

O'Driscoll Snookered as O'Sullivan looks on



The latest BATT'S Super Series open tournament on Sunday 28th December provided a festive treat for players and spectators alike.

The climax was a final that seasoned player Rory Scott described as the best he had ever seen. The superb and sporting number one seed **Michael O'Driscoll**, ranked 13 in England, was beaten by popular BATT'S club coach **Adam Nutland** who has a current national ranking of 22.

Adam won 10,-7, 9,-9,10 in a fluctuating match full of wonderful rallies. Friend of BATT'S and snooker legend Ronnie O'Sullivan presented the prizes. Ronnie had watched throughout the knock out stages and would have

been thrilled with the performances of Luke Walsh and Neil Charles who lost to Mike and Adam respectively in the semi finals. The real Ronnie, by the way, is totally unassuming, happy to chat freely, and pleased to have his picture taken with players and proud mums alike!

The BATT'S Super Series has become very popular and organiser Andrew Doshier's brave decision to choose a Christmas date was vindicated with a full house. Barry Granger is a very able referee. Jamal Dennison and David Randall won the band 2 and band 3 respectively.

Make a note of the next BATT'S Super Series Tournament: **Sunday 8th March**

Top England Juniors Competing at BATT'S

Don't miss your chance to see the cream of England's Junior players competing for the top ranking places at BATT'S this weekend!

The Junior Masters tournament has a limited entry by invitation only - restricted to the best in the country.

Last year's champions Helshan Weerasinghe and Tin-Tin Ho will be looking to retain the titles they won last year and there are sure to be some exciting matches.

Our very own Stephi Cross will be competing and she will welcome your support during the weekend.

Play starts at 11.30am on Saturday and 10am on Sunday.

The cafeteria will be open throughout the weekend.

For more information see the Table Tennis England website:

www.tabletennisengland.co.uk



Stephi Cross

photo John Upham

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Christmas Party

Congratulations to Adam and his team of helpers who organised a super party for everyone. It was the best turnout we can remember.

Well done to Louis and Luke for winning the fun doubles.

And thanks to the catering department for a wonderful spread!

Heroic Struggle for the Young BATTs Team



The next round of **Senior British League** Division 1 matches will be played at BATTs on **Sunday January 18th**. Come and support our amazing young team who have a real chance of reaching the premier division play offs. Our team is easily the youngest side in the division with "old head" Luke Walsh supported by Jack Bennett (age 17), Jordan Wykes (15) and Ethan Walsh (12).

All have performed really well and Jack Bennett (photo above) has 9 wins out of 14.

Harlow League - Mid-Season Update

The Harlow League has reached the halfway stage and the title race is threatening to produce a photo finish. Chimps lead with 70 points but Allnutts with 60 points and Gibbons with 58 both have a game in hand. Baboons in Div 1 lead the way in pursuit of a quick return to the top flight and Lorises in Div 2 have a great chance of promotion. Ten teams from BATTs in total compete in the Harlow League and, if you'd like to be involved, just let us know.

Nobody is unbeaten but Django Fung, Peter Radford, Derek Balding and Zayd Mauthoor have lost only once in the premier division. In Div 1, Baboons Mark Allaway has won all 21 games and Kim Cheung has won 16 out of 18. Calvin Harvey has won all 17 matches for Lorises and Chris D'Aguiar has won 11 out of 12. Both are in their debut season!

Tournaments Ahead

Here are some notable tournaments that will be of interest to BATTs members.

Friday 16th January - Essex Schools Individual Championships.

Pupils at Essex Schools can still enter but you must give your name to Neil very soon. Note that you must have permission from your school to be absent. Email Neil: brierley2004@btinternet.com

Saturday 17th January/31st January - Fusion Junior 2 Star

Sunday 1st February - Fusion Senior 2 Star

The entry forms for these tournaments are now available on the Table Tennis England Website. Navigate to the Competitions section.

The junior competitions include under 11, 13, 15 and 18 Boys and Girls singles. The senior events will include men's and women's singles, banded events and veterans' men's and women's singles.

There will be a prize fund for the senior ranking tournament and trophies for the junior ranking events.

Saturday 14th February/Sunday 15th February - BATTs Junior/Cadet 1 Star

The entry form is on the BATTs website on the Tournaments page.

Coaching

2014 was the busiest year ever for coaching at BATTs. During the year we had a total of over 3,000 attendances. Towards the end of the year, numbers increased to average almost 70 a week over the final quarter.

The coaching team is delighted with the progress made by many of our young players in our first year as a Talent Development Centre.

Weekend Play

Our weekend "open sessions" are gaining in popularity. Here is a reminder of upcoming dates booked.

Saturday 17 th January	3pm – 5pm
Sunday 25 th January	6pm – 8pm
Saturday 31 st January	9am – 12noon
Saturday 7 th February	6pm – 8pm
Sunday 1 st March	6pm – 8pm
Saturday 14 th March	6pm – 8pm *
Sunday 29 th March	5pm – 7pm *
* Start time is subject to completion of earlier event	

World Championship of Ping Pong

The ever-popular World Championship of Ping Pong is back again. 64 of the world's greatest sandpaper bat players will battle it out for big prize money at the Ally Pally on Saturday and Sunday 24th and 25th January at Alexandra Palace.

Tickets from www.seetickets.com

There are still two qualification places to be won, and the final selection tournament will be held at BATTs on Thursday 22nd January.

Entry fee is £20.

Contact Fred Dove for more information: f.dove@btinternet.com

What's On

To see the calendar of everything going on at the Norman Booth Centre see our website and click on "Calendar"