

NORTHUMBERLAND NEWS

March 2008

Northumbria League

Latest league tables are enclosed with this newsletter. Just another reminder to get those outstanding fixtures played. Also look out for the fixtures over the Easter weekend which may require to be postponed.

County News

The County Senior team played their final matches and finished with two draws – 5-5 against both Lancashire and Durham. This meant that they retained their place in the division.

Eddie Smith, Andrew Wilkinson and Caron Guthrie won three matches each with Karen Newby getting one.

Because the Seniors and Veterans were both playing on the same weekend the Vets had a weakened team for their matches with Dale Aitkenhead and Jim Stamas making their debuts. Unfortunately they lost 1-9 to Cheshire, 3-7 to Yorkshire II and 4-6 to Essex III to be relegated from Division 1. Geoff Salter got 4 matches over the weekend and also two doubles with Jim Stamas, whilst Dale Aitkenhead had two victories.

Tournaments

Both the Junior tournament and the Closed tournament were successful with an increased entry from last year in both events. Thanks to Cramlington TTC for staging these. The Open Singles their year was played for the Alan Morpeth Memorial Cup and was won by Andrew Wilkinson. Alan's daughters, Alison and Sheila attended the final and made the presentation. Winners and runners up in the various events in both tournaments were as follows :

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner up</u>
Open singles (The Alan Morpeth Memorial Cup)	A. Wilkinson	D. Godbold
Womens Singles	L. Herrington	L. Todd
Veterans Singles	D. Godbold	E. Smith
Doubles	B. Richardson	A. Dryden
	K. Brown	J. Dent
Handicap singles	D. Dodds	R. Richardson
Grade 1 Singles	S. Penman	B. Richardson
Grade 2 singles	R. Bauer	J. Ferry
Grade 3 singles	R. Richardson	B. Dawson
Grade 4 singles	K. Brown	E. Cooper
Juniors (The Norman Moore Memorial Cup)	J. Dent	B. Dawson
Cadets (The Harry Dignan Cup)	R. Richardson	G. Barnes
Under 13s	E. Cooper	D. Richardson
Under 11s	D. Richardson	N. Morris

Coverage of both tournaments in the Evening Chronicle was excellent. A reminder that Table Tennis is featured every Wednesday in the Chronicle.

British League

Congratulations to Sunderland who won the fourth division North of the British League despite losing to Pudsey in the final weekend. They still took the title on set difference.

Newcomers

It was good to see that All Saints College, West Denton Churchill Community College and Alnwick all had players taking part in the Junior tournament.

Regional Development Officer

At last the ETTA have appointed a new Regional Development Officer for the Northern Region. Tony Taylor takes up his appointment on 9th March.

Summer League

It is hoped to start this year's Summer League in the middle of May. Watch out for entry forms in early April. Please remind your club secretary to make sure you get an entry in.

Websites

Remember that updated League Tables can be found on the County website and the Cramlington TTC website at northumberlandtabletennis.org and cramlingontabletennis.info

Contact during March

As the chairman will be away for almost the whole of March any queries should be made to either John Donnelly or Adrian Barnes.