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UK CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Full results are available at <http://www.britfoos.com/results.php> (excluding the super melee). The top 2 in each event are listed below. Congratulations to the teams listed in bold, who have qualified to represent the UK at the ITSF World Championships in January. The runners-up in the singles events will also qualify if the BFA are allocated an extra wildcard for these events.

Open Singles

1. **Joe Hamilton**
2. Tom Burdett

Open Doubles

1. **Rob Atha & Joe Hamilton**
2. Tom Burdett & John Shovelton

Women's Singles

1. **Mayya Racy**
2. Jody Walding

Women's Doubles

1. **Mayya Racy & Jody Walding**
2. Hannah Ramlee & Cath Brown

Senior Singles

1. **Dave Ziemann**
2. Tich Degun

Senior Doubles

1. **Dave Ziemann & Tich Degun**
2. Les Jones & Stuart Cree

Junior Singles

1. **Richard Potts**



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Roberto-Sport WCS

Report by Chris Lyall

This was an excellent tournament and all round lots and lots of fun. I would actually say that I enjoyed this tournament as much as the Garlando Worlds...if not more so! Had a great time with everyone and it was so enjoyable. Here is my report, as I can remember it:

Thursday

Woke up at 4:00am, got dressed and got taken to Gloucester Bus Station. Caught an early morning bus to Luton airport where I met BV1 (Bundy Volume 1 (Joe Bundy)) and Jody Walding. We chilled for a bit in the airport and caught our flight without any problems. I slept for most of the flight 'cos I was knackered, though it was only a short trip. Arriving in Geneva we met up with John Worthington, Mike Amsden, Boris and Ann-Marie. 2 Hire Cars later and we're off on our right-side of the road trip to Lausanne to pick up Dave Morgan from his ridiculously impeccably timed business trip selling laser beams to mad scientists. He wore a white shirt and black trousers. He looked very professional, though baited me and Bundy into walking all the way up to the wrong entrance.

With all of us there we set off across some more of Switzerland. It was Boris and Ann-Marie leading the way with their euro sat-nav and JW (John Worthington) driving the rest of us in the 7 seater behind. The rolling hills of Switzerland passed us by, and the scenery was wonderfully picturesque. After a short while we all started to get hungry, so stopped for a bite to eat at a little town called Visp (I think it was?) in the German speaking area. We found a nice hotel restaurant to eat in and had a lovely meal before setting off once again.

By now it was quite late, but we were making good time in the car without any major hold-ups at all. Clearly Boris had massively baited Ann-Marie into coming along for the journey, she not liking travelling in tunnels or on cliff edges. Fortunately by the time the most perilous cliffs were reached it was almost pitch black, so we were spared seeing the inevitable fall of utter utter doom that would occur if we made a wrong turn. Fun times

About this hour the awful, awful radio music started to improve as well. A highlight was Missing by Everything But The Girl which we all sang along to (#Like the deserts miss the rain...#). After I commented favourably on Rihanna and Katy Perry it soon became clear that Dave Morgan and I had somewhat differing tastes in music. Fortunately no blows were struck

Arriving at the hotel we discovered it to be an absolute dive. Ah well, get what you pay for I suppose. Meeting Dave Evans was fun. He turned out to be a late-30s ginger-haired Geordie lady-charmer with an eye for a bit of fun. It was late by this time, but myself, Mike, Dave, John and BV1 were determined to have a night out in Bellinzona. What a disaster. We got so badly lost that we ended up walking through a carnival. To this day I will always hate carnivals. We did, however, find some nice buildings (mostly banks) and a sex shop.



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We retired to our respective bedrooms after finding the hotel again. John and Mike both had singles on the floor above myself, Dave, Jody and BV1 who were sharing a quadruple. After watching a bit of Swiss porn we drifted off to sleep fairly comfortably.

Friday

The pattern of irresponsibly late nights and too-early mornings began here as we all tried to get washed and dressed in one bathroom. We had to get to Giubiasco early to register for Rookie Doubles that day and Boris was eager to whip the troops into shape. The breakfast provided turned out to be strange, painted eggs, orange juice, and a croissant if you were lucky. The owners also seemed to have a perverse desire to include lots of disturbing pictures of whales getting harpooned and demonic dogs on the walls.

Getting to the venue was a doddle. I was impressed by the place. It wasn't as large as the Garlando Worlds venue, and didn't have as many tables (about 50 I think), but it functioned well enough and had a nice grassed area out the front. Though we were all careful to obey the NO PIC NIC signs on display. Of course we were.

The pattern of the days then started to take form. The mornings were taken up by the 6 or so qualification matches played, and the afternoons were for the knockouts. Those going out early in the knockouts or failing to qualify were permitted to enter a DYP later in the afternoon. I entered all three DYPs. After the qualifications usually lots of arsehole would be played sat in the covered car park out of the rain (a card game very similar to Muggins but with more constricted options). Arse jokes aplenty were made. Mostly by John Worthington. And mostly about Jody Dave and John both showcased that famous Oxford talent of being incredibly well-practiced in the most ridiculously useless games (Nob plonker bollocks anyone? Crazy chickens?) and tended to win. I wasn't bitter though: I was able to keep on munching on the olives, pistachios and random chocolate-shaped confectionery bought by Mike Amsden at the local shop. Oh, and there was alcohol too. No cider though, so I had to make do with my second favourite: Corona.

I drew my best DYP partner that Friday afternoon. A man named Piacente, though I forget his first. Our match was against Marcel Glaus and some random other defender also named Christopher. We did well, winning the first two games, but lost in the end. I hit a 7 on the frustrated scale after Piacente missed 4 shots to win it, but I guess I wasn't playing that well and Marcel was just too good. Little did I know that Marcel would later knock me and Joe out of OD as well. He's a nice guy though in all fairness.

Later that evening came the Nations Cup matches. The players were all shown a quite impressive ITSF video advertising the game. The new Disabled events seemed a bit interesting, but there wasn't much focus on the Amateur side.



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Walking up on stage to the national anthem was superb and I really enjoyed it. None of us really sang despite Ann-Marie heckling us to, but we did hold up a Union Jack and look mighty fine in our kits. We were also probably the tallest UK team yet fielded.

The draw came next, and what a piece of luck it was. Of the nine teams it was determined that Holland and Switzerland would play off to go through to the Quarters, whilst we had to play an under-strength French side first. It was the ideal draw: a lot of the French team were stuck in traffic. They had 4 men and 1 woman in total meaning that we automatically won 1 doubles game. Boris also sneakily listed Ann-Marie as our second woman meaning a sly Women's doubles win as well. This meant we only needed to win 2 of the 6 matches (3 Singles, 2 Doubles, 1 Women's Singles) in order to qualify, as if it came to 4-4 France would have to concede as they lacked enough players to play the decider.

The singles was first with Boris, Mike, Dave and Jody starting us off. Jody beat her opponent comfortably (standard) but Boris and Mike fell foul of French trickery and lost their games. Dave's match quickly turned into an epic, with him finally winning 11-9 from a 2-bar push kick into the opposing goal (I think?). The pressure off us for the doubles, Dave Evans and I enjoyed our match, though eventually lost out in another game going beyond 7-7. We had beaten France though, and that's all that mattered.

Our semi-final draw was against a strong Swiss side. We got trounced. Super-super Jody was the only one to win a game. The small consolation, however, lay in the fact that the Swiss doubles pair were absolutely grade and drew a noticeable crowd

We then faced Germany in the 3rd/4th place playoff, but it was decided that that match would be played on another day.

After chillin' with the stillin' with some more beer in the car park (what chavs we are) we headed back to the hotel. It was decided that we would go out again tonight, and everyone needed a chance to get ready.

Being a student I had shaved £10 off the costs of my trip by only taking hand luggage, and so had only packed 1 decent shirt which I had planned to wear at the players party the next day to attract the ladeez. Fortunately Dave managed to help me out of these dire straits by lending me a lovely white shirt of his. Phew.

So, after a little ado, we (Myself, JW, BV1, Dave, Mike, Jody) set off in search of fun.

Fun turned out to be hard to come by. After walking around for a while led by JW, stopping every so often to ask some locals in very slow and loud English, we finally found a delightful and very packed karaoke bar.



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Post-first round of very expensive pints we decided to go and see if we could show off our unique karaoke skillz to these foreigners who so far had seen fit to murder Sting's Fields of Gold, which aggravated me greatly. After settling on that classic of classics, Backstreet Boys' I Want It That Way, we then found out, to our utter disappointment that the queue for the mic was 19 songs long. So, instead we contented ourselves with taking photos of Mike Amsden in ridiculous facial poses. Pictures on facebook for anyone wanting to see btw. JW also had a go at teaching me how to dance ballroom style. However I turned out to be gash at that so it didn't last for long.

We left after it had all gone quite quiet (2-3 o'clock). It had been a good night, and we needed sleep to prepare for OS tomorrow.

Saturday

Fatigue was starting to settle in now. Phrases such as 'No, it's okay, you go in the shower first' became common and after we'd all trundled down for the very conservative breakfast and left the hotel, some eyelids were still a little droopy.

OS turned out to be a world of fisting for me, though actually started out quite well with a 7-5 win over a very creepy swiss player. I snaked (snook?) for the win though, which was especially nice as it was a pull. Things plummeted downhill from there though as I lost all 5 of my remaining qualification games. However, not all was lost, as it turned out that basically everyone went through. Shortly after, however, all was lost, as I lost to Dimitri Stikelin in my first SE round. I had it on my 3 loads but just couldn't put ANY past him, which was quite annoying. After the match Boris told me he only had 3 fingers on his right hand. Obv I didn't notice at the time because he was wearing a golf glove. Fairplay to him.

After some more arsehole out in the car park with the rest of the guys we all started to wonder where Dave Morgan had gotten to. Utilising my elite detective skillz I went in to find him. And would you believe it, he was in the middle of giving Roland Prisi a damned good seeing to! 2 games up, I stayed to watch to the end. Dave lost the 3rd set quite badly, but came back to win in the 4th! Bravo! After a pat on the back and some celebratory arsehole out in the car park we all chilled until Dave's next game.

The rest of us entered the DYP shortly after. I drew a funny old man named Stephan Peter. JW had played him before and said he was alright, so I was happy at first. As luck would have it, we then drew JW and partner in the first round. It turned out that my partner had the most asymmetric game ever: practically every pass was a lane and every shot was a push. After the opposing keeper cottoned onto this fairly quickly the match started to turn into an endurance test as I blocked fairly well, though JW scored a lush pull shot on me. We eventually scraped a win after 5 sets. Soz John. Shortly after my partner decided to buy me a drink. Error. I was rubbish in the next game and played embarrassingly badly. Afterwards my partner told John that I seemed sleepy. Grrrrr.



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Anyway, after all of those shennanigans ended and Dave's OS run was cut short by Bentivoglio, we went back to prepare for the players party (!!!!). I had mixed expectations about what this party of players might actually turn out to be. The dread was that it would just be a bit of a buffet and some cheesy music. How delightfully relieved we all were when, after walking for half an hour, we arrived at what appeared to be Bellinzona's rave central!

The place itself was small, and the drinks were extortionate (£4 for a Smirnoff Ice?!?!?) but the music was awesome. Lovely trance remixes and some classic dance thrown in. Me and JW were pulling shapes like men gone wild and soon we had everyone joining in (though Boris and Ann-Marie didn't attend). After it became clear that the British would be the only real hardcore partiers there due to the rest of the European foosing population largely consisting of overweight, rhythmless men or players taking the game too seriously to attend, we started to rock on hard. Dave Evans was in his absolute prime as No 1 foosing ladeez man (sorry Happs) twirling women around like he owned the place. He even managed to knock one particularly drunk blonde onto the floor 3 times just through the sheer, unstoppable force of his dancing.

Obv it was largely a sausagefest (def: a gathering with a far larger proportion of men than women), and the women were mostly foosers anyway, so I didn't really have any luck pulling. I can also blame that fact on:

- 1) Dave Morgan's awesome dancing. I didn't tell him at the time I don't think, but he's got some subtle skillz on that dancefloor. Obv watch him the next time you get him in a club and take a note.
- 2) The fact that they appeared to let 12 year olds into the place meaning you had no idea how old anyone in there actually was. Some of the women were small.

It was a cracking night though, and JW had possibly the sweatiest shirt ever on whilst walking home due to the sheer force unleashed upon the dancefloor by him in the 2 hours we were there. An inspiration to all true ravers.

Anyway, night over, Dave and I shared a surprisingly edible kebab and we all went back to the hotel. Before bed I was able to show off my awesome ability to quote the film 300 whilst watching it in Italian. A great success.

Sunday

Sunday was a fun day. Not in the morning though obviously. Getting up early isn't fun any day of the week, and after the string of nights we'd had it was never gonna be a barrel of laughs. The 3 out of 10 shower (I have a habit of assigning marks out of 10 to all showers I use) we were all sharing had also decided to continue its trend of growing progressively colder as the days wore on. Defo won't be returning to this hotel if I go to Bellinzona again.



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OD was the order of the day and the qualification matches actually went really well for everyone. Dave and John managed to take a photo of the monitor displaying them as the number one ranked team (now on facebook) after two wins in two games. Joe and I faired fairly well. I was playing upfront and we won the first game in good form. In my opinion we actually had an easier set of games than in our RD qualification series, and managed to win 3 in the end (only 1 by default).

The toughest game psychologically was against a team that we started out brilliantly against going 5-0 up. However, the opposing striker then cottoned on to the fact that I can't properly disguise my brush passes on Roberto-Sport and they scored 4 goals in quick succession without me seeing it on my 3 using a frustrating pass bouncing off the wall and into the lane that did me every time. After a nervous time out and some words with Joe we went back in. My memory of what happened next is vague, but I think that Joe and I switched at one point and we eventually won 7-6.

As mentioned earlier, we drew Marcel in the next round and I got fisted up and down the pitch, though Joe blocked him fairly well. We lost in straight sets to leave OD.

Our final nations cup game was later that day against Germany in the 3rd/4th place playoff. I played with Boris this time rather than Dave Evans. After a hilarious opener to our match, against Brauns and some other guy, with Boris cracking in a chipped 5 bar bank hack straight from kick-off we then lost 7-3. No amount of jiggling could save us from this one I'm afraid, though I think that I played better in this match than in the other cup ones.

The highlight, however, was Mike Amsden's singles match against Tim Ludwig. Somehow, through a long series of well executed pull snakes, Mike managed to put it exactly where they don't like it: up 'em. I think he won that one 7-5 to spread some consolation in our otherwise dismal battering by the nation that have proven themselves to be the consistent thorn in our side throughout WCS events this year.

The Sunday DYP was another one-and-out affair for me, being drawn with another defender named Christopher (in fact, the one that with Marcel managed to knock me out of the friday DYP). Neither of us were great and we lost badly. The guy didn't speak a word of English.

BV1, on the other hand, had the DYP draw of his life, finishing second with a very very easily agitated Swissman to take home his first international trophy at his first international tournament! Very well done!

The rest of the day was spent watching the Nations Cup final: Switzerland Vs the Czech Republic and some of the women's singles and doubles events (referred to by a different name by some). Possibly the funniest foosing moment ever ocured when a certain sultry German by the name of Petra went to collect the ball after it flew off the table and underneath the seating. Now, it's fair to say that this girl was a stunner.



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So, when Dave, John and I were sat watching her bend over into quite an uncompromising position between the seats we happened to catch sight of a German player sat in an opposite stand with the most massive grin on his face. National borders were broken in seconds as we all burst out laughing at our mutual realisation of the situation. Good times, good times.

That concludes the trip really. The rest of Sunday was spent eating ridiculously over-topped pizzas, talking to an Irishman, and finishing off the last of the beer during more arsehole in Mike's hotel room.

Monday was just travel travel travel for most of us (except John who stayed an extra day to see more of Geneva) and I was glad to get home in the end.

A very good trip, and I'd like to truly thank Dave M, Boris, John, Mike, Jody, Joe, Dave E and Ann-Marie for making it so worthwhile.

Cheers, and thanks for reading if you got this far,

Full results from the tournament are available at:

http://www.table-soccer.org/tournaments/results/2008/20080914_Sui_Giubiasco.pdf

Dave Morgan was the stand out player for the UK, with some great results and performances, against some of the World's best players, including a victory over Roland Prisi.

The UK gained a creditable 4th in the Nation's Cup event, something that gains valuable ranking points towards qualification and seeding for the ITSF World Cup.

The continuing development of the game at the top level – number of people travelling to international events is a sign of just how the UK game is progressing: Everyone who goes to the World's comes back enthused and reinvigorated, having learned so much.

Roberto-Sport are currently looking into the timing of next years WCS event. "Marco" on the Britfoos forum can be contacted to discuss this issue, if you have any relevant suggestions / information:

<http://www.britfoos.com/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=6932>



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Nuneaton Table Football

The former Chetwynd players, who have recently been playing at the Holywell, have now moved: Bill Ormerod posted this on the Britfoos forum:

Thanks to Paul Addison for a great job in negotiating a new venue for us. As of Friday 19th Sept we are moving to our new residence at Nuneaton Town (Paul insists on calling it "The Boro") FC, Liberty Way, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, CV11 6RR.

As always all are welcome to join us on Friday Nights. We hope to use the link with football as a vehicle to popularise our game.

A Note of Common Sense at Grassroots Level:

As the venue is on Planet Earth we will be referring to the game as "Table Football" not "Foosball" - there is no sense at all in not linking the game with the most popular sport on the planet! Potential new players are confused by the term "Foosball" - and this is a Football Club after all. For the avoidance of all doubt, this is neither a discussion nor a vote, it is simply what we need to do here to promote the game at the grassroots - End Of.

PS We still plan to use The Holywell for tournaments.

Paul Addison posted this information:

Directions to 'Boro Social Club CV11 6RR. Or use AA Route Finder, Tom Tom, Tin Tin or a good navigator

From A5 take the A47 (the Long Shoot) towards Nuneaton. Turn left at the first roundabout onto the A4264. At the next roundabout (the Crematorium roundabout) turn right and then take the first right into Liberty Way.

From the M6 take the A444 towards Nuneaton, turn left at the second roundabout (the big roundabout) head towards Nuneaton up a hill. Go straight on at the next roundabout. Go down the hill and turn right at the next roundabout. This is part of the inner ring road. Keep going until you reach a mini roundabout. Go straight on and you should be going over a railway bridge and on the A4264 (it may have already been signposted and there may be directions for the crematorium - but this is Nuneaton) Carry on this road until you come to the Crematorium roundabout and turn left. Turn right if you want to go to a funeral. Then take the first right into Liberty Way.

Now it gets a little tricky because you are driving into a sports field. There is a taxi firm on your left go into the sports field through the metal gates and then turn right onto a very dark poorly surfaced road. the first building on your left is the Rugby Club - do not go in there! The Boro Social Club is in the back (top) left hand corner of the ground - its signposted eventually.

Do not be put off its great inside.



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Solihull Foos

El Capitan himself, the one, the only, BFA Treasurer "Big" John Worthington has been a busy little bee. Here is his announcement from the Britfoos forum:

Ladies and Gentlemen, there is finally a table in Solihull!!!! Well done me, Paddy and Chris.

It's in the Solihull Moors bar, open every night.

<http://www.solihullmoorsfc.co.uk/>

I think the "Chetwynders" (Good times, good times) are going to go and have some games Saturday 11th October. I hope some others can make the trip to as I want this table to stay there!

It's a Tornado, 9 balls for 50p. Go there. Play Table Football. There is also darts, pool and pinball. Plus it's a very nice bar.

And indeed it is set to happen that Solihull Foos (or should that be table football?) will come into being with a session between 8 and 11pm on Saturday 11th October. Many of the Nuneaton regulars are expected to be present for this momentous day. Finally table football has a foothold in Solihull. Today Solihull, tomorrow Sutton Coldfield...)

Hopes are high that this venue will in the future be used for top ITSF international events. (Possibly)

Directions, as posted on the Solihull Moors website are:

From the North

Leave M42 at Junction 6

Take A45 towards Birmingham

Left at first set of traffic lights into Damson Parkway

Ground is on the right after three quarters of a mile, through traffic lights to island and back through lights

From the South

Leave M42 at Junction 5

Take A41 towards Birmingham

Right at second set of traffic lights into Yew Tree Lane which leads into Damson Parkway

After mile and half turn right at island and ground is 100 yards on left after traffic lights



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Tornado WCS

Joe Hamilton's Story

As posted on the Britfoos forum, here is Joe's report of the Tornado WCS in Las Vegas (baby):

Hey hey! Just to write a few things on what I enjoyed / noticed / whatever.

Seeing Rob finish in the top 5 in singles again! Much to the disappointment of my wallet, which had to pay up \$50 to him as we had a bet on it. He beat Ryan Moore in a great match which just shows that when Rob tries, he's still got it.

My results. I only played one bad match all tourney, against a Boris-type kinda player. He was tricky, but I should have smashed him, that was winners side of SPS.

In **Open Singles** I lost to:

Ryan Moore in the winners after going 1-0 in games and 2-0 in points with the ball on my 3 bar!

Eric Dunne in the losers. He beat me 2-0 but the last game went 4-4 and I just couldn't seem to get a break. The winner played Terry Moore. Ah well.

Semi Pro Singles I lost to:

Ed Gere (the tricky player)

Markus Schutzenhofer. Last year he beat Spredeman 3-0 in open singles, so I had to play very well to beat him. I took it to the last game, but he ran out comfortable in the end.

Open Doubles I lost to:

Tony Spredeman / Brandon Moreland in the winners. Me and Andreas went 2-0 in this match, and at that point we had a massive crowd. It sucked so bad not to close it out, but Tony just came out fighting, and Brandon made great blocks on the 5 bar against me. So we ended up losing 3-2

Mario Ariganello / Kane Gabrielle in the losers. This was a best of 3 that went down to the final ball possible. Andreas must've dropped about 6 bombs from the back to keep us in it, and in the end Mario finished it 8-7 in the third, with an open handed push kick!! Ballsy, but it ended up paying off.

Semi Pro Doubles I lost to:

2 Malaysian guys where the match was called at like 1:30am. This was the only match where Andreas wasn't really wanting it. Apart from this he played flawlessly. I had to dig deep and I took it to a third game, but they ran out 5-3 in the third.



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Then in the losers at 7th place, we lost to Trevor park replica and partner to put us out. Trevor's nephew plays just like him and is such a great talent for his age (17). He will be great I assure you.

Along the way, I had beaten Rocco Raven in both singles and doubles, and a few pros in open singles.

No Pro Mixed:

Me and Kelly started strongly going 2 in the winners bracket pretty much dominating. I was spankin' all the women so it didn't really matter if the guy was playing good or not. Then we lost to a team we should have smashed, I dunno what went wrong. Then we lost to the Japanese pair. That was a strange match which again just didn't go our way. 17th place I was very disappointed with as me and Sarah finished 9th last year.

Winning bout \$1100 overall including poker and foosball prize money.

Hanging out with loadsa cool people, everyone should go to US tourneys, they are soooooo good!

Disappointed to see Rob and Rob finish so low in OD. I really thought they could put up a threat! Tracey and gummy winning after being 5-0 down (3-0 first dip) then 2-0 in second!! Wow that's incredible to put away Fred from that position.

Tony by the way, DOMINATED fFed. like real bad. 6-1 in games I think. Some of the things he did that weekend weren't possible I'm sure.

Louise gettin' a great result!!! Nice job!! And Norm takin' his standard 5th place in SPS Should have gone on to better positions, but it just didn't seem to go his way. Unlucky man.

If the H.O.F.C is gona be the last tourny at vegas, then I'm definitely gonna go. Its gonna suck when the worlds are at Dallas! I urge those who haven't been to go as well!

Awesome results from Joe there, putting himself into the big league of World –Class players, and showing that the Garlando WCS was no fluke. Full results are available at:

http://www.table-soccer.org/tournaments/results/2008/20080928_usa_Las%20Vegas.pdf



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READING CHARITY TOURNAMENT

Bill Donne is pleased to present a table football charity tournament, on 17th-19th October 2008.

It is a fund raiser for the Knives Cost Lives Campaign designed to teach kids about the dangers of carrying knives.

There will be a minimum of the 10 BFA Master Champion Garlando tables, 4 WC Garlando tables, and also possibly 2 Coperto-de-Luxe tables.

Friday, 17th October:

Event: DYP
Venue: Purple Turtle, Gun Street
Time: 20:30 hrs

Saturday, 18th October

Events:
Open Singles, Open Doubles, Women's Doubles
Group stages, format tbc, dependent on Numbers, then DE

Venue: Broad Street Mall
Time: 11:00hrs

Sunday, 19th October

Events:
Amateur Singles, Amateur Doubles, Team Event-(four players)

Group stages, format tbc, dependent on Numbers, then DE

Venue: Broad Street Mall
Time 11:00 hrs

For further details, including entry fees, and all the usual small print, please keep checking the Britfoos forum:

<http://www.britfoos.com/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=6959>



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BAR KICK

Bar Kick in London (under the auspices of the Kick Ass association) will be running a regular series of Open events and DYPs. JP gives further details below (as posted on the Britfoos forum):

Long time no see! I have got the pleasure of saying I will be organising tournaments at Bar Kick again on a monthly basis. I only got confirmation of the date this week-end and it is likely the tournaments will no longer be held on the last Thursday of the month as previously done for years. Just a few words on my intensions regarding the tournaments:

One of the biggest difficulties Kick Association aka Bar Kick has had previously is trying to cater for too many different people and levels of skill in one event. The alternation between D.Y.P and Open Doubles had in my opinion devastating effects on the player base. Its terrible to see someone who knows how to play at entry/intermediate level and ultimately just wants to have fun and end up with a die hard core player who is taking it seriously. Most of the time the "just for fun player" ends up feeling deflated and stressed out thinking OMG I can't play the game and never gonna come here again to feel like this... and the "die hard" player is annoyed by the fact its pot luck on whether he does well or not at the tournament. Therefore I will be holding Open Doubles on a monthly basis (with cumulative ladder points, to Boris's delight I'm sure:) and D.Y.P's on a monthly basis as well. 2 Tournaments per month @ Bar Kick!!! Youpiiiiiiiiiiiiiii. LOL

I don't intend to announce the D.Y.P tournaments held on Sundays 6 pm Kick-off on the UK Events forum because its designed for entry/intermediate level players - Neither the OD one at Cafe Kick which is destined to the same level of skill. I will simply post them in the Local Venues section. Rest assured I do intend to hold events on Sunday in the future for you BFAers. Something I've always wanted to do is Open Singles as I've always found it difficult to get some decent practise before going to the big events... Please voice your opinion if you would like to see me do this sooner rather than later...

All of this to say that these events are destined for intermediate / advanced players and all the results will be cumulated in the Casus Belli monthly league ladder - and it won't be about talking, only about points to determine the who's who's in the London Bonzini scene (something very useful for us Frenchies as we like to boost about our own exploits

I look forward to seeing you all again gradually over time.

Note: For event poster and other details please join the facebook group: <http://www.new.facebook.com/inbox/#/group.php?gid=36580409545&ref=ts> or look for: Casus Belli @ Bar Kick. The bigger the numbers the more leverage I will have to obtain a good Sponsor to make the events more rewarding. Merci! The Kick Association group remains very relevant as a platform for people to organise get togethers outside tournaments as the Local venues forum does on the BFA. Therefore please do not consider the new group as a replacement of the old one, as this is not the case...



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BAR KICK

The next couple of events to be run at Café and Bar Kick are given below

The next Open Doubles will be:

EVENT DETAILS:

Format: **D.Y.P Doubles** (Aimed at a more beginner level, although all are welcome)

Date: Sunday 12th October

Venue: Bar Kick - 127 Shoreditch High Street, London, E1 6JE

Registration: 5:00pm

Kick-Off: 6 PMish

Prize: Medals

Entry fee: £5pp

Format: **Open Doubles** (Aimed at a more beginner level, although all are welcome)

Venue: Cafe Kick - 43 Exmouth Market, London. EC1R 4QL

Registration: 6:30pm

Kick-Off: 8 PMish

Prize: Medals

Entry fee: £5pp

Format: **Open Doubles** (Aimed at the Pro level, although all are welcome)

Date: Wednesday 22nd October

Venue: Bar Kick - 127 Shoreditch High Street, London, E1 6JE

Registration: 6:30pm til Kick Off

Kick-Off: 8 pmish

Prize: Medals

Entry fee: £5pp

RECENT RESULTS:

Open Doubles - Bar Kick - September 08

1st Iain Boardman Caroline Wong

2nd Marc Gourdet Muhammad Farrukh

3rd Jean-Alain Tiquet Alex Chamarre

Well played Wonger! It must be hard work carrying Iain!



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UK TORNADO CHAMPIONSHIPS

The UK Tornado Championships will be held on November 21st-23rd: at Warren's Holiday Village, near Bristol.

<http://www.warrensholidayvillage.com/index.htm>

This has very cheap on site accommodation with a max cost of £20 per person per night in good quality lodge accommodation. Any one wishing to stay for 3 nights i.e. Fri, sat, Sun can stay in the self catering lodges for 4 and pay even less i.e. £17.50 per person per night.

It is 2 minutes from the M5 motorway and 10 - 15 minutes max from Bristol airport .

IRISH GUYS: RYANAIR from Dublin is currently dirt cheap!

Pre registration will start shortly. Please pre-reg as if we get too many entries we may have to restrict numbers in some events and this will guarantee your entry as well as make the event easier to run.

TABLE FEES WILL BE £7.50 PER DAY , £15 THE ENTIRE WEEKEND INCLUDING FRIDAY NIGHT DYP.

THERE WILL BE NO NEED TO BUY BALLS AS TWO NEW BALLS PER TABLE WILL BE INCLUDED. NOOBS WILL PAY £5 PER DAY.

ALL EVENTS WILL BE AT LEAST 100% PAYOUT

For the full latest details, please check out the Britfoos forum, where full details of each event are listed:

<http://www.britfoos.com/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=6903>

And here where details of each event are listed:

<http://www.britfoos.com/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=6963>

Wii Tablefootball will be available to play all day for fun and we may even have a Wii tournament on the Sunday if some people are interested.

Please contact the venue direct on the number on the web site above to secure your rooms as soon as possible.



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SUMMARY

Beginners - 5 events , DYP, Beginner Doubles, Beginner DYP, OD and OS

Am/nov - 5 events , DYP, Handicapped Doubles, OD, 3000 LTD , OS

Semi pro - 5 events , DYP , Handicapped Doubles, OD , OS, 3000 LTD

Pro - 5 events , DYP, OD, Handicapped Doubles, OS and 3000 LTD (or in UKTS or UKTD if in top 16)

Women - 5 events DYP, OD, OS Women's UKTD, Women's UKTS

Pro masters - 5 events , DYP , UKS, ,UKD, ,OD, OS

Total cost

Beginner	5 events £7.50! Plus £10 table fees
Am/Nov	5 events £12.50 plus £15 table fees
Women	5 events £22.50 plus £15 table fees depending on rank may be less
Semi	5 events £17.50 plus £15 table fees
Pro	5 events £30.00 plus £15 table fees
PRO Master	5 events £65.00 plus £15 table fees
Master	4 events i.e. not entering UKTS UKTD = £37.50 plus £15 table fees

Something for everyone !

Formats are designed to minimise conflicts .

Once size of all entries is known then tables not needed in any particular event will be reallocated if necessary to other events.

From past events it is very unlikely indeed more than 12 women max 6 teams will enter .

Some events are limited in numbers so pre-registering gives you priority and secures a place.

PROS and ABOVE must look reasonably professional and wear a smart looking Polo shirt or foos related T shirt with no suggestive comments on , no jeans with lots of holes in etc . This will be rigorously enforced and Pro and above players not looking reasonably smart/professional will not be allowed to enter as we want them to set an example as top players.

Obviously the usual caveats about the organisers reserving the rights to change formats , event start times etc in order to ensure the smooth running of the events on the day also apply.



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EVENTS SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY

8.30PM - DYP (ALL TABLES)

SATURDAY

You can only enter **one** of the following: beginners, Women's, Handicapped or TUKD events if eligible (top 16). **Everyone** can enter Open singles.

10.00AM - REGISTRATION & PRACTICE COMMENCES

11.00AM - BEGINNERS DOUBLES - (1 DEDICATED TABLE)

11.00AM - WOMENS UK SINGLES - (2 DEDICATED TABLES)

11.00AM - HANDICAPPED DOUBLES (5 DEDICATED TABLES) 5 or 6 TEAMS MAX PER GROUP

11.00AM - TORNADO UK DOUBLES (TUKD) - TOP 16 FROM TORNADO RANKING LIST AND PARTNER (3 DEDICATED TABLES)

1.00PM - OPEN SINGLES REGISTRATION

2.00PM - OPEN SINGLES COMMENCES (ALL AVAILABLE TABLES) - EFFECTIVELY SEEDED AS TUKD PLAYERS JOIN IN AFTER INITIAL ROUNDS

6.00PM - TORNADO UK DOUBLES FINAL

7.00 - OPEN SINGLES CONTINUES

10/00 PM - LAST MATCHES CALLED AND SOCIAL SCENE CONTINUES

12.00PM BAR CLOSSES

SUNDAY

You can only enter **one** of the following: beginners, womens, 3000 ltd or TUKS events if eligible. **Everyone** can enter Open Doubles.

10AM - REGISTRATION COMMENCES & PRACTICE

10AM - OPEN SINGLES CONTINUES IF REQUIRED

10.30AM - WOMENS UK DOUBLES - (1 DEDICATED TABLE)

10.30AM - BEGINNERS DYP - (1 DEDICATED TABLE)

10.30AM - TORNADO UK SINGLES (TOP 16 FROM TORNADO UK RANKING LIST) (4 DEDICATED TABLES)

10.30AM - 3000 LTD (5 DEDICATED TABLES IF NEEDED UNTIL 1.00PM)

12.00PM - REGISTRATION FOR OPEN DOUBLES-

1.00PM OPEN DOUBLES COMMENCES (ALL AVAILABLE TABLES) EFFECTIVELY SEEDED AS TUKS PLAYERS JOIN IN AFTER INITIAL ROUNDS

TORNADO UK SINGLES FINAL SCHEDULED 2.00PM

EVENTS SCHEDULED TO END AT 8.00PM (we hope! but if necessary finals etc can go on longer).



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Rules Quiz

Rob Davey has put the time and effort to come up with this rules poser.

Which one of the three examples below is correct.

- a) You have the ball on the 5 bar and have touched the wall twice already. You then attempt a bounce pass off the wall in one swift movement and successfully catch the ball - no foul.
- b) This time you make no attempt to catch the bounce pass in case you are called for three walls - no foul.
- c) You hit three walls but let the ball come to a stop and call a time out - no foul.

Due to the truly woeful number of entries for previous competitions, this will be just for fun, with no prize on offer. Answers to be emailed to dan@britfoos.com by the 20th of November*

*it is likely that we can announce the winner already. As a Mr D. Ziemann of London, who not only will be correct, but will also undoubtedly correct the answer that we have.

Don't let that put you off entering, after all it's only a bit of fun.

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