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Colebridge Annual Report 2016 - 2017

I would like to start this year's annual report by acknowledging the many volunteers that have helped Colebridge prosper over the last twelve months.

Firstly, the Committee members; John Overton, Pete Roddy and Roy Prosser continue to organise and carry out much of the club maintenance and housekeeping. Mike Evetts keeps our members regularly informed and updated thanks to his enthusiastic and efficient web site management. Mark Hadley continues to do all our book keeping and accounts despite not presently being able to play regularly at the club. Mike Rinnhofer handles many of our supplier relationships, he has also helped me tremendously with various secretarial tasks including valuable assistance on the club's application for Club Mark and Premier club status. Awais Mohammed has kindly joined the committee this year, giving an important voice to the younger membership. Neil Wheatley despite retiring from his secretarial role continues to be a vital member of the committee taking an active lead on fundraising opportunities amongst many other duties. Our chairman Inky Moss cheerfully fulfils his official role whilst also actively supporting and umpiring Colebridge, Regional and National Table Tennis competitions. Edward Lynn deserves special recognition for his efforts to provide playing and coaching opportunities to young people all over the West Midlands. He was rightly recognised this season by the BSDTTA and Table Tennis England, winning both the West Midlands Coach of the Year Award and the Birmingham coach of the year Trophy. The latter of those two awards was named after Jim Peakman who sadly passed away this year. I did not know Jim well but many players took the time to tell me how much they owed him, I suspect a generation of players will have similar plaudits for Ed.

Outside the committee we also have key help from our enthusiastic membership, of note Kate Hughes has gone above and beyond by organising club events, arranging trophies, general housekeeping and any number of other tasks including her present work on the Club Mark and Premier Club applications.

Membership

Our membership numbers have grown this year by about 10%. We are arguably close to full capacity in terms of providing those members with adequate playing opportunities as such we are not actively seeking new members but we are also not turning them away. Our total membership is currently 130 made up as follows:

| Age | Male | Female |
|---------|------|--------|
| < 8 | 1 | 0 |
| 8 - 12 | 8 | 0 |
| 13 - 19 | 21 | 7 |
| 20 - 25 | 9 | 0 |
| > 25 | 78 | 6 |

I would conclude from this membership breakdown that whilst our numbers are healthy we should be going more to encourage female membership. I would welcome any suggestions and intend to raise the matter at a future committee meeting.

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Junior Table Tennis

It has been another great year for Junior Table Tennis at Colebridge, individual achievements of note include:

Nathaniel Saunders:

- Ranked 7 in England for his age group
- National U13 title Nottingham 2 star
- Regional U13 Lillington
- National U11 Burton 2 star
- Quarter-final in National schools.
- Birmingham School's Champion
- Qualified for National Championship Under 11 and 12

Lisa Rinnhofer:

- Top 30 junior
- U18 national 2-star title in Burton
- Under 19 Schools Team National Champion
- Qualified for National Championship Under 18
- Represented Warwickshire Juniors

Sophie Rinnhofer:

- Top 30 in England u13s.
- U13 Burton national 2-star title
- Under 19 Schools Team National Champion
- Qualified for National Championship Under 13 and 14

Hawley Ellicott

- Winner of Burton national 2 star
- Corby 2-star national winner
- Lillington junior title.

Vlad Constantin

- National U16 winner in NABGC
- Birmingham School's Champion

Harry Simcox

• National U16 runner-up in NABGC

Shay Willock

• Birmingham School's Champion

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There are doubtless many more achievements by our thriving group of young players and I apologise for the ones I have inevitably missed but I hope this list demonstrates a healthy youth system which will be strengthened again next year as we enter 3 teams in NCL, 3 in NJL alongside 2 teams in boys JBL.

Disability Table Tennis

Colebridge aims to offer Table Tennis to everyone and our current facility upgrades are a step towards full inclusion.

Craig Allen is Colebridge's most promising disability player. His Class 9 World Ranking is now in the 30's and his continued hard work with Colebridge and non Colebridge coaches alike is to be commended as he pushes for a place in the British Paralympic Table Tennis setup. Craig has represented Colebridge in the Summer League and has enjoyed a successful season domestically and internationally.

Senior Table Tennis

It has been a strong year in terms of participation and success in local and national competition for senior Colebridge teams and individuals alike. Colebridge entered 11 teams across 3 different association's leagues.

Notably Kate Hughes qualified and performed brilliantly at the National Championships (two doubles ¼ finals) whilst maintaining her typically high standards locally, Ian Ferguson helped team GB win the European Police team championships, Colebridge G won BSDTTA division 3, Colebridge won promotion from BRDTTL division 2 and an unbeaten Colebridge Aces won the BSDTTA Premier League title.

BSDTTA (Birmingham, Solihull & District Table Tennis Association)

| Team | Performances: |
|------|---------------|
|------|---------------|

| Division | Team | Place |
|----------|--------------|-----------------|
| Premier | Colebridge A | 1 st |
| | Colebridge B | 7 th |
| Div 1 | Colebridge D | 4 th |
| | Colebridge C | 9 th |
| Div 2 | Colebridge E | 3 rd |
| | Colebridge F | 8 th |
| Div 3 | Colebridge G | 1 st |
| | Colebridge H | 8 th |
| Div 4 | Colebridge I | 6 th |

Notable Individual Performances

| Division | Player | Record | Place |
|----------|-------------|--------|-----------------|
| Premier | Ben Willson | 43/48 | 1 st |

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| | Josh Bleakley | 39/45 | 2 nd |
|-------|---------------|-------|-----------------|
| | Ed Lynn | 36/45 | 3 rd |
| Div 2 | Frank Cotter | 34/42 | 3 rd |
| Div 3 | Chris Welsh | 36/45 | 2 nd |

Annual Awards Winners

| Premier Individuals | Ben Willson |
|---|-------------|
| AO Hill Trophy (Outstanding performance of | Ben Willson |
| the season) | |
| Jim Peakman Trophy (Coach of the year) | Ed Lynn |
| TTE's West Midlands Coach of the Year Award | Ed Lynn |

Notable Birmingham Closed Performances

| Men's Plate | Rizwan Akbar | Runner Up |
|--------------|---------------|-----------|
| Restricted A | Anthony Ellis | Runner Up |
| Restricted C | Rizwan Akbar | Winner |
| Restricted C | Alan Buttle | Runner Up |

Leamington & District Table Tennis Association

Team Performances:

| Division | Team | Place |
|----------|--------------|-----------------|
| Div 1 | Colebridge A | 3 rd |

Notable Individual Performances

| Division | Player | Record | Place |
|----------|-------------|--------|-----------------|
| Div 1 | Kate Hughes | 35/42 | 3 rd |

Notable Learnington Closed Performances

| Women's Singles | Kate Hughes | Winner |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Women's Doubles | Kate Hughes | Winner |
| Mixed Doubles | Kate Hughes | Winner |
| Veterans Men's Singles | Michael Rinnhofer | Runner Up |
| Grade 1 Singles | Kate Hughes | Runner Up |

BRDTTL (Bromsgrove and Redditch Table Tennis League)

Team Performances:

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| Division | Team | Place |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Div 2 | Colebridge | 2 nd |
| Field & Son Cup | Colebridge | Winners |

Notable Individual Performances

| Division | Player | Record | Place |
|----------|---------------|--------|-----------------|
| Div 2 | Awais | 52/54 | 1 st |
| | Muhammed | | |
| | Neil Wheatley | 40/48 | 3 rd |

WTTA (Warwickshire Table Tennis Association)

This year Warwickshire A finished 3rd in the Premier league, their highest placing for almost 50 years and Ian Ferguson became the first player to represent Warwickshire in the top division for all 4 age categories.

The following Colebridge players represented Warwickshire this year at the senior level.

- Ian Ferguson
- Kate Hughes
- Neetha Ramesh
- Ed Lynn
- Ben Willson

Notable Warwickshire Closed Performances

| Women's Singles | Kate Hughes | Winner |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Women's Doubles | Kate Hughes | Runner-Up |
| Women's Doubles | Neetha Ramesh | Runner-Up |
| Mixed Doubles | Kate Hughes | Runner-Up |
| Men's Restricted Singles | Anthony Ellis | Winner |

Social Events

Our two annual social events, the hard bat tournament and the Christmas Party were well received and well attended. The committee would like to thank Kate for organising these ever-popular events.

Financial Report

The club finances are healthy with income this year of £20,842 and expenditure of £14,673. Our current bank balance is around £22,000. This year's accounts do not include the current toilet and kitchen upgrades which will be a significant cost next year.

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Committee

The committee would like to find a few new volunteers to take on specific roles. Whilst I am presently acting as general secretary it is not my intention to keep performing this role alongside that of league and membership secretary. Mark Hadley will likely also wish to pass on all or some of his accounts responsibilities. Whilst a few members have offered to sit on the committee and we are grateful for these offers we really need volunteers willing to take on these roles. Should anyone be willing to help please let me or any other committee member know.