



# ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2012

To: ESTTA County Secretaries & Officials, School Games Organisers/Development Managers -  
ETTA Regional Development Managers, Schools -  
and to all who have an interest in the development of School Based Table Tennis

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### Welcome

On behalf of ESTTA, welcome to the 2012/13 School Year and Table Tennis Season. Following immediately after the inspirational Olympics, this season promises to be one of increased interest in school sport. We have a responsibility to keep the Olympic flame alight – we are the torch bearers – it is our moment to shine – can we change inspiration into participation?

### ESTTA Yearbook 2012/13

We hope you find the Yearbook interesting and informative. The style and quality of this publication would not be possible without major support from **Butterfly** and additional input from **Sport England** under a Sportsmatch agreement.

The Yearbook consists of three main sections:

- **Contact details** of Officials/County Secretaries and a **Calendar** of events for 2012/13.
- Results of events held in the 2011/12 season – Team, Individual and Internationals.
- Records of Champions throughout the Association's history.

Also included – Website Information, Selection Policy, Disability Table Tennis, The English Table Tennis Association Contacts, the Photo Gallery and 'Organising a League' Q & A.

The Team & Individual Championship Regulations, together with the General Constitution, are not included in the Yearbook but can be found in the 'About ESTTA' section of the ESTTA website.



## Here & There

- Please note (as shown in the Yearbook) the **new address for Gail Johns** (ESTTA Individual Competition Organiser): 1 Brookside, Weaverham, Northwich, CW8 3HR. Telephone 01606 225644 (h). Email and mobile as before.
- **Vacancy – Wiltshire.** We are looking to appoint a County Schools' Secretary/Correspondent so that schools can be given the opportunity to take part in ESTTA Championships.
- **Vacancy – ESTTA Press & Publicity Officer.** Mat Morris has now taken up a full time appointment with the ETTA and has therefore relinquished his post as ESTTA Press Officer. We are looking for a person with enthusiasm to take up this position for which an honorarium is payable together with travel/communication expenses. Please contact John Blackband (ESTTA Chairman) on 01922 627081 for further details.

## Press Cutting Competition

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Press Cutting Competition:

- Team – Taverham Hall Preparatory School, Norwich.
- Individual – Yelvertoft Primary School, Northampton.
- County Festival – Dorset School Games

Each will receive prizes kindly donated by Butterfly. Consolation prizes have been awarded to the next best 'Top 10' entries.

Publicity is good for your school, your County, ESTTA and our sponsor – Butterfly. Why not enter the competition in 2013. We look forward to receiving your entries from the local press, school website or newsletter, ETTA website ... or other media outlets.

## Sainsbury's 2013 School Games – National Finals

The Sainsbury's School Games Finals will be stage in Sheffield from 5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Table tennis has been invited to apply for a place in the Games together with the 11 other sports who were privileged to take part in the Sainsbury's 2012 School Games held in the iconic Olympic/Paralympic venues in London.

The Games will retain its key principles – a developmental and educational approach to the overall competition experience, Opening and Closing Ceremonies, an athletes' village and elite athlete mentors working with the teams. It is intended to repeat the international dimension for some sports which proved successful in 2012.

Teams will remain for the most talented young people but it is intended to introduce a 'talent inspiration programme' forming a direct link between Levels 3 and 4 of the School Games. This will enable talented athletes from the counties (Level 3) to take part in a unique experience, designed to challenge them to understand their talent. Watch this space!

## Butterfly Schools' Individual Finals – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Do these names ring a bell?

Paul Trott (Berkshire); Anita Stevenson (Leicestershire); Steven Souter (Yorkshire);  
Sandra Sutton (Essex Met.); Adam Proffitt (Hertfordshire); Angela Tierney (Yorkshire);  
Richard Bergemann (Hampshire); Alison Gordon (Berkshire).

Well, probably not! They were winners of the **FIRST ESTTA INDIVIDUAL FINALS** held on **26<sup>th</sup> May 1974** at Northwood Sports' Centre, Stoke on Trent. This year's event will be the **40<sup>th</sup> Individual Championships** – the team event is a little older! ESTTA would like to invite the above 1974 Champions, other medallists and players who took part in the first event as guests at the 2013 Finals to be held in Doncaster. If you know any of these players, please pass on this message. We look forward to seeing them and you at this year's Butterfly Individual Championship Finals.

## **Government Plans**

It will not have escaped your notice that the present and possible future plans of the Government relate to young people playing sport more regularly in schools. Over the last few years ESTTA, with grant aid from Butterfly and Sportsmatch, has produced resources to help schools. These resources can be found on the ESTTA website in the 'Development' section.

- You want to provide a more meaningful table tennis experience in PE lessons which will involve more people when you have limited facilities. See the **Butterfly 'More Schools' Project** resources and download:
  - Making the best use of space & equipment
  - Setting up a circuit without table tennis tables
  - Setting up a circuit incorporating table tennis tables
  - Individual KO competition templates
  - Certificates for you to download and print
  
- You want to start an intra-school league (house matches in your school) or encourage other schools to join in a schools' league. See the **Butterfly Schools' League Project** resources and download:
  - Simple rules
  - Match templates for 2, 3 and 4-a-side formats
  - A handbook of ideas for League Organisers
  - Order of play charts
  - Questions and answers about leagues ...  
... and if you do not have the time to organise a league – organise a knockout!

There will be something to meet your requirements for the number of teams and tables you have and the time available. Check it out – if you cannot find what you want – please ask!

## **Payment of Competition Fees**

In recent years ESTTA has shown discretion by accepting late payment of fees in order not to penalise players. Unfortunately, this privilege has been abused!

This year, the 2012/13 entry fees for schools representing their county in the ESTTA Zone Finals or National Individual Finals **must** accompany the entry form (unless previously sent with form T1 or S1).

The ESTTA Chairman and Executive have agreed that it will not be acceptable for late payments to be made by composite bodies (e.g. LEAs, Sports Federations).

The ESTTA Championship Organisers are always prepared to give a few days extension to counties who, for good reasons, arrange their qualifying events close to cut off dates – but they need to be consulted and agree to any extension or deadlines.

## **A Message to School Games Organisers**

Thank you to all those Counties which included table tennis within their Festivals in 2011/12. We have heard excellent reports. We need to interest schools who took part now to join in the County Team Finals, organised by the ESTTA County Secretaries. These events are normally held in November (but may be in October or very early December).

The best way to move forward is for SGOs and County Schools' Secretaries to be in regular contact in order to support each others programmes. We hope you have a successful year and look forward to seeing you on the table tennis stand at the YST School Games Conference in Kettering in October.

**Dates for your diary** (but please see full Calendar on Page 14 of the Yearbook which includes International Championships and other relevant dates)

### **2013 Team Championships**

- October/December 2012 – County Team Championships organised by ESTTA County Secretaries
- 8<sup>th</sup> December 2012 – Final date for receipt of entries and fees from schools/colleges following the above events
- 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> January 2013 – Zone Finals
- 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> February 2013 – Regional Finals
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2013 – Butterfly Team Championship Finals (Hinckley)

### **2013 Individual Championships**

- January/February 2013 (or earlier) – County Individual Championships organised by ESTTA County Secretaries
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013 – Final date for receipt of entries and fees from players following the above events
- 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013 – Butterfly Individual Championship Finals (Doncaster)

**Finally** – please let us know if:

- You no longer wish to remain on the ESTTA mailing list
- Your contact details are inaccurate (**particularly if you are a new SGO**)
- You know of any schools actively involved in table tennis who regularly play in County school events and might wish to be added to the ESTTA database, please send their full contact details to the e-mail address below.

**Keep in touch [www.estta.org.uk](http://www.estta.org.uk)**

