



# ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER – 2016

### Roll of Honour – 2015/16

#### Butterfly National School Team Champions

- Under 19 Boys London Academy, Edgware (London North)
- Under 19 Girls The Harefield Academy, Uxbridge (London West)
- Under 16 Boys St. Mary's College, Kingston upon Hull (Humber)
- Under 16 Girls Lancaster Girls' Grammar School (Lancashire)
- Under 13 Boys Tanbridge House School, Horsham (West Sussex)
- Under 13 Girls South Hunsley School & Sixth Form College, North Ferriby (Humber)
- Under 11 Boys The Park School, Bournemouth (Dorset)
- Under 11 Girls Great Wood Primary School, Morecambe (Lancashire)

#### Butterfly National Individual Champions

- Under 19s James Smith (London South) & Zahna Hall (London West)
- Under 16s Alex Ramsden (Northamptonshire) & Gauri Duhan (Humber)
- Under 13s Louis Moyes (Norfolk) & Amelia Chan (London North)
- Under 11s Naphong Boonyaprapa (Nottinghamshire) & Sophie Chiang (London East)

The Association and their sponsors Butterfly, congratulate the above teams and individuals and thank all those who have contributed in any way to their success.

Photographs for viewing and purchase, taken by the ESTTA Official Photographer, can be found on <http://www.photoboxgallery.com/tedcottrell> in two sections - ESTTA Hinckley 2016 and ESTTA Aldersley 2016. To access, click on 'View Collection' and enter the password 'whiffwhaff'. Ted Cottrell can be contacted on [tedcottrell@me.com](mailto:tedcottrell@me.com).

*Congratulations also to ESTTA representatives at the ...*

#### Primary Schools' International - Guernsey - 1st/3rd April 2016

- England Boys' Team - Bronze medallists
- England Girls' Team - Silver medallists
- Boys' Individual - Naphong Boonyaprapa (Gold Medallist)
- Girls' Individual - Sophie Chiang (Bronze Medallist)

#### International School Sport Federation (ISF) World Schools' Championships Eilat, Israel - 2nd/8th April 2016

- Boys' School Team Championships - London Academy (14th)
- Girls' School Team Championships - Grantham College (12th)
- Boys' Nationally Selected Team Championships (5th)
- Girls' Nationally Selected Team Championships (6th)

The England Delegation won the 'Fair Play Award' and Omar Khassal (London Academy) was selected as an ISF Young Ambassador.

Detailed reports with photographs on all the above competitions can be found on the Table Tennis England website ([www.tabletennisengland.co.uk](http://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk) - News section). Additional information is posted on the ESTTA website ([www.estta.org.uk](http://www.estta.org.uk)).

### **Press Cutting Competition**

This annual competition is open to all schools, partnerships, counties and individuals. Send in your press reports, web articles and newsletters to the ESTTA Chairman, John Blackband, highlighting your involvement in table tennis during the 2015/16 season to win valuable prizes donated by Butterfly. These will be awarded for both team and individual championship reports.

### **Calendar - Important Dates for your Diary 2016**

- 11th June 2016 - Jack Petchey Individual Championship Finals (Essex County & London Counties) - Brunel University Sports' Hall.
- 24th/26th June 2016 - Home Countries Schools' International - Under 14/16/18 - boys/girls. Teams to be posted on the ESTTA website.
- 1st/4th September 2016 - School Games National Finals - Regional Teams - boys/girls/mixed disability - Loughborough University.
- October/November 2016 - The ESTTA County Team Qualifying Competitions (will County Secretaries please arrange a date for their event and inform all schools and School Games Organisers in their county as soon as possible).

### **We need to hear from you!**

The ESTTA programme of School Team, Individual and International events has developed over many years. These events have changed in time, particularly in terms of the ever increasing number of entries, but hopefully have also continued to improve in quality. However, we need to hear from you. What do you think?

- School Team Championships - Under 19 Girls' event. In recent years, the level of entry has fallen so much that teams are receiving a bye to the National Final. Should we move to an Under 19 Girls' event for teams of 2-a-side or 3-a-side? This will be discussed at the forthcoming Executive Meeting and AGM with the intention of organising a trial for one year only. What do you think? How would you attract more Under 19 girls into this competition? Do you have any other suggestions to improve the School Team event from County through Zone and Regional competitions to the National Final?
- ESTTA has opened discussions with Table Tennis England about the possibility of awarding ranking points at the National School Team and National Individual Championship Finals. Would this enhance or detract from the ESTTA events? Again, please let us know your thoughts.
- Selection for International squads - Primary, Senior and World School events. Are schools/counties aware of the Selection Criteria which are posted on the ESTTA website? Are there any changes you would wish us to investigate?

We look forward to receiving well thought through positive suggestions - the ball is in your court!

### **Catalogue**

If you have received this Newsletter through the post you will also have received a catalogue from Tees Sport which includes the full range of equipment available from Butterfly - the official equipment supplier to ESTTA. They are always pleased to discuss your requirements.

**And finally** – please let us know if:

- You no longer wish to remain on the ESTTA mailing list or your contact details are inaccurate.
- You know of any school actively involved in table tennis who might wish to be added to the ESTTA database, please send their full contact details by e-mail to the address below.

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