

19.05.13

Trophy Winners - Season 2012/2013

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS:

Division 1 Winners - Margate C
Division 1 Runners Up - Odds A
Division 2 Winners - Rebels E
Division 2 Runners Up - Rebels C

DIVISIONAL DOUBLES:

Division 1 Winners - Margate C
Division 1 Runners Up - Odds A
Division 2a Winners - Rebels D
Division 2a Runners Up - Margate F
Division 2b Winners - Rebels E
Division 2b Runners Up - Rebels C

MATCH CHAMPIONS:

Division 1 - Simon Hillier
Division 2a - Alan Dennahey
Division 2b - Trevor Mason

SUMMER COMPETITION 2012:

Winners - Harry Walton/Grant Walton
Runners Up - Danny Lansdown/Trevor Kelly

HANDICAP SINGLES:

Winner - Simon Kear
Runner Up - Richard Hazelton

QUICKENDEN CUP:

Winners - Margate G
Runners Up - Rebels H

BURDEN CUP:

Winners - Barnstonworth
Runners Up - Rebels D

DIVISIONAL SINGLES:

Division 2 Winner - Rod Hall
Division 2 Runner Up - Roy Lambert
Division 3 Winner - Liam Hazelton
Division 3 Runner Up - Denise Whalen

ALLOCATED DOUBLES:

Winners - Wayne Osborne/Simon Hillier
Runners Up - Derek Mills/Rod Hall

VETERANS SINGLES:

Winner - Ian Mileham
Runner Up - Keith Clark

OPEN DOUBLES:

Winners - Ron Rowley/Dennis Cannon
Runners Up - Simon Hillier/Rebecca Stevens

CONSOLATION SINGLES:

Winner - Jack Stewart
Runner Up - Andrija Orlova

UNDER 21 SINGLES:

Winner - James Barker
Runner Up - Simon Kear

JUNIOR UNDER 16 SINGLES:

Winner - James Barker
Runner Up - Yumeng Li

LADIES SINGLES:

Winner - Andrija Orlova
Runner Up - Denise Whalen

OPEN SINGLES:

Winner - Ian Mileham
Runner Up - Alan Taylor

EFFORT AND ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

Winner - Rebecca Stevens

T.A.D.S.A.D. AWARD FOR MOST PROMISING JUNIOR:

Winner - Liam Hazelton

JIM CULVER AWARD (COMMITTEE):

Winner - Gwen Clark

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Division 2 Final

The Division 2 final marked the last match of this season, and what a match it turned out to be.

The final was an all Rebels affair, with Rebels C taking on the favourite, Rebels E. The C side's trio of Derek Mills, Rod Hall and Albert Fuggles progressed to the final with a victory over 2a winners Sandwich B. With an unchanged team, they went into the game as slight underdogs against the imperious E side, who throughout the season had picked up 122 points from a possible 140. Trevor Cornock, Trevor Mason and Liam Hazelton took to the table for the favourites, and they started the match well, with Trevor Mason taking the opening game against Albert Fuggles. Mason's backhand proved and consistency proved to be too much for Fuggles, who was made to pay for a slow start. Mason took the game 11-1, 11-8, 11-8.

Game two saw an early heavyweight battle between two in form players, Rod Hall and Trevor Cornock. Hall winning his three games was a necessity if the C side were harboring any hopes of claiming an unlikely win, and he quickly made it 1 from 1, with a routine 3-0 win. With Cornock struggling to find his range, Hall took full advantage, winning 12-10, 11-7, 11-9.

With the game poised nicely moving into game three, it was time for stand in Liam Hazelton to take to the table against Derek Mills. Liam started well, spinning hard to counter Mills' heavy backspin. Having taken the opening end, Hazelton struggled to repeat his form in the next, with Mills beginning to find some consistency with his pushes, moving Liam around the table and putting him under pressure. At 1-1, it was nip and tuck throughout the third end, with neither player managing to pull away. Liam had the first game point, and took full advantage by finding the edge of the white line with precision. Mills failed to recover from his bad luck, and struggled to find any rhythm. Hazelton took full advantage to take a comfortable fourth end and take the contest 8-11, 11-4, 9-11, 5-11.

With the E side now 2-1, it was time for perhaps the key game of the night, with Rod Hall taking on Trevor Mason. With both players having beaten each other at one point over the course of the season, it was hard to call a winner, but it was Hall who got off to the dream start, utilising his unorthodox black rubber to full effect. Mason struggled to implement any effective tactic to counter the anti-loop rubber and played into Hall's hands, giving him the first end. Mason took a breather between ends, and took time to conjure up a game plan to bring his heavy hitting in to play. Mason's new attacking philosophy was paying dividends, and took ends two and three to take a firm grip on the game. With Hall unable to play to his own strengths, he started to rely on Mason missing, which never looked like happening. Mason took what looked like the all important victory - 4-11, 11-8, 11-6, 11-6.

With the C side now in full control of the tie, Liam Hazelton stepped up to put his team within one point of victory. His opponent, Albert Fuggles, struggled for consistency in his opening game, and the same could be said for his second. Hazelton raced into a 2-0 lead, before Fuggles managed to claw his way back into the game with a tight 12-10 win in the third. Hazelton wasn't to be denied though, quickly sealing the E side's 4th point with a 11-8, 11-5, 10-12, 11-7 win.

With the E side now just one point away from the title, the golden point was Trevor Cornock's for the taking. Again, both players had been each other throughout the season, and with the game too close to call, a 5th end was always likely, and that is how it turned out. Mills had gone 2-1 up, and had opportunities to take the game, but with Cornock beginning to find some after his defeat earlier in the night, he took the game into a decider with some big hitting and good serving. Cornock raced ahead in the 5th, and the title looked almost secure. Mills had other ideas, as he came back at Cornock with some hitting of his own as he pushed Cornock further and further away from the table. Cornock was the first to have a match point, but as crowd held its breath, he failed to convert. Mills then had his chance at 11-10, and with some consistent pushing and well timed hitting, he took his opportunity and gave his side an outside chance of coming back into the game. Mills beat Cornock 11-7, 15-17, 11-8, 8-11, 12-10.

At the start of the night, many said that Rod Hall playing his three games was crucial if the C side were to have any chance of winning. With Mills beating Trevor Cornock, he now had the chance. His final opponent was Liam Hazelton, who had impressed with two wins so far. However, Hazelton failed to get to grips with Hall's "unique" bat, and despite putting up a good fight, failed to get over the finish line when he had the chances. Hazelton was looking comfortable 6-1 up in the first, but that lead soon diminished in what, in hindsight, was a crucial. Rod Hall beat Liam Hazelton 11-7, 11-7, 11-9.

With the game now delicately poised at 4-3, the E side begun to look nervous, starting to believe that they may have let an almost unassailable lead slip. However, the fixtures looked as though they had played out nicely for the E side, with their number one Trevor Mason taking on the C side's number two Derek Mills. Mills hadn't taken an end off Mason in their two previous meetings this season, and a

Mason victory looked very much on the cards, a win that would seal the Division 2 title in the process. Mason started like a train, bulldozing his way through Mills' defence to take the first end 11-3. Despite this, the second end was flipped on its head, with Mills suddenly push harder and more consistently than he had at any other point throughout the season. Mason was unable to respond, and with both end's polar opposites for both players, it was now 1-1, both ends finishing 11-3. The third end was key, and with both players showing some remarkable touch off each other's heavy spin, it made for a high class contest. Both Mills and Mason had their opportunities to take the end, but neither managed to crawl over the line. With Mills 13-12 up, one fast push to the forehand did the trick, with Mason unable to react quickly enough to play a positive shot. At 2 ends to 1 up, Mills was now in pole position to secure a shock win at the perfect time. Mason's levels of consistency begun to drop with the pressure of the situation becoming more and more apparent. Mills reveled in the situation, and his spinny chops were too much for Mason to handle. Mills saved his best work for last, pushing Mason around the table before unleashing his own big shots to finish the rally and seal the game. Mason and the E side were now under huge pressure. Mills beat Mason 3-11, 11-3, 14-12, 11-9.

It was perhaps fitting that the final game of the final match was to decide the league, and it was Albert Fuggles and Trevor Cornock who had to try and hold it together to bring the title home for their side. Cornock put aside his previous defeats and started well, out hitting and out serving Fuggles to take the first 11-5. Fuggles then began to find some consistency, and a long with a small change of tactics, secured himself a mammoth second end to keep the game alive. A 17-15 win kept the C side well in the hunt. Cornock looked under pressure having missed chances to take hold of the game in the second, and his hitting suddenly deserted him. Fuggles was now 2-1 up, and a comeback that seemed impossible only an hour or so ago was now on the brink of happening. Cornock still looked low on confidence, and with Fuggles continuing to keep the ball on the table, Cornock's attacking instincts forced him into big shot which were not landing consistently. Fuggles now had two match and championship points at 10-8 up. Cornock's attacking instincts again came to the fore, and two brave shots later, it was 10-10. Fuggles then had another chance for the match at 11-10 which he failed to convert, and another at 12-11 which also went the way of the E side. Cornock was living dangerously, but Fuggles had run out of chances, and Cornock took an incredible 4th end to see the second division title come down to a one end shoot out. It seemed as though Cornock had a new lease of life having been given his get out of jail free card, and he opening his shoulder and produced big shot after big shot, racing into a 5-1 lead at the change of ends. Fuggles was playing catch up, and with Cornock hitting a purple patch, the E side found themselves with five match points. Cornock needed only one, and a collective release of breath from the crowd which had been held since the back end of the 4th set saw Rebels E crowned champions in what was a fantastic night of high quality and high drama table tennis.

Both teams deserve huge credit for what was one of the most tense nights of table tennis that many had witnessed!

21.04.13

Margate Handicap Tournament

Dave Stevens is this year's Margate handicap champion, having defeated Simon Hillier in the final at Hartsdown.

Stevens progressed through his group by snatching the runners up spot behind Hillier in Group 1. In what was a tightly contested group, Stevens registered tight wins over Danny Lansdown and Tony Morgan, before a 2-0 win over young Henry Mileham. Stevens met Hillier in the final group game to decide who would progress as group winner. Despite having four match points, Stevens couldn't close out the contest, slipping to defeat at the death.

Qualifying as group runner up, Stevens was paired with handicap maestro Roy Lambert in the semi's. with Lambert having cruised through his group, dropping just one game. Stevens was finding his form, out hitting all before him as his blend between defence and attack became increasingly effective. Lambert was powerless to resist, as Stevens out gunned him in all department, securing his place in the process with a straight sets win.

In the other semi final, Barry Cullen and Simon Hillier took to the table for the right to face Stevens in the final. Cullen had beaten both Lambert and Ian Mileham in the group stage, and was a stern test for Hillier throughout. Hillier's forehand came to the fore as soon as the handicap had evaporated, leaving Cullen playing catch up. A 2-0 win for Hillier secured his place in the final.

In the final, Hillier quickly evened things up by making a fast start, ensuring Stevens couldn't take advantage of his start. Despite the quick start, Stevens forced his way back into the game, matching Hillier point for point to take the first end.

With victory in sight, Stevens opened up, landing his big shots to secure a handful of match points. Stevens again failed to convert, giving Hillier the game and to level the tie.

Going into the final set, Stevens took the advantage by opening up a big gap at the start of the set. Hillier was always playing catch up, needing to play high risk shots to attempt to get through Stevens. However, Stevens defences were too tight, and with Hillier unable to get through, Stevens was crowned champion with a comfortable third set victory.

20.04.13

Finals Night - Consolation Singles

The Consolation Singles, for those who dropped out of the Open competition in the group stage, was won by 1st Division player Jack Stewart on his debut season. Despite being under pressure for the majority of the game, Stewart managed to stay in touch. With Orlova unable to close out the game in the second set, her game went to pieces, and Stewart produced his own high quality of Table Tennis in the last end to cruise to his first Thanet title.

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Finals Night 2013 - Ladies Singles

Adrija Orlova is the new Ladies champion in her debut season after a straight forward 3-0 win over last year's champion Denise Whalen. Orlova was rarely troubled and moved through the gears when needed to seal a comfortable victory. On current form, we could be seeing Orlova's name on the Ladies trophy for few seasons yet.

20.04.13

Finals Night 2013 - Allocated Doubles

The Allocated Doubles final saw Wayne Osborne and Simon Hillier take on the all Rebels pair of Derek Mills and Rod Hall. With Hall and Mills regular doubles partner for their club, they went into the game as hot favourites, and justified that tag by racing into a 2-0 lead, with Hillier unable to find any forehand winners. The defence and attack partnership of Hall/Mills was causing a headache for Osborne/Hillier, and with the game now at the all or nothing stage, a not so subtle change of tactics saw Osborne/Hiller swinging at everything. The tide begun to turn, and 2-0 down quickly turned into 2-2. The 5th end was cagey, but Osborne/Hillier got in front at the change of ends and never looked back. From 2-0 down, they completed the comeback to take the title.

20.04.13

Finals Night 2013 - Open Doubles

The Open Doubles competition saw surprise finalists Simon Hillier and Becki Stevens take on Ron Rowley and the evergreen Dennis Cannon. Hillier and Stevens had come from nowhere to claim their place in the final, beating many top pairs on the way, while Cannon and Rowley steamrollered their way to the showpiece final, only held up briefly in the semi final before winning in five. The game saw some very clear tactics from Rowley and Cannon, and stopping Hillier hitting and putting Stevens under pressure worked well, and they cruised to a straight sets win. Despite the scoreline, the unfancied pair put in a solid performance and had their chances in two of the three ends to take the game into a fourth set. Rowley and Cannon collected their trophy's, and will be up their again next season as one of the favourites to retain their crown.

20.04.13

Finals Night 2013 - Division 2

With the the 2a 2b format this year, the second division competition was always going to be an interesting one, with many players getting the first chance to play each other this season. Despite this, not many will argue that two of the strongest players reached the final, with Roy Lambert and Rod Hall battling it out at the Odds for the Division 2 crown. Hall, last year's winner, was again victorious, with Lambert unable to deal with some ferocious hitting from the Hall forehand. The now legendary "Lambert Luck" was also in short supply on the night, and with Hall's forehand on target throughout, Lambert slipped to defeat to a worthy winner. Rod Hall will now look forward to attempting to third Division Two title in three years next season.

01.04.13

Finals Night 2013 - Division 3

The Division 3 competition, for those under 1000 rating points, saw a high quality final between Liam Hazelton and Denise Whalen. With both just sneaking under 1000 point mark, it made for the best possible final, with two attacking players showing their full array of shots. Hazelton cruised into a 2-0 lead, with Whalen unable to read the spinny Hazelton serves. However, with three match points in the 3rd, Hazelton went for the glory shot to seal the title, but his audacious attempt at a backhand round the net failed to pay off, and Whalen sensed an opportunity. She stole the third end from under Hazelton's nose to see her claw her way back into the game. A comfortable fourth end for Whalen saw the tie level at 2-2. With the momentum swinging Whalen's way, Hazelton was forced to get back to basics. In a tight 5th set, Hazelton's spinning serves combined with some efficient forehand and backhand looping saw him crowned Third Division champion. But watch out, bigger things await for Hazelton, who has had a superb season...

01.04.13

Summer Competition 2013

Get ready for the next competition - entry form on the Summer Competitions page.

19.03.13

Finals Night 2013 - Open Singles

With the Thanet Closed tournament having been played on the 24th February, March 1st saw Thanet's showpiece event, Finals Night. In front of what was a good turnout, number one seed Ian Mileham retained his Open Singles title against number two seed Alan Taylor, but he was taken to the wire in a high class finale.

Taylor had in fact taken a 2-0 lead, and looked on course to win his second Thanet title. With his vast array of serves, Mileham struggled to pick the backspin serve, leading to unforced errors and easy winners for Taylor. At 2-0 down, Mileham went for a change of direction, aiming to simply put the return of serve on the table rather than pressurise Taylor. This change of tactic gave Mileham the opportunity to unleash his fierce attack from both wings. Taylor was now under pressure, and with Mileham going gung-ho in an attempt to get himself back into the game, Taylor began to feel the heat. Mileham was soon back on terms, and with the match going into a 5th and final end, both players were keen not to hand the game to their opponent through errors. Taylor's serves again looked to be crucial, picking up the important cheap points as he moved ahead at the death. Taylor found himself 10-7 up, and with three chances to take his second title. Mileham fought hard, using his powerful loops and defensive abilities to good effect, and with Taylor missing a smash to take the title, the pendulum had swung back in Mileham's favour. At 10-10, Mileham pressed home his psychological advantage to retain his title in what was perhaps one of his toughest Thanet finals.

01.02.13

Kent Team Tournament

Sunday 10th February will see Thanet enter a team in the Kent Team Tournament at the Howard Table Tennis Centre in Gillingham.

With Thanet having never before entered such a competition, it will a steep learning curve for the Thanet side that will consist of Ian Mileham, Simon Hillier, Andy Roberts and Simon Kear.

Folkestone will start as favourites after last year's triumph, with the always strong Medway sides also looking to challenge for the title. Thanet will be looking for a kind draw with the hope they can bed themselves into the competition before coming up against the stronger sides.

We are hoping that by entering the competition, we will be looked upon favourably in the future, with the possibility of entering more teams at varying standards in Kent County competitions.

01.02.13

W/C - 21/1/13

Jack Stewart guided his Margate D team to a fantastic 7-3 win over mid table rivals Odds B last week, seeing his side move above Odds in the table. He recorded his first Thanet treble with wins over Mick Eames, Sharon Clark and John Walker. Elsewhere for Margate, Rob Pugh and Paul Waumsley both recorded two wins apiece, with both falling to Eames.

Ian Mileham was absent for his Margate A side this week, but Andy Roberts proved to be a perfectly able stand in as he recorded three wins over Rebels A. Paul Ursell, James Llwellyn Jones and Aaron Samme all fell to the powerful looping game of Roberts, despite the latter taking him all the way to five. It was the polar opposite for Trevor Kelly though, falling victim to the Rebels trio. Kelly will find his form soon, and will be a tricky competitor for those unfortunate enough to draw him in the upcoming Open competition. Danny Lansdown recorded a well deserved treble to match Roberts on the night, beating Samme and JJ in 4, before coming out victor in a high quality five ender against Ursell.

In 2a, Barnstonworth surged towards the playoffs with a 10-0 thumping of Rebels G. Barnstonworth have been boosted by the return of powerhouse Jeff Stephenson, and his consistency has seen his side climb towards the summit. He, along with his team mates Darren Jones and Bob Malins all recorded hat-tricks, although Stephenson was pushed hard by Tony Shingleston.

Sandwich A moved into the top half of the division with an 8-2 win over Margate H. However, the story of the evening was created by Margate's Kevin Brewer, who defied his lowly ranking to upset Graham Watson in four. The other victory of the night for Margate came in the doubles, as they took advantage of doubles king Bill Laslett being absent by recording a deserved victory. For Sandwich, there were hat-tricks for the evergreen Derek East and Andy Smith.

In 2b, the game of the week came on Thursday, with Invicta B entertaining Rebels H, who were bolstered by the returning Tony Mills. However, Mills' presence couldn't do enough to secure them valuable points, as Invicta ran out 7-3 winners. Ron Knight and Mick Bowden both secured much needed hat-tricks for Invicta, with Karl Allen playing the supporting role with one win. By all account, the game of the night came between Ron Knight and Mark Stephens, whose styles made for a highly entertaining game, with long rallies and returns that Billy Elliot would have been proud of.

Champions elect Rebels E continued their surge towards the title with another 10-0 win, although they were given a scare by the in-form Tony Morgan. After a mundane start to the evening, with Rebels cruising, Morgan then ripped into the Rebels line up, taking Trevor Cornock the distance before falling painfully short at the last. With the disappointment still fresh in his mind, he then took to the table against Trevor Mason, the division's form player. Again, Morgan showed his best form, and took the game to a decider. Mason was had his back to the wall, but dug deep to secure the win, leaving Morgan undeservedly empty handed after a massive effort against the division's top two players.

Player of the week - Jack Stewart

Achievement of the week - Andy Roberts learning how to play a backhand....

05.01.13

First Half Review

With the festive season having passed, it is time for the second half of the Isle of Thanet Table Tennis season to begin, with all eyes now looking at the finish line.

In Division 1, Margate C lead the way with 62 points, three clear of Odds A with 59. Simon Hillier has lead the way for the C side, racking up 20 wins from a possible 24. Alongside Hillier, Simon Kear and Andy Roberts have been in good form, with Kear picking up 16 from 21 and Roberts 13 from 21.

At the bottom end of the division, Rebels B are nine points adrift of safety. Alan Radford's side will need to put in a big shift between now and the end of the season in order to save themselves from the drop. Ian Barker has been the leading light so far for the Rebels, picking up six wins so far. Every win will be crucial for Rebels from now on in, and they will need to play some exceptional Table Tennis to make up the deficit.

Special mention must go to Ian Mileham, whose first half form has been staggering. We are beginning to expect the Thanet Champion to be on 100% at this stage of every season, but delve a little deeper, and we see just how well the Thanet number one is playing. From the 47 ends he has played, he has dropped just two. Mileham has been getting games done with the minimum of fuss. His appearances in

the incredibly strong Medway Table Tennis League will no doubt be keeping him sharp, making the life of the Thanet locals all the more tricky!

In 2a, Sandwich B are the leaders, having won 7 out of 7 so far. Ed Matthews and Rob Smith have both been in sparkling form, dropping just three games all season. With the support of Derek Bailey (16 from 21), Sandwich look set to make the end of season play-offs. However, Sandwich will be hopeful that talisman Rob Smith isn't tempted by the Sangria at his Spanish retreat before the end of the season. (Doubtful!)

At the bottom end, Invicta D sit bottom. Despite their lowly position, all hope is not lost, with just two points separating 6th down to 9th. They will need Dave Benfield and Tom Bowling to turn out for as many games as possible if they are to stand a chance of edging themselves into the top half.

In 2b, champions elect Rebels E are running away with things. They lead the division by a massive 26 points, with Rebels C their closest challengers. Trevor Mason, Trevor Cornock and Terry Osborne have all won more than 80% of their individual games, and it will take the most drastic of downturns in fortune for them to be caught.

With Thanet Juniors having dropped out of the league, the bottom of the division is a real mess, with teams likely to lose points gained against the Juniors in due course. Therefore, the positions at the bottom of the league are anyone's guess at the moment! As it stands, Invicta C sit bottom with 16 points after a tough opening half.

11.11.12

The Ratings Table Explained

The new ratings system has been introduced to help Thanet come in line with the other leagues here in Kent. The system is designed to help with things such as cup and individual handicaps, the Thanet tournament, as well as add that little bit of extra competition for those who require it!

As you can see from the table, every player has been assigned a number based on their ability. The initial ranking was given to players at the start of the season based on last season's performance and what was known of the player.

Points have been awarded for every league game since the start of the season, and now the table has started to take shape and any potential errors that were made in the initial issuing of points have evened themselves out, we can now make the table public for members to look at.

Players will win or lose points for every single game they play. The amount of points won or lost will depend on the opponent. Should you beat a player far higher than you on the rankings list, you stand to gain more points than you would had you beaten a player lower in the rankings than yourself. The same applies if you lose a game. You will lose more points should you lose to a player a long way below you in the rankings than you would if you lost to someone higher.

Exact points are allocated to players by a generic chart that comes with the rating system. This will be made public in due course so you can see what you stand to gain or lose each game.

10.11.12

Ratings Table

Go to Ratings for the player rating system which is being introduced this season.

05.11.12

Report - Week 5

Invicta A have given themselves some breathing space at the bottom of Division 1 having claimed a surprising 7-3 victory over Rebels A. Rebels were without skipper Paul Ursell, but the usually consistent Rob Biagolowicz was present but failed to fire, winning just one of his three games. For Invicta though, Lee Featherbe was the stand out performer, picking up his first top flight hat-trick with comfortable wins over Biagolowicz and Aaron Samme after a five set struggle with James Llewellyn Jones. Mick Palmer and Adrija Orlova both had successful evenings too, picking up two wins apiece. Rebels did manage to win the doubles to save them from a drubbing, but they will need Ursell back soon if they are to avoid being dragged into the bottom three.

Odds A are breathing down the necks of Division 1 leaders Margate C after a 7-3 win over rivals Margate A. Margate were without Ian Mileham, but were lucky to be able to call upon Alan Taylor for the clash against the current champions. For Odds, Keith Clark was also missing, so Peter "The Human Sponge" Roberts was called upon to make his first appearance in Thanet this season, and he didn't disappoint. After dropping the opening end to both Danny Lansdown and Trevor Kelly, he sat back and soaked up all that the Margate pair had to throw at him, leading to two 3-1 victories. It was against Taylor though that Roberts showed his best form. Roberts had no problems with Taylor's deceptive serves and powerful forehand attacks, and lead 2-0 after two tight games. Roberts cruised in the third and never gave Taylor a look in, and took the game 11-9, 14-12, 11-1. Elsewhere, Danny Lansdown picked up a valuable win over Derek Brown to go with two Alan Taylor victories over Brown and Andy Cannon to ensure that Margate did not leave empty handed, but Odds will be the happier with the 7-3 win.

In division 2a, the star of the week award belongs to Tony Shingleston, who picked up a brilliant hat-trick over one of the division's front runners, Sandwich B. Shingleston was taken to five ends by both Ed Matthews and Derek Bailey, but did enough each time to come through, but his most impressive victory to date by far came against Rob Smith. Smith's defensive style has been notoriously difficult for people to break down, but Shingleston found a way through Smith's defences to seal an impressive 3-1 win. Shingleston failed to find any support elsewhere though, with team-mate Martyn Newton falling to three defeats.

BT picked up three valuable points to keep them off the bottom of the table against league favourites Rebels D. Den McIntosh picked up two wins, and was so close to picking up a third after falling in a tight fifth set encounter with Alan Dennahy. Despite that nail-biter against McIntosh, Dennahy did manage to dust himself down and win his other two games of the evening in relatively comfortable fashion. Clive Beerling also picked up two wins to add to the tally, and the returning Pam Mannings also won one against the debutant Bill Hackney. A doubles win for Rebels secured them a 7-3 win and keeps them top.

Margate H are propping up the pile after a 9-1 hammering by Barnstonworth. Colin Tyman and Jeff Stephenson both recorded hat-tricks, with Margate H's only point coming from skipper Caroline Hanson, who has continued her good start to the season with a win over Darren Jones. Margate will need to start picking up more points though if they want to remain in the second division next year. Sandwich A made the most of their game with whipping boys Invicta D by recording a 10-0 win. Derek East, Andy Smith and Graham Watson were not tested at all throughout the evening, and will be pleased to come away from the game with maximum points. Despite not sitting bottom of the league, Invicta will need to have a dramatic up turn in form if they are to remain in the second division.

In 2b, bottom side Invicta C were gifted three points by their B side who only turned up with two due to Karl Allen's new addition to his family finally turning up! The gifted points were the only charity the B side offered though, with an evening that consisted of entirely 3-0 wins, with Doug Meer, Roy Byford nor Johnathan Da Cossa managing to get anywhere near the experienced Ron Knight or Mick Bowden.

Rebels F have continued to improve as the season has gone on, consolidating their position in mid-table with a 5-5 draw with Margate G. Mark Pemble was the backbone to Rebels draw with three 3-2 wins, with support from Liam Hazelton who picked up two. It was a luckless night though for Richard Hazelton, who failed to add to the Rebels tally. For Margate, Peter Limond won two, and Steve Tebbett and Tony Morgan won one a piece.

Rebels E continue to fly high at the top of the table after a 7-3 win over Margate E. Despite the win for Rebels, it wasn't all straight forward, with Denise Whalen unlucky to fall in two five enders against the Rebels pair of Trevor Mason and Wayne Osborne. Despite these near misses, Rebels did take a comfortable win, mainly due to another hat-trick from Trevor Mason. Two wins from Trevor Cornock over Whalen and Chris Davies also helped Rebels home, as did the single win from Wayne Osborne. For Margate, Roy Lambert won two against Osborne and Cornock, with their third and final point coming from Davies, who battled past the unfortunate Osborne.

The final match of the week saw Rebels C keep in touch with their clubmates at the top of the league with a 9-1 win over Rebels H. Derek Mills and Rod Hall both won their three despite being pushed hard by Tony Mills from the H side. Mills did however get the win he deserved when he came up against Albert Fuggles, who struggled to deal with Mills' mix of defensive solidarity and precise attack. The H side sit just above Invicta C in the 2b table, and will need to press on if they have any ambition to remain in the second tier next season.

23.10.12

Report - Week 4

At last, Odds A have started their annual title charge. A 9-1 win over Margate D has propelled them up the table and put them back in touch with the leaders, Margate C, with a game in hand. New signing Derek Brown marked his debut with a hat-trick, with the A side's only dropped point coming from Andy Cannon, who lost in five ends to Dave Jeavons. The ever-present Keith Clark also recorded a hat-trick, but he found himself 2-0 down to Jeavons in the final match of the night before a monumental fight back saw him clinch the 5th end 11-9 to record his 9th successive victory. However, it was a barren night for Margate's Rob Pugh and Jack Stewart, who left the Odds Club empty handed.

Margate B handed out a heavy defeat to their rivals Margate A to push them into third. John Ferguson, Chris Hearn and Denis Cannon all picked up two wins a piece over the A side pair of Danny Lansdown and Trevor Kelly. Ian Mileham did all he could to stem the tide with an awesome performance. Against Cannon and Ferguson, Mileham barely missed a ball as he attacked with extreme precision from both wings. Chris Hearn will take a moral victory having become the first player to take an end off Mileham this season, something that could be quite a rarity!

Margate C are the team everyone is trying to catch. They sit top after an 8-2 win over fellow high flyers Odds B. Simon Kear and Simon Hillier played well to win their three relatively comfortably, although Kear was taken the distance by John Walker. It was a very different story though for Andy Roberts, who succumbed to Mick Eames in a highly charged affair, before struggling to find any rhythm against what was an inspired performance from John Walker.

In 2a, Rebels D sit top after a 6-4 win over Barnstonworth. Alan Dennahy hat-tricks are becoming an all too familiar sight. It seems it will take a huge performance from someone to get close to him on this form. He was well backed up by Clive Beerling, who picked up two wins to add to the tally. The all-important doubles was the decider, and it was a comfortable victory for the Rebels pair of Dennahy and Beerling over Barnstonworth's Tyman and Malins.

Sandwich B have put themselves in early contention for top spot with a 6-4 win over high flying Margate F. Rob Smith recorded an impressive hat-trick, but he was given tough games by Margate's Derek Walker and Becki Stevens. Smith's defensive style continues to baffle most, with his heavy backspin awkward for many attacking players to deal with. He was backed up well by Ed Matthews who won two, but he was comfortably beaten in the last game of the evening by Derek Walker. For Margate, it was Walker who provided the backbone of their four points with two wins, with Becki and Dave Stevens both claiming one win a piece, both beating the luckless Derek Bailey.

The shock of the week came in the game between Margate H and Invicta D, with the lowly Invicta side running out comfortable 7-3 winners. Tom Bowling won his three, with good support coming from Dave Benfield with two wins, and Jose Llewellyn Jones with one. For Margate, Dave and Caroline Hanson were joined by newcomer Vicky Wilders, but it proved to be a fruitless evening for Wilders, who battled hard to no avail. Dave Hanson was victorious over Benfield and Llewellyn Jones, with Caroline adding to the total, also with a win over Llewellyn Jones.

2b champions elect Rebels E continue to race away with proceedings, this time beating one of their closest challengers Rebels C. Last year's second division champion Rod Hall became the first man to beat the E side's Trevor Mason, but there was not much else to shout about for the C side, who only managed to pick up two more points throughout the evening, as the table toppers strolled to yet another victory. Two wins each for Mason, Cornock and Osborne secured their position at top spot.

Harry Walton's Thanet Juniors picked up another win, this time over Margate E. With Margate's talisman Roy Lambert missing, Phil Marshall made a welcome return to the Thanet Table Tennis scene. He had big shoes to fill, and came up just short against Walton in what should have been one of the tighter matches of the night. There were also very good wins for Yumeng Li and Jack Walton, who both beat Denise Whalen to seal at least a draw. Their win was secured with a 3-1 doubles win to seal consecutive 6-4 wins.

Invicta B will have an outside chance of grabbing second spot in the league come March, and this week's 7-3 win over an improving Rebels F will have done them no harm. Invicta's Ron Knight won his three without dropping an end, with good support coming from Mick Bowden and Karl Allen, who won two and one respectively. For Rebels, Mark Pemble won two, with Liam Hazelton adding one to the tally. It was a disappointing evening though for Charmane Fitch, who failed to pick a win.

The final game of the week saw newly formed Margate G take on Rebels H. The H side managed to put out a full strength side for the first time this season, which included talisman Tony Mills. However, Mills' presence wasn't enough to inspire the side to victory, as they succumbed to a 7-3 defeat. Margate's Tony Morgan secured an impressive hat-trick, with Peter Limond winning two and Steve Tebbett one. A doubles victory secured Margate's seventh point.

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Report - Week 3

After a tough season last time around, Margate D have had a decent start to the new campaign. Having disposed of newly promoted Invicta A in week one and taken valuable points off stronger opposition in Margate B in week two, week 3 three saw them claim an impressive draw against early table toppers Odds B. Skipper Rob Pugh took the scalps of John Walker and Sharon Clark, only to fall to the in-form Mick Eames in a close tussle. Paul Walmsley's evening also went in similar style, with wins over Walker and Clark before falling to Eames. In-fact, Eames was close to continuing his perfect start to the season, but he came up against an inspired Jack Stewart, whose forehand was in blistering form, pinning Eames to the back of the court throughout. Stewart's power was too much for the experienced Eames, who suffered his first defeat of the season.

Margate C are the new leaders of Division One after a second consecutive 10-0 win. After brushing aside Rebels B last week, Invicta A were the victims in week three. The Invicta trio of Mick Palmer, Peter Chapman and Adrija Orlova battled hard but got no change out of Margate's Simon Hillier, Simon Kear and Andy Roberts. Orlova gave Roberts and Kear problems in their meetings, with her game against Roberts in particular a very close affair, with the Latvian racing to a 2-0 lead, only for Roberts to dig deep and record a 3-2 victory. She suffered a similar fate against Kear, who's chopping was just too much for Orlova to overcome. The doubles was also closely fought, with Roberts and Kear taking to the table against Orlova and Palmer. With Margate 2 up and looking to close out a comfortable victory, Invicta fought back to level proceedings. The fifth end saw a change in tactics from the Margate pair, with both players deciding attack was the best form of defence. The match was sealed in Margate's favour with the shot of the night, a blistering backhand service return from Kear to send the C side top. Margate A's start to the season has not been overly convincing after managing to scrape a 6-4 win over two-man Rebels A. Danny Lansdown again struggled, slipping to defeat to Paul Ursell and James Llewellyn-Jones. Team-mate Trevor Kelly also struggled, falling to Ursell before going into his shell in his game against Llewellyn-Jones. Kelly's usual hitting style was thrown out of the window as he pushed the ball for what seemed like hours! Llewellyn-Jones was in no mood to open up either, and after a monumental pushing battle that had the spectators mesmerised for all the wrong reasons, it was Kelly who got the upper hand and took a 3-1 win. Ian Mileham was again un-troubled, winning his two in comfortable fashion.

The fight to get out of the second division is now taking shape. Rebels E remain the runaway favourites in in the B division after Trevor Cornock, Trevor Mason and Terry Osborne produced their third 10-0 win in a row, this time dismantling Margate G. The G side failed to take any of the 10 games the distance as they were outclassed from start to finish. Rebels now lead Division 2b by a relative country mile, and no side look capable of matching them, even at this early stage.

Rebels F kickstarted their season with a maximum over a depleted Invicta C. Richard Hazleton, Charmane Fitch and Mark Pemble had no trouble overcoming John Crofts and the injured Doug Meer in a game that failed to live up to its original billing of a closely fought game. It remains unknown as to whether the C side will be able to fulfil their fixtures this season, as injury's continue to plague their side. New signings will be need as soon as possible to keep them afloat.

The final game in 2b saw the return of Harry Walton to his Table Tennis roots. The youngster has re-joined Thanet Juniors for the season in a bid to regain some form and confidence having endured a rough spell in the top flight. On the evidence of his second debut, his return will make the Juniors a force in the second division, after they took out arguably one of the strongest teams in the division, Rebels C, 6-4. Walton picked up a comfortable hat-trick, with good support from team-mates Jack Walton and Kallum Marlow, who both picked up one win a piece. For Rebels, Rod Hall and Albert Fuggles both won two.

In 2a, the tussle for top spot is much tighter. Rebels D, led by Alan Dannahy, currently lead the way after a 10-0 demolition of Invicta D. The game was almost as one sided as it gets, with only two games going past the minimum three ends. Alan Dannahy, Mark Stephens and Clive Beerling all had comfortable evenings, with the Invicta trio of Richard and Jose Llewellyn Jones and Tom Bowling unable to get close to the victorious Rebels side.

Margate F remain close on their tails after a 9-1 win over BT. Becki Stevens and Dave Stevens both continued their impressive starts to the season with hat-tricks, and Sheena Stevens also did well on her return from a long term injury with an important double. BT's solitary point came from Den McIntosh, who defeated Sheena in four sets. The Margate side look capable of claiming one of the two playoff spots, but will need to continue their good form if they are to mount a challenge.

Barnstonworth gave their season a kick start with a 9-1 win over Rebels G. The scoreline suggests a one sided affair, but it was in fact a tale of six five-enders, with only one going in favour of Rebels. The Barnstonworth trio of Darren Jones, Colin Tyman and Bob Malins were pushed hard throughout the night, but managed to stand up to the task and take nine valuable points home with them.

06.10.12

Report - Week 2

After successive victories in the top flight, Odds B are sitting top of the table having dismantled newly promoted Invicta A. Mick Eames was the star of the show for the Odds side, whose three wins have kept up his 100% record so far this season. He was rarely troubled by the Invicta trio of Mick Palmer, Lee Featherbe and Adrija Orlova, dropping just one end in his opening game of the night against Featherbe.

Eames was well supported by Sharon Clark and John Walker who both picked up two victories, with Clark falling to Orlova and Walker falling short in his opening game of the night against Palmer.

Despite the one way traffic, Palmer and Orlova managed to pull out their best form in the doubles with a comfortable 3-0 victory, giving them the maximum five points in this season's new doubles format.

Elsewhere in the top flight, Margate B recorded a comfortable 8-2 victory over their D side. John Ferguson provided the backbone to the victory with three wins, but he was tested by Jack Stewart, who took him the distance before falling agonisingly short in the final set. Chris Hearn and Dennis Cannon picked up two wins each for the B side, but came up short against the debutant Paul Walmsley.

Margate C sit second having thumped Rebels B 10-0. The scoreline was perhaps slightly flattering on the C side though, with James Barker playing some top table tennis but unable to finish matches off, having fallen to Simon Kear 12-10 in the deciding set and to Simon Hillier 11-8 in the decider. Father Ian Barker was also unlucky not to register a win having had a long battle with Kear that went the distance, only for Kear to put his defence qualities to good use when he needed too to ensure the whitewash.

Results – Odds B 7-3 Invicta A Margate D 2-8 Margate B Margate C 10-0 Rebels B Rebels A 3-7 Odds A

In Division 2a, Sandwich B lead the way after a 9-1 win over BT. Rob Smith, Derek Bailey and Ed Matthews all racked up hat-tricks, before a disappointing doubles defeat. For BT, there were glimmers of hope throughout the night with most matches going to four ends, but with only Tony Dannell managing to push one of the experienced Sandwich trio to five, BT never did enough to give themselves their opening singles win of the season.

Sitting second are Margate F, who welcomed back Derek Walker having missed their opening game last week. Walker was the talisman for the F side last year, and he has started this season in a similar vein. Barnstonworth were the opponents for the F side, and with Walker's hat-trick, Barnstonworth were always on the back foot. Dave Stevens was also on form for Margate, as he took out Darren Jones and Bob Malins, and Sheena Stevens picked up a key victory over Colin Tyman to give Margate a valuable 6-4 win.

Special mention must also go to the game of the week between Mark Stephens and Graham Watson. The match was a titanic tussle, with Stephens eventually taking the 5th and final set 20-18.

Results – Sandwich B 9-1 BT Margate F 6-4 Barnstonworth Rebels G 7-3 Invicta D Rebels D 6-4 Sandwich A

With just two matches played in Division 2b, it was Rebels E who took full advantage with a 10-0 win over Invicta B. Trevor Mason, Terry Osborne and Trevor Cornock all recorded hat-tricks over Ron Knight, Mick Bowden and Karl Allen. It was not all plain sailing though for Rebels, with Osborne and Cornock both being taken to five at some point during the evening. Trevor Mason is yet to be troubled in the second division, and it looks as though he will be tough to stop.

The other game in 2b saw Rebels F record their first win of the season over Rebels H. With the H side without their main man Tony Mills, the task was always going to be a tough one, but they coped admirably in his absence with Mark Stephens and Eric Davies both picking up wins. The F side had to rely on a hat-trick from Richard Hazelton to see them home, but he was well supported by Charmane Fitch and Liam Hazelton, who both picked up valuable wins.

02.10.12

Report - Week 1

After a summer of inspiring sport on the TV in which Table Tennis managed to reach out to a whole new audience, Thanet's own Table Tennis players took to the table again this week for the start of the 2012/13 season. Last season's winners Odds A are once again the favourites to retain their crown, but a small cluster of Margate sides will like to think they have a chance of upsetting the Odds party.

Two of those sides in with a chance of the title, Margate A and Margate C, clashed on the opening night of the new campaign. With both sides eyeing an early win, tensions were running high and even at this very early stage of the season, the 5-5 result did little to help either side's title challenge.

The star of the show was Thanet number one Ian Mileham, who was rarely troubled by the C side trio of Simon Hillier, Simon Kear and Andy Roberts. He cruised to three straight sets victories, with only the defensive style of Simon Kear managing to occasionally puncture holes in the Mileham attack. The contrasting styles made for an attractive game, with Kear far back from the table returning Mileham's controlled and varied top spins. Mileham's consistency eventually wore Kear down though, and his maximum put the A side in control.

It was a night to forget though for Danny Lansdown. He fell to straight sets defeats to Roberts and Hillier, before going close in the final match of the night against Kear, only to fall short in the fifth and deciding end.

The A sides other two points came from the highly unpredictable Trevor Kelly. Kelly's often erratic form makes him a dangerous opponent for anyone, and he grabbed two wins from the jaws of defeat against Hillier and Roberts before falling foul of Kear's new defensive solidarity.

With the new doubles league now in force, the final match of the night has taken on new importance. It was the C side who got off to the perfect start though, capturing a straight forward 3-0 win to secure them maximum points in the new look league.

Results – Margate A 5-5 Margate C Invicta A 3-7 Margate D
Margate B 5-5 Rebels A

Elsewhere, the new look second division – split into two sub divisions due to an increase in teams also begun, with Margate F the early pace setters in 2a. They beat newcomers Invicta D 9-1, with Becki and Dave Stevens both recording hat-tricks. Sheena Stevens also did well to pick up two on her return from a long injury lay off, but Invicta's Tom Bowling took advantage of Sheena's lack of match practice by defeating her in the first match of the evening. After the Stevens family's comfortable doubles win, they also top the doubles league at this early stage.

2a Results – Invicta D 1-9 Margate F Margate H 4-6 Rebels D
Rebels G 6-4 Sandwich A Barnstonworth 3-7 Sandwich B

In 2b, a whitewash from Rebels E over their club mates Rebels F. Hat-tricks from Trevor Mason, Terry Osborne and Trevor Cornock led them to the perfect start, with the newly promoted F side left in no doubt how tough the challenge that lies ahead of them will be. The trio of Liam Hazelton, Richard Hazelton and Mark Pemble put in some stirring performances but were unable to break down the experienced F side who are one of the early favourites for the title.

At the top of pile in the 2b doubles league is Invicta B, who comfortably overcame Thanet Juniors.

2b results – Rebels E 10-0 Rebels F Invicta B 9-1 Thanet Juniors
Rebels C 5-5 Margate E

24.08.12

Fixtures Handbook

Go to Forms for the 2012-2013 Winter League Handbook

27.07.12

Summer Competition 2012 Winners

The season has concluded with Mister and Master beating Kelly's Heroes 8-4. Congratulations to the winning team and commiserations to the runners up.

Events

Event 12.06.13

2013 AGM

This year's Annual General Meeting is to be held at the Hartsdown Centre on Wednesday 12th June commencing at 8pm (Minutes from 2012 AGM will be provided at the event).

Event 18.05.13

Presentation Evening

The annual ITTTA Presentation Evening will be held at The Odds, High Street, Ramsgate commencing 8pm. Tickets will be available from Committee Members in due course and the price will include Food and Entertainment.

Event 29.04.13

Summer Competition 2013

First week of the competition begins. Please view the Summer Competitions page for details and entry form.

Event 09.04.13

Quickenden/Burden Cup Finals

This is scheduled to occur 7.30pm at the Odds Ramsgate

Event 01.03.13

Finals Night - Closed Championships 2013

This is to be held for all competition categories at the Odd Fellows Hall Ramsgate on Friday 1st March commencing 7pm prompt:

Under 16 : James Barker vs Yumeng Li

Juniors Under 16 : James Barker vs Yumeng Li

Division 3 Singles : Denise Whalen vs Liam Hazelton

Division 2 Singles : Rod Hall vs Roy Lambert

Consolation Singles : Jack Stewart vs Adrija Orlova

Under 21 Singles : James Barker vs Simon Kear

Allocated Doubles : Wayne Osborne/Simon Hillier vs Derek Mills/Rod Hall

Veterans Singles : Ian Mileham vs Keith Clark

Ladies Singles : Denise Whalen vs Adrija Orlova

Open Doubles : Simon Hillier/Becki Stevens vs Ron Rowley/Dennis Cannon

Open Singles : Alan Taylor vs Ian Mileham

Event 24.02.13

Closed Championships 2013

This season's event is scheduled for Sunday 24th February at the Ramsgate Leisure Centre 9am prompt. Entry forms will be made available in due course.

Event 27.01.13

Handicap Singles Competition

Event commences at 9.30am at the ITTTA Centre. Entry fee is £2.50. Capped to 16 participants so apply fast to avoid disappointment! Closing date for entries is 20th January. Organiser is Rob Smith (01304 612382)