

# NORTHUMBERLAND TABLE TENNIS AND NORTHUMBRIA LEAGUE REPORT 2009/10

## Administration

Nigel Coe and Dale Aitkenhead continued to act as County Secretary and Northumbria League Secretary respectively during the year. Aubrey Drapkin dealt with any other secretarial matters for the Northumbria League including production of the handbook and also looked after the Summer League. A Welfare Officer is now in place, Jim Balkwill having agreed to be appointed.

## Publicity

Pauline Long continued with articles in the Evening Chronicle and Nigel Rodgers submitted copy to Table Tennis News. We were badly let down with the Website and arrangements are now in hand to create a new one.

## Development

Alan Hedley was appointed as ETTA Coach and Support Officer for the Premier 4 Sport project for Newcastle United.

A regional junior coaching event was held at Cramlington and the number of our youngsters participating in Regional Elite Coaching is on the increase.

We have continued to enter youngsters in tournaments when possible.

## County Teams

(a) The Senior team retained their position in division 1 of the County Championships when the weekend was staged successfully at Cramlington.

(b) The Veterans retained their place in veterans division 2.

## Tournaments

The Newcastle Grand Prix was once again successfully staged at Eldon Leisure. The mens singles was won by Niall Cameron (Scotland) and the womens singles title went to Lindsey Reynolds (Lancs). Eddie Smith won the Veterans title.

Northumberland had success in the banded events with Calum Main winning band 3 and Kris Chok-Apinant runner up in band 5.

## Northumberland

These were again held at Cramlington and it was pleasing that Mrs. Dignan was able to attend the Junior Event to present the Harry Dignan Cup.

Winners of the various events are as follows :

Open Singles:	(Alan Morpeth Memorial Cup):	Eddie Smith
Womens Singles:	Karen Henry	
Doubles:	Frank Lasek and Adam Curran	
Veterans:	Eddie Smith	

Band 1: Steve Penman  
 Band 2: Alex Guttridge  
 Band 3: Dean Richardson  
 Band 4: Akshay Pabary  
 Handicap: Lee Eadington  
 Junior Singles: (Norman Moore Memorial Cup): Ryan Richardson  
 Cadet Singles: (Harry Dignan Cup): Dean Richardson  
 Under 13s: Dean Richardson  
 Under 12s: Jack Quinn  
 Girls: Layla Shafiq

### **Cramlington 2 Star Junior tournament**

This was again successfully staged with Ryan Richardson claiming the Junior Boys title. Ellis Cooper was runner up in the Cadet Boys, Dean Richardson won the under 13 boys and Jack Quinn won the under 11 boys. The three girls events were all won by Kayleigh Forster of Cleveland.

### **Juniors and Cadets**

We again had a junior team and two cadet teams representing the Northumbria League in the Junior and Cadet National League Northern divisions.

The Juniors finished as runners up whilst the Cadet first team won the Cadet League. The Cadet second team did well to finish in the top six.

### **Northumbria League**

The season started with 57 teams but unfortunately one team withdrew. The handicap cup competition has not yet been finalised.

Despite an extension to the season several teams failed to meet their commitments to the league and conceded matches. This has caused a considerable amount of bad feeling and it is to be hoped will not be repeated.

The winners and runners up are as follows:

Premier Division -	Winners: NESLC 'A'	Runners Up: Birtley 'A'
Division 1 -	Winners: Cram Casuals	Runners Up: Tyne Dock 'A'
Division 2 -	Winners: Tyne Dock 'B'	Runners Up: Cram. Tigers
Division 3 -	Winners: N/C Community 'A'	Runners Up: N/C
Community 'B'		
Division 4 -	Winners: Byker 'C'	Runners Up: Cram Dragons

The Summer League is under way with 30 teams participating in four divisions.

### **Thanks**

Thanks are expressed to all who have contributed to the running of the County and the League during the year.

Aubrey Drapkin  
Chairman