

Proud Night For New Milton Table Tennis Club

Once again, the New Milton Table Tennis Club did themselves proud at the Annual Presentation Evening of the Bournemouth and District Table Tennis Association which was held at the Carrington House Hotel.

The E team, proudly represented by their entire squad of Gerard Redman, Peter Eke, Dave Sutton, Lewis Reading and James Lewis (captain), picked up their Div 3 winners trophies. This was the second year running that a New Milton side has won this division.

Gerard Redman then had to return to the front to collect his Div 3 Individual trophy to trump pal James Lewis' card of winning the Div 5 Individual trophy last year.

That wasn't the end of the evening for Redman as he later joined club mates James Lewis, Dave Sutton, Shaun Newcomb, Brian Vibert and other BDTTA coaches to be presented with their Coaching Certificates.

This was after Newcomb and Vibert had proudly collected their Mens Doubles winners trophies having lost in the semi-finals last year.

New Milton "A" team captain Alan Gordon, who unfortunately couldn't attend on the night, also distinguished himself by gaining his Coaching Certificate and captaining the Vets 2 team to victory in the Inter-Town competition. Club Treasurer/Press Officer Malcolm Floyd collected the Vets 2 winner's trophy on Alan's behalf.

That was not the end of the accolades for New Milton as there were still the "discretionary" trophies to come. A great cheer went up as James Lewis was jointly awarded the prestigious Michael Wettstein Cup (for outstanding service in administration) along with North Bournemouth's Allan Elcock. BDTTA committee member Elcock was honoured for all of his efforts in securing the funding for coaching and BDTTA Coaching Officer Lewis for arranging and running the coaching courses.

A BDTTA newsletter ("Table Tennis Review") was issued at the Presentation Evening in which Lewis and Elcock received high praise from both Chairman Dave Turner and General Secretary Gordon White for their hard work in moving Junior Coaching forward. The Chairman also thanked Andy Hartnell (Bournemouth Sports) and Malcolm Floyd (New Milton) for all of their efforts in producing the newsletter, the first since the demise of the old "21-Up" magazine. Floyd also got another mention for winning the highly prestigious ETTA Press Officer of the Year Award (2009) back in October.

Flying the flag for the club's youngsters, but not present on the night, was 9-year-old Matthew Daish who helped his Bournemouth Cadets side to victory in their Inter-Town competition. Matthew also came runner-up in the BDTTA Cadet Invitation Tournament on 16th May, having got the better of older brother Peter in the group stage.

In addition to those attendees already mentioned, the Club's seventeen members and guests also included club chairman Bob Fagan and his wife Sandy, club secretary Bev Scott-Johns, C team captain Terry Jenvey and wife Sue, F team captain Les Smith, Brian Theaker (F team) and wife Anne and Sam Watkins (G team). All were pleased to bask in the glory of the club's many achievements and look forward to the new season.