

FireSportUK Table Tennis Annual Report 2023

For 2023 the Table Tennis section had 2 competitions organised nationally. The yearly nationals to be held in St Neots, Cambridgeshire in May and the home leg of the internationals UK verses Germany to be held in Shrewsbury in October.

2023 National Competition St Neots

The national competition was held weekend 13th/14th May at St Neots TT Club hosted by Bob Adamson. The competition was attended by approx. 16 players from across various brigades, comprising of both current and retired members.

The competition was a resounding success to the point that the 2024 nationals will once again be held in St Neots.

The total cost for the venue and the catering was £400. A further £50 was spent by Bob Adamson on accessories and small thank you gifts for the owners of St Neots TT Club. This £50 was his own money that hasn't been claimed.

An entry fee was also charged to each player of £10.

I believe Chris Beckley has sent his report in with his finances already and apparently he has listed all the prize money that he gave out.

2023 International competition UK v Germany

The 2023 International comp was held in Shrewsbury in late October and was hosted by Gary Thompson. A lot of work, effort and money went into organising the successful weekend. The competition comprised of 2 full days of table tennis at Shrewsbury's Sports Village. The Competition was full of mostly fun but competitive table tennis and the top spots were taken by the German team. The awards ceremony and meal was held at a local restaurant all organised by Gary.

Each UK member had a competition entry fee of £60 due to high costs of putting on the event.

The breakdown of costs provided by Gary Thompson are below:

	Incoming	Outgoing
14 players x £60	£840.00	
Staffs F&R TT donation	£200.00	
Mr. Williams T-shirt sponsor	£279.60	
Venue Hire Paid by C.Beckley	£651.60	
Presentation Meal @Thai restaurant 37 People x £30	£1110.00	

TOTAL	£3081.20	
Buffet Lunch 2 days		£177.44
Morrison's Drinks/water/vending		£129.54
The Range plates/cups		£8.29
Printing Scorecards/team sheets		£18.51
Match balls		£22.47
Gifts (Presentation evening)		£67.17
Parking 2x nights		£20.00
Grey shirts		£181.41
Black Uk Shirts		£309.77
Embroidery		£200.00
Shrewsbury sport village hire 2 x days		£651.60
Thai restaurant deposit		£185.00
Thai Meal		£1110.00
Thai restaurant surcharge		£418.20
TOTAL	£3081.20	£3499.40
		-£418.20

Note :-

Gary Thompson shared that the extra charge for the Thai Restaurant (£418.20), which worked out at approx. £11.30 per person, was to cover the booking of the whole restaurant and the owners not serving takeaways for the evening so to give us their full attention.

This was paid by Gary on the night as he didn't want to disrupt the evening by collecting money from individuals. Gary shared that he had previously asked Chris Beckley if there was any money available from the Grant allocation but was told there wasn't.

This is a report from Gary Thompson regarding the total spends to run the international tournament verses Germany. As you can see it's an expensive affair and in this case Gary was left out of pocket by £400 plus which is not acceptable or expected of the host of the competition.

Our aim for the new account is to build up funds from the grants and fund raising so this does not happen at future events.

Forecast for 2024

The national competition will be held once again in St Neots Cambridgeshire on June 8th 2024.

The new Secretary Gary Thompson has been working hard to contact more brigades to promote the competition so we can grow the section.

The approximate costs for the venue hire and catering is £500. On top of this as a section we have decided to opt for reusable trophies and medals for the winners rather than cash prizes. So there will be a costing to purchase these which is unknown at this moment.

The International competition will be held in Düsseldorf in late September. The usual port of call is the individual players cover the cost of the trip themselves. However there is a cost involved where presentation gifts are given to the hosts for accommodating us.

Section Update:

We have had an overhaul of the section with the appointment of a new Treasurer myself Tim Chan and Secretary Gary Thompson. Steve Chu remains as Section Chair. We have set up a new Club bank account to manage section funds and to ensure that all account spending is transparent and clear.

The remaining balance of £500.89 was transferred by Chris Beckley on 23/01/2024

Bank Account details:- NatWest
Account name:- FSUK Table Tennis
Account Number:- 31085601
Sort Code:- 01-03-69

Every year at the nationals we will hold an AGM meeting as expected and all matters and accounts will be shared and verified.

I hope this report will suffice and support our grant request for 2024.

Many thanks

Tim Chan
Section Treasurer