

Basingstoke & District Table Tennis Association – AGM 20th July 2026

1. Chair's Address

To follow.

2. OFFICERS REPORTS

a. Treasurer's report

A summary of the year's financial activity is provided in the attached document "End of year summary accounts 2025-2026".

Summary comments

- Overall accounts are approximately balanced.
- League registrations remain a significant income source.
- Main account surplus largely due to transfers from coaching.
- This gives us flexibility to subsidise competitions if we choose.
- Essex Road appears to operate at a deficit.

Akiko Parkyn
Treasurer

b. Secretary's report

The role of secretary is mainly to organise and report on Committee meetings and the AGM. During the season we have had six meetings, most of which were held at Loddon Vale Bowls club, The Bolton's Arms and Celia's house. We were able to use all of these venues without cost to BDTTA.

The minutes of the meetings, once approved, can be found in the downloads section of the BDTTA website.

One request: please can you make sure that you complete the attendee registration form circulating this evening. Our rules state that each club must have a representative at the meeting and the register allows us to record this.

Tony Coombes
Secretary

c. Registration Secretary's report

To follow.

d. HTTA Representative & Inter Town Secretary – Report

- HTTA Management Committee meets 4 times a year, including the AGM which took place on Wednesday 17th June 2026. We are always looking for new members to join the committee, especially to fill the positions of Secretary and Vice Chairman.
- Our Hampshire Closed Tournament this year was held at Waterside Table Tennis Club, near Southampton, on Sunday 1st March and organised by Colin French (with help from committee members). We had a good turnout, and it was well supported by players from the Basingstoke League. James Wright won the Men's Vets title and Gabor Bodnar came Runner-Up in the event. The Hampshire Closed Tournament next year will be held on 28th February 2027 again at Waterside Table Tennis Club – please put the date in your diaries.
- Our Inter-Town Tournament this year was not held due to lack of feedback from member leagues and the poor attendance last year when only four teams entered. Andover Table Tennis League has agreed to look into organising the event next year in Andover and will come back with possible options in due course.
- HTTA also entered six teams in the County Championships held throughout the year. Congratulations to the Veterans 1st Team who finished winners in their division this season. Next season we have entered a third Over 60's team. Once again, the County is well represented by Basingstoke League players. This season HTTA purchased new shirts for the county players using some of our reserve funds.
- Financially, HTTA aims to cover tournament expenses from the Affiliation Fees charged to its eight member leagues and does not plan to increase these fees for the coming season.

Sarah Whithorn
21st June 2026

e. Trophy Secretary's report

Congratulations to all the tournament and season winners this year; it is always a pleasure preparing the trophies to celebrate their wins. It's been great to see juniors taking awards, and also super vet players still competing fiercely at the other end of the scale.

I am hoping to liaise with team captains next season to put names on the individual mementos; due to an engraving deal with our current supplier, we can do this at no extra cost, and I feel that it would make the awards more personal.

Thank you to Phil Snelson and Saints for generously sharing their surplus mementos, this enabled me to supply a team with a lot of juniors who had played for them, with awards at no extra cost.

The awards are expensive to produce, so as always if anyone works for or owns a company that would like to sponsor the mementos, or indeed provide their own unique award, please let me know.

Jan MacDonald
Trophy Secretary

f. Coaching Officer's report

On behalf of the Coaching Officer, I am pleased to present this report covering coaching activity within the Basingstoke League during the Autumn 2025 and Spring 2026 programmes.

Throughout the year, the coaching programme provided regular and inclusive opportunities for players of all ages and abilities to develop their skills in a supportive and enjoyable environment. Weekly sessions were delivered consistently across both terms, with encouraging levels of engagement and participation.

One of the most positive outcomes has been the continued growth in attendance. During the Autumn 2025 programme, weekly attendance ranged

from 7 to 15 participants. In Spring 2026, attendance became more consistent, with many sessions attracting between 12 and 15 participants. This represented an increase in average attendance across the programme.

The increase in participation reflects the commitment of players who attended regularly throughout the year and demonstrates the value participants place on the coaching sessions. The continued involvement of both adult and junior players helped create a positive and welcoming environment in which players could develop their skills and confidence.

The coaching programme also benefited from effective administration and financial management. Session income continued to support venue hire and equipment costs, helping to ensure that coaching activities remained sustainable and accessible.

I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to Terry White, Patrick Garlick and Steve Ng for their invaluable support throughout the year. Their assistance with the delivery of coaching sessions and their willingness to support players made a significant contribution to the success of the programme.

Looking Ahead

As we look towards the coming season, there remains considerable uncertainty regarding the future structure and delivery of coaching within the Basingstoke League. At the time of writing, no formal coaching plan has been agreed and arrangements for the forthcoming season have yet to be determined.

Unfortunately, no coaching activity took place during the Summer Term and, as a result, the League has once again experienced a lengthy break in coaching provision. Extended interruptions of this nature inevitably result in a loss of momentum and make it more difficult to maintain participant engagement and build upon the progress achieved during previous coaching programmes.

In addition, both the Coaching Officer and Lead Coach expect to have reduced capacity to support coaching activities compared with previous seasons. My own availability as Lead Coach will be considerably reduced due to other commitments and it is unlikely that I will be able to maintain the same level of involvement in the planning, administration, and delivery of coaching sessions.

The future success of coaching within the League will depend upon identifying a sustainable approach that can provide continuity for participants while making effective use of the volunteers and coaching resources available.

Phil Snelson
Lead Coach

g. Web-Master's Report

The most noticeable change this season, hopefully, is the complete refresh of the website, giving it a more modern and professional appearance while also updating the core libraries and components that the site is built upon. As always, I would welcome any feedback—whether positive or negative—on the new look and feel.

Alongside a few bug fixes and improvements behind the scenes, a new Gallery application has been added to the website (<https://bdtta.org/gallery/>). I hope this will become a place to capture competitions, events and the wider BDTTA table tennis community throughout the seasons. If you have any photographs that you would like to share, please get in touch (admin@bdtta.org).

Other improvements to the website include:

1. Closed Competition Registration was handled entirely online for the first time, allowing players to enter events electronically while also displaying who had already registered.

2. The Closed Competition and Handicap Competition pages were redesigned to make it easier to see upcoming matches. An additional feature displays player handicap ratings, allowing individual handicaps and complete team handicaps to be viewed by clicking on the team name. Feedback on how this page could be further improved is always welcome.
3. The Fixtures page now includes a summary of the current week's matches at the top of the page, making it easier to see at a glance which teams are playing and against whom.
4. A new Club Secretary page has been introduced, allowing club secretaries to view the number of matches each player has participated in, together with any outstanding fixtures. This should provide better visibility of matches that have and haven't been played, as well as which players are still due to play.

The other major development this season was the Summer League website (<https://summer-league.bdtta.org/>), which has been completely rewritten to run using a serverless architecture. I hope the new home page, featuring statistics, rankings and team summaries, together with the revised fixtures page that defaults to the current week, proves useful. If there are any additional statistics or features that you would like to see on the Summer League website, please get in touch at admin@bdttta.org.

General Statistics

- 23 teams from 6 clubs competed across 3 divisions, with a total of 116 registered players.
- A total of 227 matches were played over 21 weeks, comprising 2,851 sets. Daniel Dzieciol played the most sets during the season (257), closely followed by Hefeng Yin (251).
- The Closed Competition attracted 30 players from 4 clubs, with KG entering the largest number of competitors.

Forward Look

Looking into the new season, I'm currently looking at the making the following changes.

1/ Adding new page to capture people that have keys assigned to Essex Rd.

2/ Looking at surfacing league and player stats, whilst providing greater integration with the gallery.

Chris Parkyn
Webmaster