

## **ANNUAL REPORT: 2019-20**

The latter part of this season was sadly affected by the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic. It stopped table tennis at all levels; and despite a return to play at the end of July; table tennis will not be the same for a while.

I would like to thank some individual members for their hard work, in devoting many hours to our club on a voluntary basis. **Anthony Ellis** has fulfilled the role of the treasurer for three years, and this year is stepping down from that role.

**Ian Scott** who took over as the coaching officer and club leader, just over 18 months ago, and continues to develop the junior table tennis programme, as well as playing a large role in the proposed roof replacement. **Edward Lynn** who has supported with the coaching delivery has decided to focus his time on his new coaching and club ventures, and the committee would like to thank him for his hard work, and wish him well in the future.

**Michael Rinnhofer** has worked exceptionally hard over the last 18 months, organising and chairing committee meetings both in person and remotely. Additionally, Michael has fulfilled the utilities officer role with excellent efficiency, always being mindful of the clubs best interest.

**Ben Willson** continues to move Colebridge into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, in response to the Covid-19 crises, an online table booking, and coaching session booking mechanism has been added to the existing membership portal.

Finally, **Stephen 'Inky' Moss** is stepping down as Chairperson of the club. Inky has fulfilled this role for many years, and has been a member of Colebridge for over 30 years. Inky's love of table tennis has been shown throughout this period, many a night he has spent his time umpiring local matches, supporting Colebridge players through multiple league successes. Inky attends the social events at the club, the hard bat tournament as well as the Christmas social, but his dedication stretches further, having attended many NCL, NJL and other Youth events each season. Inky has supported the publicity of Colebridge and table tennis, through Birmingham Ping, where he would religiously ensure bats and balls for the outside tables were provided for members of the public throughout the city of Birmingham. Additionally to his club commitment, Inky is the Warwickshire County Umpiring Officer, where he not only supports County teams in all age categories, but also encourages new umpires to train and qualify as officials, sharing his passion of table tennis. Inky umpires at British League and National Tournaments, including the English Schools Individual Finals. Inky has such a generous spirit and a heart of gold, always on hand to 'lend an ear', supporting people both on and off the table; a true gentleman. The committee wish to thank Inky for his time, effort and dedication to Colebridge and table tennis over many years.

The committee are still welcoming new volunteers, a treasurer, and a general secretary are high on our priority list. Therefore, if you are interested, please contact one of the committee members accordingly.

### CLUB TEAMS AND RESULTS

The entries to British League changed this season, and Colebridge had two teams in the Women's British League event. This was in addition to three different local leagues.

#### Women's British League:

**Colebridge A** (Premier Division) P10 W7 D0 L3 Pts 14 **Position 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 Individual results: Mari Baldwin 13/16; Kate Hughes 8/14; Amy Marriott 10/16; Katie Holt 4/14.

**Colebridge B** (Division 2) P10 W0 D3 L7 Pts 3 **Position 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 Individual results: Lisa Rinnhofer 7/16; Sophie Rinnhofer 3/16; Olivia Fletcher 6/16; Dawn Sagoo 3/12.

Thank you to Michael Rinnhofer for being the non-playing captain for the Colebridge B team.

#### National Cadet League: Midlands

**Colebridge A** (Division 2) P6 W4 D0 L2. Pts 23 **Position 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 Individual results: Thom Bryant 23/34; Aakash Subramanian 15/25; Radu Hudita 12/25;  
 Faiz Bootwala 6/30.

**Colebridge B** (Division 4) P6 W1 D0 L5 Pts. 17 **Position 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 Individual results: Yahya Nawis 11/23; Ashlee Badger 8/31; Musa Hassanjee 6/28;  
 Ben Lee 4/24; Jay Starling 2/8.

### LOCAL LEAGUE & CUP RESULTS

#### Birmingham, Solihull and District League:

Summer 2019 Divisions	TEAM	PLACE	INDIVIDUAL
Division 1	Colebridge A	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nathaniel Saunders: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan Stochlinski: 6 <sup>th</sup>
Division 2	Colebridge B	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Omar Zaman: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Frank Cotter: 5 <sup>th</sup> Chris Welsh: 10 <sup>th</sup>

Winter 2019-20 Divisions	TEAM	PLACE	INDIVIDUAL
Premier	Colebridge Aces Colebridge Braves	1 <sup>st</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Lenormand: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edward Lynn: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hawley Ellicott: 5 <sup>th</sup>
Division 1	Colebridge Chiefs Colebridge Dinosaurs	4 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup>	Nathaniel Saunders: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mark Georgevic: 8 <sup>th</sup>
Division 2	Colebridge Giants Colebridge Falcons Colebridge Hawks	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Stochlinski: 1 <sup>st</sup> Jake Crawshaw: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sophie Rinnhofer: 4 <sup>th</sup> Frank Cotter: 7 <sup>th</sup> Adam Stochlinski: 8 <sup>th</sup>
Division 4	Colebridge Indians	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Bartlett: 4 <sup>th</sup> Alan Buttle: 9 <sup>th</sup>

**Leamington and District League:**

Winter 2019-12 Divisions	TEAM	PLACE	INDIVIDUAL
Division 1	Colebridge Aces	1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Lenormand: 1 <sup>st</sup> (100%)
Division 2	Colebridge Braves	6 <sup>th</sup>	

**Stratford and District League:**

Winter 2019 Divisions	TEAM	PLACE	INDIVIDUAL
Division 1	Colebridge Pasties Colebridge Bulldogs	4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup>	

Congratulations to Dean Hicks' side Colebridge Bulldogs who are in the final of the SONA Cup (the prestigious Handicap Cup) and due to play Stratford A. We wish them all the best in the final match.

## JUNIOR PERFORMANCES

We are privileged to have so many young people representing our Club, both locally and nationally, however, Ian has picked those who he feels deserves a special mention across all levels of experience.

**Sophie Rinnhofer**; current England Junior ranking no. 26, represented Warwickshire in the Junior County team losing only 1 match this season. She also qualified for the under 16 girls' individual school finals, having won the Warwickshire schools event. Sophie played Junior British League for Wensum and Women's British league for Colebridge. She is making the transition to U18 and adult level competition very well, having also reached the semi-finals of the Warwickshire closed women's singles.

**Nathaniel Saunders**; current England Cadet ranked no. 21, continues to produce some good results. Nathaniel played Junior British League and really improved his level over the season with the team winning the league and winning all their matches bar one draw. Nathaniel won the Birmingham School's Individual Championships for under U16's and played for Warwickshire County Cadets and Juniors (the latter who finished second overall). He continues to participate in the England Hopes training camps and won the Warwickshire Closed Cadet and Junior singles titles.

**Thom Bryant** led the new National Cadet League team (Colebridge A) to a very creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Division 2 in their first season. His win average of 68% really set the tone for his teammates and gave them all a great deal of confidence that they could compete. Thom reached the semi-finals of the Under 13 boys Birmingham Schools event.

**Ashlee Badger** played all season in the National Cadet League (U15) for Colebridge B as one of the few girls in the competition and aged only 9. A win average of 26% was brilliant along with her calmness and focus in every match.

**Adam Stochlinski** made his debut in Junior British League (with Birmingham Academy) and while it has been a tough year balancing his studies he continues to train really well and has also managed to play regularly for Colebridge Giants helping them win Division 2 in local league and gain another promotion for next season, finishing 8<sup>th</sup> in the individual averages when the Birmingham leagues were suspended due to Covid-19.

**Alex Setchell**; current U13 Boys England ranking 83, continued his improvement by reaching the semi-finals of the Warwickshire Schools U13 Individual Championships and with a runner-up medal in Division One at National Cadet League (with Birmingham Academy). Alex is a committed cadet member at Colebridge, who for the last three years has supported the club through helping at the clean-up day.

## SENIOR PERFORMANCES

The most outstanding senior performance has come from **Paul Lenormand**, at both local and National level. He won 53 matches in Leamington Division 1; which at the point of lockdown was 100%. In the Birmingham Premier Division he had won 41/45. This season he added the Warwickshire Men's Singles title for a second year running (without losing a set), along with the Men's doubles (with Ben Willson), and runner-up in the mixed doubles (with Kate Hughes). Paul represented the Warwickshire Senior 1<sup>st</sup> team, and won 13/14 matches, losing his only match of the weekend to Jared Patel in the 5<sup>th</sup> set. In Senior British League, Division A2, Paul represented Milton Keynes, winning 19/26 matches, and along the way having some excellent wins against Garth Kinlocke, Tom Maynard and Christophe Zickert.

**Lisa Rinnhofer** has continued her transition into Senior table tennis, also making her debut for the Senior County 1<sup>st</sup> team, and had a very successful weekend winning 9/14 matches, including a win against Karen Smith. Lisa qualified for the TTE Mark Bates Senior National Championships where she reached the last 16 of the Women's Singles, losing to semi-finalist Emily Bolton 1-4. Lisa represented Colebridge in the Women's British League, in addition to Liverpool University in the BUCS Championships. At a local level, Lisa, alongside Kate Hughes won the women's doubles at the Warwickshire Championships, and reached the semi-finals of the singles, and mixed doubles. Lisa's National ranking has continued to improve this season, and is just outside of the top 30.

**Hawley Ellicott** continues to improve as a senior player. He represented the Worcestershire Senior County team, contributing to the team finishing in second place behind the Warwickshire 2<sup>nd</sup> team in Division 2B. Hawley represented JLM Academy (Evesham) in Senior British League National C6 Division, where the team was undefeated, prior to lockdown. Hawley won 11/12 matches during the season. At a local level, Hawley has remained a regular and committed player in the Colebridge Aces team in the Birmingham Premier Division, in addition to playing matches in the Leamington league. Hawley was runner-up in the Worcestershire County Closed, men's singles, losing to Jason Thompson.

Despite being injured at times during the season, **Kate Hughes** has continued to remain in the Top 20 Senior Women rankings, however opted to decline her invitation to the Senior National Championships. She represented the newly formed Colebridge A team in WBL, where the team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, captaining the team and playing alongside Mari Baldwin, Amy Marriott and Katie Holt. At a local level, Kate retained her Warwickshire doubles title, and was runner-up in the singles and mixed doubles titles. Kate supported Paul and Ben with the successful Leamington Division 1 title. Kate has continued to remain heavily involved in the English Schools Table Tennis, and was due to attend the Senior Schools Internationals Championships in Wales, as well as the World Schools Championships in China, both of which were cancelled due to Covid-19.

**Ian Ferguson**, who has also struggled with injuries this season represented the British Police in the European Championships in September 2019 in Slovakia, an honour which he thoroughly enjoyed for the first time, due to changes in the selection policy allowing him to play. The team gained promotion to Group C for the 2023 Championships due to be held in the Czech Republic.

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**Ben Willson** had another steady season, making his debut in the Senior County 1<sup>st</sup> team, along with representing the veteran 1<sup>st</sup> team. Ben has also contributed to the success of both the Colebridge Aces team in winning the Leamington Division 1 and Birmingham Premier Division titles once again. In the county championships, Ben won the men's doubles, alongside Paul Lenormand, in addition to finishing runner up in the veteran men's doubles, alongside Mark Jackson, and lost in the semi-final of the singles. Ben continued to represent Draycott TTC in Senior British League, winning 16/20 matches, and contributing to the team finishing in second place, with one weekend left prior to lockdown.

**Jan Stochlinski**, has had another successful season in the Birmingham league, captaining the side to a top of the table position in Division 2 (prior to the lockdown), having gained promotion from the season before, and leading the individual averages with 42/45 wins.

### **LEAGUE AND COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

With all this talent, it is not surprising that many of our members were chosen to represent their Leagues and Counties and featured prominently in local and regional tournaments.

#### **Warwickshire County representatives:**

Kate Hughes, Lisa Rinnhofer, Paul Lenormand & Ben Willson (Senior)  
Ben Willson, Michael Browne, Michael Rinnhofer, Anthony Ellis & Rajinder Singh (Veteran)  
Michael Browne (Over 60s)  
Sophie Rinnhofer (Junior)  
Nathaniel Saunders (Cadet & Junior)

#### **Warwickshire Closed Championships: Junior**

Nathaniel Saunders: under 15 boys singles winner  
Nathaniel Saunders: under 18 boys singles winner

#### **Warwickshire Closed Championships: Senior**

Paul Lenormand: men's singles winner  
Paul Lenormand & Ben Willson: men's doubles winner  
Kate Hughes: women's singles runner-up  
Kate Hughes & Lisa Rinnhofer: women's doubles winners  
Michael Browne (& Lu Ying): mixed doubles winners  
Kate Hughes & Paul Lenormand: mixed doubles runner-up

#### **Warwickshire Closed Championships: Veteran**

Ben Willson (& Mark Jackson): over 40s men's doubles runner-up.  
Michael Browne: over 50s men's singles winner  
Michael Browne: over 60s men's singles runner up

#### **Veteran Midland League:**

Division 1: Michael Browne, Rajinder Singh & Ben Willson  
Division 2: Anthony Ellis & Michael Rinnhofer  
Division 3 Michael Credland, Mike Evetts, Dean Hicks & Mukesh Parmar

**Worcestershire County representatives:**

Hawley Ellicott

**Worcestershire Closed Championships:**

Hawley Ellicott: men's singles runner up.

**COLEBRIDGE 2019 AGM AWARDS**

The following were the awards presented at the AGM in 2019.

**Player of the Year:** Edward Lynn**Member of the Year:** Rod Lewis**Young Player of the Year:** Nathaniel Saunders**Young Member of the Year:** Sophie Rinnhofer**Veteran Member of the Year:** Mike Bowen**MEMBERSHIP**

On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020, our membership numbers are similar to last year, having a total of 135 members compared to 133 in 2018/19. We hope that despite not being able to play during the recent months the membership for next season will remain at a steady number. Our youngest member is 9, our oldest member is 89 and the average age of a member is 49. Our current membership is made up of the following:

<b>AGE</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>Total</b>
<11	1	0	1
11-20	26	5	31
21-30	5	1	6
31-40	6	1	7
41-50	17	0	17
51-60	16	2	18
61-70	21	4	25
71-80	18	2	20
81-90	10	0	10
Total	120	15	135

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The club remains in a steady financial position, with some efficient management of the utilities and insurance. However, with the proposals for a new roof to replace the ongoing issues, the club are looking at ways to raise additional funds to support this cost. The current bank account balance is approximately £27,000.



### **SITE & DRIVE**

As always, the condition of our site remains a major concern. Thank you to all the members who gave up their time on the Clean-up day on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019, to help clear the site at the side of the club. Regular attention to the driveway potholes by Roy Prosser and others has prevented the drive turning into an assault course.

The committee are working exceptionally hard in relation to plans and proposals to deal with the ongoing roof issues. This is a time consuming and complicated task, but one which the committee are treating as essential work. Members will be updated once we know more.

### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

The Christmas Social Tournament Party took place once again, in December 2019. Our thanks goes to the members who kindly provided food and raffle prizes, and Kate Hughes for her organisation of the event. It was supported by over 40 members, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and raised £80 for the club. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, the hard bat competition has not been able to take place for 2020.

### **DEVELOPMENT**

Inky Moss and Alan Buttle continue to umpire at many events, at both local and national level across the country, including British League and the County Championships. They give up many hours to support the officiating at such events, enabling players to focus on their matches, as opposed to umpiring.

Colebridge has a thriving number of veteran members and among our most popular events are the Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning 'Golden Oldies' sessions, overseen by the one and only Frank Wilkins. Regular supporters of this event, members Rod Lewis, Inky Moss, Alan Buttle and Neil Wheatley, were also responsible for setting up a similar session on Monday mornings at Solihull's Tudor Grange Leisure Centre. Known as 'Bat & Chat', the session quickly became the Centre's most popular regular event and soon led to a second session being held every Wednesday. Subsequently, the Everyone Active organisation, which runs the Centre, has used it as a model for other Centres that they run and expressed their gratitude by allowing Colebridge members to use one of the function rooms at Tudor Grange for informal practice sessions.

In September 2019, Kate Hughes, secured the Sport England Club Mark accreditation for Colebridge, demonstrating the high standards and good practice within the club. This accreditation will be valid for two years. More recently, Kate has applied to Table Tennis England for a BeTT grant to aid the delivery of the TT Kidz programme at some point next season. The club are waiting to see the outcome of her application.



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So as another season comes to an end, it is certainly one that all members will remember for the four month lockdown where no table tennis could be played! Stage 2 of return to play has begun on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July, however, in relation to local league matches, and competitive play, it is going to be a wait and see situation. I would like to say a big thank you for your continued support of the club during the unprecedented times, and wish you every success for the forthcoming season in whatever form it may entail.

August 2020.