

## Sam Shines At Table Tennis

### **New Milton Table Tennis Club signed off the first round of the Bournemouth and District League matches in style with four wins, two draws and just the one defeat last week**

Sam Watkins helped his G side to a 6-4 home victory over Shamrock C in Div 5 with his first ever wins in the league since joining the Club in September. Shamrock turned up a player short and Watkins added to the three game advantage by beating both players present. The doubles were needed for the victory and Watkins combined well with teenager Josh Harris to take them in three straight ends. Fourteen-year-old Rhys Jessop, making only his second appearance in the league, played enthusiastically and just has to improve his consistency and there will be no holding him back.

The H team also picked up a 6-4 win in Div 5 in their home match against Merton J. Fern Daish bagged her second brace in a row and Danny Williams also came up with a couple of wins. Fern's nine-year-old brother Matthew played his socks off to chip in with one win in his second league appearance. Like their club mates they needed the draw to win and Williams and young Matthew did the business over four ends.

In Div 4, the F team of John Parkhouse, Angela Farmer and Ian Linney beat basement boys Winton YMCA C 8-2 in their own back yard. Milton got off to an inauspicious start by losing the first two singles but then won the next eight including the doubles. Linney was in excellent form to register his first hat-trick of the campaign and Farmer just missed out on hers by losing 8-11 in the fifth end against YMCA's Alan Henwood.

Div 3 saw the still unbeaten E team of James Lewis, Peter Eke and Gerard Redman held to a 5-5 draw by Merton E at their place. Captain Lewis led from the front with his fifth hat-trick of the campaign and Redman won two. The doubles would have landed victory and the extra point but it was not to be as Lewis and Redman lost over four ends. Still on second place, they slipped further behind leaders Nimrod B who beat Dorset Police 6-4.

Also in Div 3, the D team of Alex Everett-Bolter, Bill Page and Clive Pitts racked up their third 7-3 victory of the campaign, this week at home to Winton YMCA A. Pitts put in a storming display to record his second hat-trick in only two starts and teenager Everett-Bolter only missed out on his own treble by going down 9-11 in the fifth end against YMCA's Rob Beavis. Page added one to the tally and joined with Pitts to take the doubles in three straight ends.

Div 2 saw the Club's draw specialists the C team pick up their fourth 5-all in eight matches, this week away against the struggling Broadstone C. Captain Terry Jenvey had to fight really hard for his single victory over Stone's Jim Hoare, having lost the first two ends. Roy Hobbs and James Lewis who was playing up from Div 3 bagged a brace apiece, with the ever-improving Lewis staking his claim to a place in Div 2 next season. The doubles were needed for a win, but Jenvey and Hobbs were put to the sword in three straight ends.

In Div 1, the B team of Shaun Newcomb, Bob Fagan and Dave Sutton were on the receiving end of a 1-9 thumping away against Bransgore A. The team were missing captain Malcolm Floyd, but his teammates would rightly argue that his absence made no difference, or it could have been even worse at 0-10! As it happened, Newcomb and Fagan avoided the dreaded whitewash by taking the doubles in three straight ends.

The A team had a bye in the Premier but remain second from bottom because basement boys Kinson A couldn't take advantage and lost 2-8 against Bournemouth Sports D.

**Club members rounded off a busy week by joining in with 400-plus other noisy protesters at the threatened Mundeford Wood Community Centre on Sunday. The Club plays its league matches there on Mondays and Wednesdays and would be hard-pressed to find suitable alternative accommodation should it close. Anyone wishing to support the centre should complete the questionnaire which is to be found on [www.dorsetforyou.com/media/pdf/7/n/MWCC\\_V5-Final.pdf](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/media/pdf/7/n/MWCC_V5-Final.pdf) or at Mundeford Wood Community Centre, Christchurch Civic Offices, Two Riversmeet Leisure Centre or Christchurch Library. Also, Petition Forms can be obtained from Club Secretary Bev Scott-Johns on 01425 619552 or from Fagan's Menswear in New Milton.**