated Derek Crombie, whilst Dave E beat Ken Robb.

**Sonning Common & Peppard 'D'** have been involved in two derby matches since the last newsletter and have picked up three points from them to keep in the hunt for promotion. Alan Mollett won his fourth maximum in a row and Anthony Reeve also won all three, whilst Derek Brooke-Wavell won two in the 9 - 1 win over Sonning Common & Peppard 'E'. In the other derby match against the 'F' team they were made to fight all the way to clinch a point but it took an Alan Mollett 11-6, 10-12, 11-8, 15-13 set ten win over Matt Tarrant to do so, earlier Anthony Reeve had won twice against Matt Tarrant and Julian James, also Derek enjoyed success over Julian James but he narrowly lost in five games to both Angus Jones and Matt Tarrant. The other match saw them overcome Post Office 'B' 6 - 4, mainly thanks to a brilliant treble from Derek who defeated Ted Cripps, Mick Grantham and Pete Sinclair.

**Kingfisher 'J'** are in fourth spot but are certainly still in the hunt for promotion, they have played four since the last newsletter and have won three of them. John Creighton continues to be their man in form as he has never gone home having lost more than one set in the evening. John won all three in three straight and Derek Crombie won two in the 8 - 2 win over Sonning Common & Peppard 'F'. The 7 - 3 win over Milestone 'B' was helped as Milestone could only muster two players. John once again won two relatively easily against Chris Collins and Gerard Thorp, Ken Robb won the other match as he defeated Gerard 11-5, 7-11, 11-2, 11-4. Another John maximum saw them overcome rivals Tidmarsh 'D' 7 - 3; Ken Robb had a good win over Terry Hardie 11-7, 11-1, 11-5 and then Derek had a really good win over Dave Edwards. In the other match they lost 6 - 4 to Curzon Club 'C'. Ken had a titanic battle with Oli Lister before winning 11-13, 11-7, 9-11, 11-8, 18-16.

**Tilehurst Methodists 'C'** are on the fringes of the promotion race as they are three points behind the second placed team and have played two games more. Their form has been a little inconsistent in recent times, having won twice, drawn and lost in their last four matches, however the two wins have both been by the 10 - 0 scoreline with the "victims" being both Milestone teams 'B' and 'C'. The 'C' team were the first to visit the fortress where they

remain unbeaten and Martin Wetherell, Chris Taylor and Alex Zheng saw them off quite comfortably, though both Chris and Alex were taken to five by Arun Rajagopal. Milestone 'C' were a player short when they turned up but Martin, Alex and Bob Winter saw them off although Bob won a tight battle with Gerard and he finally sneaked home 7-11, 11-7, 11-13, 11-5, 11-9 and then Martin & Alex enjoyed a good game against Gerard Thorp and Chris Collins in the doubles 11-8, 12-14, 4-11, 11-9, 11-5. The draw came against Sonning Common & Peppard 'F' where Bob and Alex both won two and Chris once but it was the crucial doubles that let them down as they lost a close encounter with Angus Jones and Derek Maltby 10-12, 9-11, 11-8, 17-15. The defeat came against Tidmarsh 'D' where they lost 6 - 4 in a good team effort that saw Chris win two against Terry Hardie and Mick Osborne and Martin and Bob just overcome Mick.

**Post Office 'B'** are in sixth place and three points from the second promotion place, they have only played nine matches and only have one win from their last three matches and that came against Sonning Common and Peppard 'E'. The two defeats came against two of their potential rivals for promotion in OLOP 'F' where they fell to a 7 - 3 defeat and Sonning Common and Peppard 'D' where it was a 6 - 4 defeat. In the 6 - 4 victory over Sonning Common and Peppard 'E' both Ray Webb and Ted Cripps won two each, Ray against Mike Casserley and Dave Aust and Ted against Tony House and Dave Aust. Mick Grantham chipped in with a win over Dave Aust as well. Ted won two in the 6 - 4 defeat at Sonning Common & Peppard 'D' which included a good win over Alan Mollett 11-4, 11-8, 5-11, 11-8, whilst Pete Sinclair was unlucky to lose two of his matches in five games.

**Curzon Club 'C'** find themselves in the wrong half of the division having picked up just one win in the last five matches, the win came against promotion hopefuls Kingfisher 'J' where they came up trumps 6 - 4 thanks to a treble by Terry Spice which comprised of a great win over John Creighton 11-7, 5-11, 11-9, 11-2 plus wins over Jean François Guegantou and Ken Robb. Linda King

### DIV 4 LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
John Creighton	Kingfisher J	29	26	89.66 %
Dave Reynolds	Tidmarsh 'D'	18	16	88.89 %
Ray Webb	Post Office 'B'	24	21	87.50 %
Alistair Richardson	OLOP 'F'	26	22	84.62 %
Dave Godfrey	OLOP 'F'	26	22	84.62 %
Alan Mollett	SC & P 'D'	24	19	79.17 %
Terry Spice	Curzon 'C'	27	21	77.78 %
Mark Bullion	OLOP 'F'	18	14	77.78 %
Angus Jones	SC & P 'F'	24	17	70.83 %
Bob Winter	Tilehurst Meths 'C'	26	18	69.23 %



overcame Jean-François 8-11, 11-2, 11-6, 11-4 but narrowly lost out to both John (11-13 in fifth) and Ken (7-11 in the fifth) and Oli Lister defeated Jean-François and also lost narrowly to Ken (16-18 in fifth), the doubles proved crucial as Terry and Linda defeated Ken and John 11-8, 11-7, 9-11, 11-5. It has been a tough month for them as they have played three of the top four teams; the two defeats came against OLOP 'F' (2 - 8) and Tidmarsh 'D' (4 - 6). In the OLOP match only Terry and Oli had successes as they both had victories over Cedric. Terry and Linda won two each in the defeat to Tidmarsh 'D', Linda came back well from losing the first game against Dave Reynolds 1-11 to win the next three 12-10, 11-6, 11-8.

Milestone 'B' are hovering just three points above the relegation zone having lost their last two matches against Kingfisher 'J' (3 - 7) and Tilehurst Meths 'C' (0 - 10). Chris Collins won two of the three against Kingfisher with wins over Derek Crombie 11-2, 11-7, 11-5 and Ken Robb 11-9, 12-10, 16-14. Gerard Thorp also had a win over Derek 11-5, 11-7, 7-11, 11-5 but it wasn't enough as they had only two players. It was the same tale as they could only get two players against Tilehurst Meths 'C', Chris won a game against Martin Wetherell and Bob Winter but succumbed in four games, whilst Gerard got a game against Alex and two against Bob Winter. They did manage to get three against Curzon Club 'C' and they were rewarded with a fine 7 - 3 victory, Pratik Kothari and Gerard won two but the star man on the night was Chris Collins who went home with a maximum.

Sonning Common & Peppard 'F' are currently in ninth place and one point above the relegation zone despite being unbeaten in their last three matches, having won one and drawn two. The victory came against fellow relegation candidates Tidmarsh 'E' as Angus Jones and Matt Tarrant recorded maximums against Steve Andrews, Mike Bundy and Theresa Watson to inspire them to a 7 - 3 win. Julian James lost tight matches against Steve Andrews and Theresa Watson in five and four games respectively. The first of the draws was an impressive performance against Sonning Common & Peppard 'D' who are riding high in the table; once again Angus and Matt were the star performers as they won three and two games; Angus defeated Alan Mollett 12-10, 9-11, 14-12, 11-6 as well as Anthony Reeve and Derek Brooke-Wavell, whilst Matt lost out to Alan. The other draw came against Tilehurst Meths 'C' as Angus returned yet another maximum and Matt a well earned brace, Angus and Derek Maltby teamed up to win the doubles 12-10, 11-9, 8-11, 17-15 against Alex Zheng and Bob Winter.

**Sonning Common & Peppard 'E'** are below the 'F' team on sets difference and one point above the drop zone as they have only won once in the last seven matches and that came on the 11th November as they travelled for a relegation "four-pointer" against Tidmarsh 'E'. Dave

Aust won all three in straight games 11-6, 11-7, 11-5 against Steve Andrews, then a 11-4, 11-4, 11-6 against Theresa Watson and finally a 11-6, 11-8, 12-10 victory over Mike Bundy. Mike Casserley chipped in with two wins against Theresa and Mike and Tony House defeated Mike Bundy. The defeats since the last newsletter came against two promotion candidates in OLOP 'F' (2 - 8) and Post Office 'B' (4 - 6). Mike and Dave were the winners against OLOP 'F' as they both defeated Cedric. Tony House had a good night as he won two against Mick Grantham and Ray Webb, but disastrously it was Dave's turn to have a nightmare as he lost all three, Mike tried hard and won two but they slipped to a 4 - 6 defeat.

**Tidmarsh 'E'** occupy the first of the two relegation spots and although they are my clubmates I can't see them getting out of it, unless they sign someone special in the January transfer window! Since the last newsletter they have managed to win their first match of the season but also suffered two defeats to fellow relegation candidates that hasn't helped their cause at all. The 6 - 4 win came against Milestone 'C' as luckily Milestone could only raise two players. Bob Sunerton and Steve Andrews both managed to win against John Simpson and then Steve and Mike Bundy got the better of John Simpson and Arun Rajagopal in the doubles to win the match 6 - 4. Steve won two against Mike Casserley and Tony House in the 7 - 3 defeat against Sonning Common & Peppard 'E' and then they maintained their decent doubles record when Theresa Watson and Mike Bundy overcame Dave Aust and Mike Casserley. Theresa recorded her first win since returning to the sport after a few years away as she won 11-5, 8-11, 12-10, 11-5 against Julian James and then Mike repeated the feat 11-6, 11-8, 11-8 in the 7-3 defeat against Sonning Common and Peppard 'F'

**Milestone 'C'** are a little adrift at the bottom and three points from safety and need to start winning if they are going to avoid a potential relegation to division five. Since the last newsletter they have had two disastrous 0 - 10 defeats against Tilehurst Meths 'C' and OLOP 'F' and a 4 - 6 defeat to Tidmarsh 'E'. Arun Rajagopal was involved in two tight matches against Chris Taylor (9-11, 11-7, 11-8, 8-11, 6-11) and Alex Zheng (9-11, 11-7, 11-8, 8-11, 7-11) in the defeat to Tilehurst Meths. John Simpson and Oli Bonser had some close games in the match against OLOP 'F' especially Oli who lost 16-18, 7-11, 11-13 to Dave Godfrey and also 11-9, 8-11, 11-9, 4-11, 10-12 to Cedric Dias. Arun won two in the 6 - 4 defeat to Tidmarsh 'E' as he finally got a break against Bob Sunerton 9-11, 11-1, 9-11, 11-6, 11-8 and Mike Bundy 11-5, 10-12, 10-12, 11-3, 11-7. John also had a win as he overcame Mike 10-12, 11-5, 11-2, 11-8.

That's all from me for 2013, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for a good and healthy 2014.

# DIVISION FIVE *by Duncan Abbott*

**B**efore I start I wish everyone a happy Christmas and prosperous new year.



**Polish 'C'** have maintained their lead at the top of the table but their lead is now down to one point over second placed OLOP 'G' who have a game in hand. The reason for this was a mini-wobble over the late November/early December period. Their 4 - 6 home defeat against BBC was probably the surprise result of the season. Luca Bianchi hit his usual treble but Zdzislaw Jerzmanski who was previously unbeaten had an off night and failed to score as did Eddy Holweger. This result was followed by a draw against Springfield 'C', captain Krys Szczygiel hit a treble but Luca suffered a rare defeat against Adam Sheen. Other than that it was business as usual with wins over Milestone 'D' (9 - 1), SC&P 'G' (9 - 1), Birch Copse 'B' (7 - 3) and Springfield 'E' (10 - 0). Eddy hit a double against Milestone 'D', Ania Pytka did likewise against SC&P 'G', Zdzislaw hit trebles against SC&P 'G' and Springfield 'E' and Krys and Luca have been in superb form.

**OLOP 'G'** have won all five matches since the last report to set up a thrilling return clash against the league leaders on the first Monday in January. Victories have come against Springfield 'C' (7 - 3), Springfield 'E' (9 - 1), Tilehurst Meths 'C' (7 - 3), Sonning Sports 'B' (10 - 0) and Kingfisher 'K' (8 - 2). Star of the show has undoubtedly been Willis Ma who has hit trebles in each match having missed the opening fixtures. Nigel Antell hit trebles in the second, third and fifth of these fixtures; Chris Bunn hit a treble at Sonning Sports 'B' and a double at Springfield 'C'; captain Jan Polnik hit a treble against Sonning Sports 'B' and double against Springfield 'E' and Rob Pelley picked up a single against Kingfisher 'K'.

**Springfield 'C'** have maintained their positive start to the season and look set to pounce should one of the top two slip up badly. Predictably the only games they have

failed to win since the last report have been against the top two teams although an Adam Sheen double inspired them to a draw with leaders Polish 'C'. Strugglers Sonning Sports 'B' and Milestone 'D' were both despatched 10 - 0 while Kingfisher 'K' (9 - 1) and Springfield 'D' (9 - 1) were also ruthlessly dealt with by Bob Sibun's side. Adam, Jason Ren and Alan Goold starred in their four wins, Adam winning a total of 12 sets with Jason and Alan winning 11 apiece. Chris Speight weighed in with singles against the two leading sides, while Adam won two in each fixture.

**Tilehurst Methodists 'D'** have crept up to fourth place having won five of their last six fixtures, the exception being a 3 - 7 defeat at OLOP 'G'. The first win was a surprise at the time as the vanquished Springfield 'E' team were lying second in the table. But doubles from Mal Collis, Sam Will and Masood Ghabachi gave them an emphatic 7 - 3 win. Captain Patrick O'Sullivan returned to action after a few weeks off by leading his team to a 9 - 1 win over Milestone 'D', trebles from Patrick and Masood and a double from the evergreen Dave Jones doing the trick. Mal, Masood and Sam all hit singles at OLOP 'G', then a treble from Masood supported by a double from Patrick gave them a 7 - 3 win over SC&P 'G'. Patrick, Sam and Masood all hit trebles in their 10 - 0 win at Sonning Sports 'B' while another Patrick treble with two

from Sam and one from Dave accounted for Birch Copse 'B' 7 - 3.

**Springfield 'E'** started the season like the proverbial train and were lying in second place at the last report, but this train has hit the buffers with four defeats in the last six matches dropping them to fifth place. Only Ashley Jones' treble offered any resistance in the 3 - 7 defeat to Tilehurst Methodists

'D', and worse was to follow as Ashley scored only one in their 1 - 9 defeat at OLOP 'G'. A narrow 6 - 4 win over struggling Sonning Sports 'B' offered brief respite, Paul Donovan hitting a treble, Tom Berryman a double and Matthew Widdup a single. Paul followed this up with a double at Kingfisher 'K' but his only support in a 4 - 6 defeat came from a single from Tom and a doubles success. Tom's moment of glory came in the next fixture, a

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Polish 'C'	11	9	1	1	83	27	19
OLOP 'G'	10	9	0	1	72	28	18
Springfield 'C'	11	7	2	2	74	36	16
Tilehurst Meths 'D'	11	7	0	4	69	41	14
Springfield 'E'	11	6	1	4	52	58	13
BBC Club	11	6	1	4	52	58	13
Kingfisher 'K'	11	6	0	5	57	53	12
SC & P 'G'	10	4	0	6	50	50	8
Birch Copse 'B'	11	3	1	7	48	62	7
Springfield 'D'	10	2	1	7	34	66	5
Sonning Sports 'B'	11	1	1	9	27	83	3
Milestone 'D'	10	0	0	10	22	78	0

7 - 3 win over club rivals Springfield 'D'. Not only did he hit his first ever treble but also produced a serve that Olympic champions would struggle to emulate!!! Support for Tom came by way of a double from Matthew and single from captain Colin Jones who has suffered an uncharacteristic dip in form. Colin tells me he'll end his lean spell once he gets his bats sorted out. Their trip to leaders Polish 'C' is best forgotten from a stats point of view.

**BBC Club** achieved a fantastic result by inflicting a first defeat of the season on leaders Polish 'C'. The heroes that night were John Scott, David Pearson and Kyrill Dissanayake who all hit doubles. A Jack Mitchell treble and doubles from Kyrill and captain Phil Peat produced a 7 - 3 win over Sonning Sports 'B'. The team were then narrowly defeated 4 - 6 at Kingfisher 'K' despite a double from Kyrill. A treble from David and double from Jack accounted for Springfield 'D' 6 - 4 and a John Scott treble gave them a 6 - 4 win over Milestone 'D'. Finally a double from Kyrill could not prevent a 2 - 8 reverse against SC&P 'G'. John Lancashire and Gordon Ayres have also played in this period but without success.

Despite four wins in the last six matches **Kingfisher 'K'** remain in seventh place. Victories have come against Birch Copse 'B' (7 - 3) thanks to a treble from Leigh Mahoney and two from Andre Bartlett. Another Leigh treble and two from Diane Taylor produced a 6 - 4 win over BBC Club. Next came a 1 - 9 loss against Springfield 'C', a Gwynne Penny single sparing the team's blushes. However Springfield's 'E' team did not prove as difficult and three from Leigh, two from Gwynne and one from captain Gillian Bennett gave the Woodley side a 6 - 4 Success. OLOP 'G' proved too strong inflicting a 2 - 8 defeat, then trebles from Leigh and Diane and a double from Gwynne produced a 9 - 1 win over Sonning Sports 'B'. Sandra Shepherd hit a single against BBC Club.

**Sonning Common & Peppard 'G'** have won two and lost three and are in eighth place. Wins have come in the last two weeks against Birch Copse 'B' (7 - 3) thanks to trebles from captain Phil Turton and Joseph Barraclough, and 8 - 2 against BBC Club, another treble from Phil was backed up by doubles from Thomas Perkins and Harry Sayer. Prior to that were defeats against Springfield 'D' (4 - 6), Polish 'C' (1 - 9) and Tilehurst Methodists 'C' (3 - 7). In the first fixture Marko Madzar top scored with two wins, Harry and Oliver Sayer scored one apiece.

One very unusual statistic – all of **Birch Copse 'B'**'s seven league points have come on their travels. Three wins have some since the last report, all against the bottom three sides. In the rearranged match against Sonning

Sports 'B' trebles from Roy Hull and new signing Tom Snape produced a 7 - 3 win. Oliver Rachpaul's double backed up Roy's treble in the 6 - 4 win against Springfield 'D' and another treble from Roy and two apiece from Tom and Chris Dummett gave them an 8 - 2 success against Milestone 'D'. Meanwhile back at home defeats have come against Kingfisher 'K', Polish 'C' and SC&P 'G' all by a 3 - 7 scoreline. Captain Melanie Griffiths scored a double in the first fixture and Elizabeth Hull one, while Trevor Davis hit singles in the other two matches. Another double from Melanie could not prevent another 3 - 7 defeat (away this time) to Tilehurst Methodists 'D'.

LEADING AVERAGES					
Player	Team	P	W	%.	
Willis Ma	OLOP 'G'	15	15	100.00	%
Roy Hull	Birch Copse 'B'	15	15	100.00	%
Patrick Osullivan	Tilehurst Meths 'D'	18	17	94.44	%
Luca Bianchi	Polish 'C'	30	28	93.33	%
Krys Szczygiel	Polish 'C'	27	25	92.59	%
Leigh Mahoney	Kingfisher 'K'	21	19	90.48	%
Adam Sheen	Springfield 'C'	27	24	88.89	%
Nigel Antell	OLOP 'G'	18	16	88.89	%
Jason Ren	Springfield 'C'	15	13	86.67	%
Ashley Jones	Springfield 'E'	21	18	85.71	%
Paul Donovan	Springfield 'E'	6	5	83.33	%
Z. Jerzmanski	Polish 'C'	15	12	80.00	%
Philip Turton	SC & P 'G'	18	14	77.78	%
Tom Gordon	Sonning Sports 'B'	12	9	75.00	%
John Scott	BBC Club	12	9	75.00	%
Chris Bunn	OLOP 'G'	21	15	71.43	%

**Springfield 'D'** won their first match with Milestone 'D' 8 - 2 and their next match 6 - 4 against SC&P 'G'. Robert Atack scored trebles in each fixture, Tim Carr and captain Nigel Outhwaite hit doubles in the first and David Hampshire and Aidan Simmons singles in the next. However the next four matches were all lost. These were against Birch Copse 'B' (4 - 6) despite a double from Aidan, BBC Club (4 - 6) where David scored two, Springfield 'C' (1 - 9) and Springfield 'E' (3 - 7).

This period has been a nightmare for **Sonning Sports 'B'**. All seven have been lost and three of them (against Springfield 'C', OLOP 'G' and Tilehurst Methodists 'D') have had a 0 - 10 scoreline. The best performance was 4 - 6 against Springfield 'D', Tom Gordon scoring two and Meriel Low one. The matches against Birch Copse 'B' and BBC Club were both 3 - 7; Dave West and captain Sue Brownhill scored singles in the former and in the latter Meriel won twice. A single from Tom prevented a further whitewash at the hands of Kingfisher 'K'. Martin Perry and Mo Cole have also played during the period but without success.

**Milestone 'D'** have so far been the proverbial whipping boys of this division but I sense things are about to change with the signing of the vastly experienced John Evans. The matches played during this period were all lost. Neil Kelly scored two in the 2 - 8 defeat to Springfield 'D'; Ian Strong scored the sole point in the 1 - 9 defeat to Polish 'C', and he repeated the feat against Tilehurst Meths 'D'; Ian scored two in the 2 - 8 defeat to Birch Copse 'B'; Ian and George Strong both scored doubles in the narrow 4 - 6 defeat to BBC Club; and Springfield 'C' won 0 - 10 in the final match. Abhi Prasad and captain Tony Hayden also played but did not score.



# John Cunningham Youth Division

by Danny Ricks

Coming into the Christmas break and it's as you were at the top, with Tigers still leading the way. Their lead has increased from 6 points to 9 as they finished comfortably at the top of the table. Thomas Perkins is now the only player who still holds a 100% record, having won all 15 of his matches. Joseph Barraclough and Scarlett Jones have both been excellent and Oliver Sayer, Harry Sayer and Katie Shepherd have all contributed well.



Spartans have moved up a place to second. They have won their 3 matches since the last newsletter, taking their winning run to an impressive 7 matches. Harry Munro, Leo Thomis and Jamie Filby have been their regular players, all of whom have contributed well.

Panthers and Jaguars have been fighting it out for third spot. In the end they are separated by just 1 point, with Panthers just getting their claws over the line first. Camran Nasari has been their strongest player, winning 18 of his 20 matches. Bill Hayden has also been strong, whilst Saif Maher has won 8 of his 23 matches.

Jaguars in fourth have still only lost one match all season. Joe Will has been impressive, winning 85% of his games, whilst Daniel Bernie, Aiden Collymore and Oliver Scott have all added valuable points.

In mid-table, Trojans and Knights are separated by just 2 points, with 50 and 48 points respectively. Gareth Wheatley, Felix Thomis and John Sampson have been ever present for the Trojans, whilst Nathan McCaugherty, Alex Duggan and George Strong have done the same for the Knights. Both of these sides have competed well, and whilst they struggle

against some of the top sides, they have picked up good points against the sides below them.

Lions are ahead of Avengers on 'sets against' which shows how close these two sides are. They have both picked up 36 points, but by virtue of an extra loss for Avengers, they fall a place behind the Lions. All of the Lions players (Austin Ellerton, Balazs Horanyi and Hassin Khan) have been fairly consistent, each claiming around the 40% mark. Raphael Thorne, Jamie Legg and Chris Brant have been the regulars for Avengers.

A further 12 points back in ninth place are the Raiders. Their stand out player has been Adam Winterbottom, winning 43% of his games. Sachin Dougall and Keyan Ghods have found the going a little trickier, claiming 5 wins between them.

Bringing up the rear, and hoping for more success in 2014 are the Attackers. They've lost all 9 of their matches, taking 17 points along the way. Daniel Knott can hold his head high despite his team's position, with just under 40%, whilst Jack Hopkins and Lukas Dahmann have struggled to pick up points. Like all the other players that have been in similar difficulties, they will no doubt have improved since the start of the season, and as we all know it's a steep learning curve to becoming top table tennis players, which many of these youngsters have the potential to become.

That's about it for 2013. A big thank you to Wendy Porter for her tireless work in running the youth division, and thanks to all the parents who help to set up and put away tables. Have a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and we'll see you all again when the season recommences.

## TEAM PLACINGS

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Tigers	9	6	1	2	67	23	67
2	Spartans	9	7	0	2	58	30	58
3	Panthers	9	5	2	2	56	33	56
4	Jaguars	9	6	2	1	55	35	55
5	Trojans	9	5	1	3	50	40	50
6	Knights	9	4	1	4	48	41	48
7	Lions	9	3	0	6	36	53	36
8	Avengers	9	3	1	5	36	54	36
9	Raiders	9	2	0	7	24	66	24
10	Attackers	9	0	0	9	17	72	17
n/a	Eagles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
n/a	Strikers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
Thomas Perkins	Tigers	15	15	100.00 %
Daniel Bernie	Spartans	3	3	100.00 %
Joe Will	Trojans	3	3	100.00 %
Harry Munro	Spartans	14	13	92.86 %
Scarlett Jones	Tigers	12	11	91.67 %
Camran Nesari	Panthers	20	18	90.00 %
Joe Barraclough	Tigers	18	16	88.89 %
Joe Will	Jaguars	20	17	85.00 %
Katie Shepherd	Tigers	9	7	77.78 %
Gareth Wheatley	Trojans	26	19	73.08 %
Bill Hayden	Panthers	21	15	71.43 %
George Strong	Knights	21	15	71.43 %