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# Tomahawk Table Football

Below is copied the Press Release made by Martin Landers to the Britfoos forum regarding the launch of an exciting new table football venture in the North East of England. This will possibly be the first step in "cheering up Alan Shearer" as the nation seems keen to see happen judging by the number of comments made encouraging him to do so.

EXCLUSIVE PRESS RELEASE to the Britfoos Forum, TUESDAY 26th May 2009

Dear fellow foosball fans

I am pleased to announce the arrival of a new Table football League development company in the North East (Darlington) - called Tomahawk Table Football.

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

Tomahawk Table Football is a new Darlington based company that promotes and develops Grass roots table football leagues locally.

The Company, funded by government grants, was established by 4 Table Football fans - The business plan is simple - we provide venues with a free Garlando Coin op Table and a league co-ordinator who will be on hand to support the venue and get things going. Our aim is to bring premier league football back to the North East!!!!

We purchase the tables, install them, and then run leagues and competitions and log results/rankings on our website - we take 80% of the table income to re-invest in more tables - the venue takes 20% plus they benefit from extra customers on league nights.

The business commenced this week and already has two customers - the Wheat sheaf, Yarm rd Darlington & the Model T, Edinburgh Drive Darlington.

Our potential customers are colleges, work place canteens and pubs. Want a table? For more information phone or text 07709804580.

We intend to officially launch the company with an Amateur tournament on July 11<sup>th</sup>

This sounds a tremendous venture and hopefully will be a great success – much will be down to the hard work of Martin and his fellow enthusiasts, but the BFA and members should try and assist wherever help is required!

Good Luck for the future!



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# Tomahawk Table Football

Martin Landers kindly offered some further information to the Newsletter – please see below for his comments on the exciting future that there is planned for table football:

Tomahawk Table Football is a brand-new Darlington based company ( 1 week old, but one year in the making) .

Our aim is to expand interest and participations in grass roots table-football and make the sport as popular as real football - begining in the North East.

What makes us different: -

We provide the high spec Italian Garlando table and assign a league manager to venues; both the table and the league Manager are provided for FREE, the venue pays nothing.

Our league Manager will set up a league in any pub that agrees to take a table and ensure it is successfully managed.

We will also supply tables to colleges, universities and work places and provide software to anyone who support our aim and wish to develop lunch time leagues.

On league nights (with the Landlords permission) we beam fixtures, match results, player rankings etc on the pubs plasma TV using a portable notebook pc. We have developed software to do this.

This novel approach adds to the excitement of the occasion which helps generate more interest. Players enjoy seeing tables being instantly updated live on screen.

This information is then uploaded to our website [www.ttfootball.co.uk](http://www.ttfootball.co.uk) from where players can monitor their own progress and catch up with other results across the town.

We aim to create a local ranking system to encourage local competition.

There are no catches – we are mad on table football and aim to develop leagues in 10 venues quickly so we can establish one of the first ever Table Football Premier leagues in England.

Tomahawk table football plans its official launch with an amateur tournament which will be held at the Model T pub on July 11th.

The format will be based on the football world cup and the press and media will be invited to attend.



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# Tomahawk Table Football



**Our aim is simple - to get Darlington, and North-East England, playing table football!**

The business model is simple. We import top-of-the range table footballs, worth one thousand pounds, from Italy. We lease them to pubs, clubs, and anyone else who wants one, for free.

Once a month, we collect the takings - and give 20 per cent to you, the host. That's it. Simple.

Tomahawk Table Football is owned by four North-East people: In true football fashion, here are our player profiles:

### **Owen Amos (25, Richmond)**

Former Northern Echo journalist, now works for the BBC in London. Responsible for this website, and all its spelling errors. The company's best table footballer.

### **Martin Landers (41, Darlington)**

Won a Northern Echo Local Hero award in 2007, and was nominated for Darlington Citizen of the Year in 2002. A knighthood can't be far off. In his spare time, Martin works for the NHS. He is hoping to earn a free hair transplant.

### **Sarah Landers (41, Darlington)**

Studies mental health nursing at Teesside University. Tomahawk's only member of the fairer sex, and the only person Martin can beat at table football. Mother of four - five if you include Martin.

### **George Oliver (68, Darlington)**

The wily veteran of the Tomahawk team. George runs a community centre in Darlington, and is excellent at fixing things. Not that your table will ever break, of course.



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## THE MAJOR – ITSF MASTER SERIES

### July 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

*UK Foosball Promotions are proud to present the second tournament of the UK Foosball Tour...*

## **THE MAJOR - ITSF MASTER SERIES**

**ESTIMATED PRIZE FUND £5000-£7000**

*Table Type: Tornado*

*Warrens Holiday Village, Clevedon, Near Bristol, BS21 6TQ*

*When: July 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 2009*

***Book your room NOW! Tel: 01275871666***

### **Introduction:**

This is the main event of the year. The 2008/09 UK Foosball season culminates HERE, with the largest event of the season, THE MAJOR. ITSF Master Series status confirmed and international interest already at a high, making this event the most prestigious in the UK. This event has simply everything you could wish for: tons of events for every rank, the chance to prove yourself against some of the best in the world, a superb and spacious venue, large payouts and great formats.

**This is the last event of the season to obtain precious POY points before the UK Championships in August! Don't miss out!**

This is also the last event to prove your worth for one of the prestigious [UKFP Player Awards](#), which will be voted at the first event of next season's tour!

**This tournament will be 100% payout minus costs.**

**The highest placed Amateur AND the highest placed Beginner player in Open Singles at THE MAJOR will win FREE ENTRY into Open Singles AND Open Doubles at the first tournament of the 2009/10 Season Tour!**

THIS TOURNAMENT WILL USE THE OFFICIAL BFA RANKING LIST AND WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE POY RANKINGS.



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## THE MAJOR – ITSF MASTER SERIES

### July 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

#### Event schedule:

##### Friday:

- 14.00** - Registration Opens
- 15.00** - Forward Shoot Out - Groups/Single Elimination
- 16.00** – Pro Am - Groups/Single Elimination
- 19.00** - Senior Singles - Groups/Single Elimination
- 19.30** – No Pro Doubles, Master Doubles - Groups/Single Elimination (both)
- 20.00** - Senior Doubles - Groups/ Single Elimination

##### Saturday:

- 09.30** – Registration Opens (players must be registered 10 minutes before an event or they cannot enter)
- 10.45** – Open Singles - Double Elimination
- 12.00** – Beginners Doubles - Groups/Single Elimination
- 13.00** – Amateur Singles, Semi Pro Doubles - Groups/Single Elimination (all)
- 14.00** – Amateur Doubles - Groups/Single Elimination
- 15.00** – Mixed Doubles - Groups/Single Elimination
- 17.00** – Women’s Singles, Pro Doubles - Groups/Single Elimination (both)
- 18.00** – No Pro Singles - Groups/Single Elimination
- 20.00** – Open Singles Final
- 21.30** – Free 2 Brb DYP Groups/Single Elimination (to enter players must be out of all events)

##### Sunday:

- 10.00** – Registration Opens
- 10.45** – Open Doubles - Double Elimination
- 11.45** - Beginners Singles - Groups/Single Elimination
- 12.00** – Junior Singles, Semi Pro Singles - Groups/Single Elimination
- 13.00** – Women’s Doubles - Groups/Single Elimination
- 14.00** – Handicapped Doubles - Groups/Single Elimination
- 15.00** – Pro Singles, Junior Doubles - Groups/Single Elimination
- 19.00** – Open Doubles Final

Players may enter ranked events of their rank, or INSTEAD events above their rank.  
Please note that "Beginners" are those with less than 950 points in the BFA ranking list i.e. Novice.

Players are encouraged to enter the Open events by way of discounted entry fees for their ranked events if they enter BOTH Open events (Please see the Britfoos forum for full details of entry and table fees – discounted packages are available:

<http://forum.britfoos.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=1&t=7288>



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## Welsh Open

### Swansea

### June 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

*The Welsh Foosball Championships will be held :*

**Mumbles Yacht Club, Mumbles, Swansea**  
**5th – 7th June 2009.**

**10x Garlando Master Champion Tables**

#### **Schedule:**

Fri 8pm - DYP

Sat 10am - Amateur/SemiPro/Pro Singles - GSE - Players can choose one divisional singles event at their own or higher rank

Sat 12 Noon - Open Singles - DE

Sat 3pm - Novice Singles - GSE

Sat 4pm - Women's Singles - DE

Sat 4pm - Junior Singles/Senior Singles - DE if 7 or fewer entries, GSE if 8 or more

Sat 5pm - Junior Doubles/Senior Doubles - DE if 7 or fewer teams, GSE if 8 or more

Sat 6pm - SemiPro Doubles - GSE

Sat 7pm - Mixed Doubles - DE

(Sat 8pm - Handicap Doubles - GSE (also, could be Sunday if we look like finishing early etc))

Sun 10am - Practice and Events Continue if needed

Sun 11am - Amateur Doubles/Pro Doubles (exclusive) - DE if 7 or fewer entries, GSE if 8 or more

Sun 12 Noon - Open Doubles - DE

Sun 1pm - Novice Doubles - GSE

Sun 2pm - Women's Doubles - DE

Sun 4pm - Pro-Am Doubles - DE if 7 or fewer entries, GSE if 8 or more

#### **The venue:**

Is a large light open area with plenty of space for 10 BFA Garlando tables as well as additional eating and seating space. The bar will be open from 12 noon to 12 midnight. There will be guest real ales available at 2.15 a pint. Food will be served throughout the day from the galley and is simple and inexpensive. An open air roof bar is available for smoking drinking and taking in the views and hopefully some rays. There is also a coin op Tornado, 50p for 9 balls.

#### **Travelling**

From the east, exit the M4 at junction 42 and go straight and you will end up at MYC. From Junction 42 continue along the A483 to Swansea and then Mumbles, going straight through every roundabout and traffic light. The last building, in the village of Mumbles, on the right, is MYC.

#### **Parking**

Park in the Knab Rock car park opposite the MYC. Don't forget to pay – each day. Park at the roadside for free.

#### **Further Details**

For full details of entry fees and package discounts, please see the Britfoos Forum:

**<http://forum.britfoos.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=1&t=7501>**



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# Rob Atha Bonzini World Championship Series Report

Rob Atha produced some great results at the Bonzini WCS event – winning Open Doubles and Pro Master Doubles with undisputed World No.1 Frederic Collignon, and a close second to Collignon in the Open Singles. Here is his report as posted on the Britfoos forum:

Great tournament, thanks to JP for sorting everything out and to all the team who came along too.

My best ever Bonzini tournament which surprised me as i haven't practiced on Bonzini for the last 2 years. Playing with Fred helped, we won all of our matches fairly comfortably, semi and final were both 3-0. pro Master doubles was easy too. Watching Frederico just dominate everyone was incredible, he just doesn't make mistakes, always seems to do the right thing at the right time, everything he does is well thought out.

OS was weird, I won my first against a complete noob, 5-0 5-0 5-0, first time ever that has happened for me. then i only just won 8-7 in 5th game against a semi pro. After that something seemed to click in my game and I started playing with more confidence to win a couple more rounds and then to beat there best player Adel Yousfi 3-0, Julien Lebecq 3-1 and then Miguel Dos Santos in the semi final 3-0. Fred got me in the final 3-1, i seemed to run out of steam at the end. All in all I'm happy, 2250 euros better off.

The National Team event was disappointing, we got a horrible draw playing Belgium first round, they had there strongest team for a long time too. Dave played Fred, 7-4, I lost against Andy Coesens 7-5, i played rubbish and Dave Evans played really good and nearly beat Davy Dehoest, had him down 8-7 but then lost 10-8 in the end. Jody lost against Peggy too, so that meant we needed to win all of our doubles matches to go to a tie break.

Doubles teams were Dave Z and Dave Evans, Me and JP, Jody/Emily and Mike Cohen/Josh Jaeger, We were all playing at the same time so i couldn't watch the other matches, me and JP almost beat Fred/Ismael, we were leading 8-7, i was at the back trying to block Fred, I did then JP ended up getting the ball on his 3 but we had no timeouts left and my big handle was on the 3 bar so we couldn't switch it either, he put a shot on goal but Ismael blocked it and they ended up winning 10-8, had fun playing with you JP. well played.

Other notes: Dave Z taking 4th place in both Senior events, I'm sure with a better draw you would get 2 podium finishes, unlucky mate. Thanks to Jamal for driving me to and from the airport a couple of times, saved me a lot of trouble. The only bad thing about this tournaments is that there wasn't air-conditioning in the sports hall, it was really sweaty in there and hot. a Stuffy atmosphere. Just watching a match i would be sweating buckets, never mind playing too.

All in all a good time, It would be awesome if we could send a full strength team out to a World Series event at least 1 time this year.



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## Oxford International

### Open Results

#### 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> April



[www.xmos.com](http://www.xmos.com)

#### Open Singles

1. Atha, Rob
2. Burdett, Tom
3. Shovelton, Alex

#### Open Doubles

1. Burdett, Tom & Amsden, Mike
2. Hamilton, Joe & Atha, Rob
3. Lyall, Stephen & Davey, Rob

#### Women's Singles

1. Racy, Mayya
2. Walding, Jody
3. Brice, Sarah

#### Junior Singles:

1. Cordle, Stephen
2. Sampson, Luke
3. Corroon, Laurence

#### Women's Doubles

1. Racy, Mayya & Lasecka, Olga
2. Brice, Sarah & Walding, Jody
3. Ramlee, Hannah & Brown, Catherine

#### Senior Singles

1. Ziemann, David
2. Harris, Martyn
3. Martin, Paul

#### Junior Doubles:

1. Sampson, Luke & Cordle, Stephen
2. Smith, Daniel & White, Thomas
3. Brice, Amy & Corroon, Laurence

#### Senior Doubles

1. Harris, Martyn & Ziemann, David
2. Haddon, Christopher & Martin, Paul
3. Cohen, Michael & Bowers, Alan

#### Handicap Doubles

1. Hamilton, Joe & Amsden, Mike
2. Racy, Mayya & May, Jonathan
3. Haddon, Christopher & Walding, Scott



#### Mixed Doubles

1. Burdett, Tom & Walding, Jody
2. Shovelton, Alex & Walker, Donna
3. Atha, Rob & Lasecka, Olga

# UK Table Sports

[www.uktablesports.co.uk](http://www.uktablesports.co.uk)



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## Oxford International

### Open Results

#### 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> April

#### Masters RSD

1. Shovelton, Alex & Shovelton, Jo
2. Atha, Rob & Hamilton, Joe
3. Amsden, Mike & Burdett, Tom

#### Amateur Singles

1. Bicki, Lukasz
2. Glaus, Christian
3. Swierad, Adrian

#### Semi-Pro Doubles

1. Ashley, Luke & Fallon, Colin
2. Hampson, Thom & Haigh, Chris
3. Nubbert, Mark & Nubbert, Thomas

#### No-Pro Doubles

1. Marsh, Richard & Haddon, Christopher
2. Addison, Graeme & Curtis, Tom
3. Hampson, Thom & Haigh, Chris

#### 2-Ball Rollerball

1. Shovelton, Alex & Shovelton, John
2. Burdett, Tom & Walding, Jody
3. Morgan, David & Martin, Paul

#### Novice Singles

1. Paulukanis, Krzysztof
2. Kukula, Daniel
3. Willetts, Tom



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#### Masters RSS

1. Atha, Rob
2. Hamilton, Joe
3. Burdett, Tom

#### No-Pro Singles

1. Nubbert, Thomas
2. Bicki, Lukasz
3. Blanchard, John

#### Amateur Doubles

1. Bicki, Lukasz & Paulukanis, Krzysztof
2. Sampson, Luke & Potts, Richard
3. Ciminiello, Edoardo & Thompson, Jean-Philippe

#### Novice Doubles

1. Pavlov, Emil & Mistry, Rajesh
2. Herman, Rafal & Falkowski, Grzegorz
3. Paulukanis, Krzysztof & Pearson, Brodie

#### Pro-Am

1. Dawkins, Sam & Davey, Rob
2. Willetts, Tom & Amsden, Mike
3. Curtis, Tom & Yeung, Simon





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# NUNEATON RESULTS 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> May 2009

### ROBERTO-SPORT OPEN SINGLES

1. Burdett, Tom
2. Lyall, Stephen
3. May, Jonathan

### GARLANDO OPEN DOUBLES

1. May, Jonathan & Racy, Mayya
2. Burdett, Tom & Amsden, Mike
3. Kim, Jeeha & Lyall, Stephen

### GARLANDO OPEN SINGLES

1. May, Jonathan
2. Nubbert, Andrew
3. Lyall, Stephen

### WOMEN'S SINGLES

1. Brice, Sarah
2. Ramlee, Hannah
3. Racy, Mayya

### ROBERTO-SPORT OPEN DOUBLES

1. May, Jonathan & Racy, Mayya
2. Nubbert, Andrew & Burdett, Tom
3. Lyall, Stephen & Yeung, Simon

### SENIOR SINGLES

1. Ziemann, David
2. Haddon, Christopher
3. Ormerod, Bill

### WOMEN'S DOUBLES

1. Brice, Sarah & Racy, Mayya
2. Ramlee, Hannah & Walding, Jody

### SENIOR DOUBLES

1. Ziemann, David & Addison, Paul
2. Haddon, Christopher & Haddon, Steve
3. Ormerod, Bill & Parsons, Derek

### MIXED

1. May, Jonathan & Racy, Mayya
2. Burdett, Tom & Walding, Jody
3. Lyall, Stephen & Cieslik, Marta

### AMATEUR SINGLES

1. Curtis, Tom
2. Willetts, Tom
3. Merzon, Dan

### PRO DOUBLES

1. Juhasz, Krisztian & Atha, Boris
2. Kingston, Dan & Lyall, Christopher
3. Haddon, Christopher & Deakin, Oliver

### AMATEUR DOUBLES

1. Truong, Alan & Curtis, Tom
2. Merzon, Dan & Hemmings, Oliver-John
3. Paulukanis, Krzysztof & Willetts, Tom

### PRO\_AM

1. Bundy, Joe & Marsh, Richard
2. Burdett, Tom & Jones, Adam
3. Juhasz, Krisztian & Zakowski, Grzegorz

### ROBERTO-SPORT NO-PRO DOUBLES

1. Willetts, Tom & Marsh, Richard
2. Dunleavy, Patrick & Curtis, Tom
3. Bundy, Joe & Haigh, Chris

### SEMI-PRO SINGLES

1. Juhasz, Krisztian
2. Bicki, Lukasz
3. Zakowski, Grzegorz

### SEMI-PRO DOUBLES

1. Marsh, Richard & Ashley, Luke
2. Juhasz, Krisztian & Zakowski, Grzegorz
3. Walding, Jody & Ramlee, Hannah



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## Craig Fothergill

Craig is one of the current lost generation of players – those that used to be mad keen and got good results – but never quite carried on to become one of the elite players in the country. (A poor man's Dan Gallon I hear you cry.) He kindly took the time out of his hectic TV career (Wordplay - Channel 5 in case you have somehow missed it – and Countdown (well auditions anyway). He kindly took the time to answer these questions (and admittedly some of them are quite leading to try and get Craig talking):

### 1. How did you get started playing?

Trinity College was already a hotbed of foosers before I arrived. In particular, Darky & Husdan (Chris Dark and Andrew Husdan) had placed 2nd in their first Open Doubles event and lots of others played for fun down the bar. At first I didn't care for the game at all - as a spectator I found it pretty boring - but eventually my friends got me playing. We generally spent our time trying to learn aerial shots and trying to get the fastest tap-bang... so basically just messing around. My first tournament was the Bath Amateur in about 2002. I placed 4th with Alex Green and from then on, quite a few of us started attending tournaments. I think the main reason was that we saw the amateur events as easy pickings.

### 2. In the Oxford league there were a lot of different styles of play - how do you think this compares to National tournaments in terms of both quality and equally important how fun the game is to play?

The quality of UK foosball has increased tremendously in the last five years or so. There are now about ten players that can place well in an international event. That means if we get a full team out, we could really do well in the "World Cup" style events - particularly the multi-table events which suit our flexibility.

However, in terms of fun, I think tournaments have become the victim of their own success. While the players are undoubtedly better, it has led to a much more boring game. Players specialise in a small number of moves, rather than just aiming to be the best overall, which is how players seemed to approach it "back in the day". Perhaps even more depressingly, the new players learn that this is the only successful way to play, and the never-ending cycle begins.

### 3. If you could make one change to the rules what would it be and why?

No doubt you are expecting me to say "ban the snake"! Well, I'm going to plump for something else: I would get rid of double elimination (DE). What is the point of DE?? No major sports use it, and for good reason. DE tournaments will never succeed on TV or in the media. It only serves to make tournament standings more predictable, and that is not the essence of a tournament. If the BFA is at all concerned with growing the game, then SE is the way forward. Yes, it can be brutal, but that's what makes it fun to watch. If a game doesn't really matter, then how can you expect an audience to get engrossed in it? In SE, every game matters.

### 4. Which opponents do you most dislike playing? And who do you always enjoy playing against?

I dislike playing anyone with a one-dimensional style - the same pass and shot ad nauseam. The kind of players that, you get the feeling, have never just played the game for fun.



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## Craig Fothergill

If you want me to name and shame, then I'll go for DZ and Juj. Sorry chaps.

Who is fun to play against? Bill Ormerod is top of the list - nobody minds losing to Bill. Raf Jack would always have some cool new moves. Andrei, for the same reason. Finally, most of the girls - because they seem to have a knack of playing in the right spirit, while still trying hard to win. I'm sure I've forgotten others.

5. You are definitely a lot less active on the tournament scene than you used to be - You're one of the mythical semi-pros/ low pros that get keen and involved then drop out of the scene. What are the main reasons for this lessening of enthusiasm and attendance?

Work. Seriously. It's all very well going on foosball road trips with a bunch of mates when you're a student, but work changes all that. If you want success in life, then 4th in SPD on a Sunday afternoon in Kettering is not going to help. There are lots of other contributing factors, but ambition is definitely the most pressing.

The only other factor that is worth mentioning (in that it can be fixed) is ranking. It's been about two years since I went to a tournament and I still feel that I am over-ranked on most tables. Rising standards are part of the reason for this. There are loads of formerly-keen SPs like me who simply cannot complete with the "new" SPs, who are playing regularly. The ranking system works very well, but this is the one place that I think it falls down. I may have been in the top ten on Garlando once, but I am under no illusions - there are novices out there who would beat me nine times out of ten.

6. What sort of tournament would persuade you back?

Something in London! Somehow our nation's capital has not been blessed with many tournaments in the past few years. This is something the BFA should aim to rectify. There is a huge pool of players in London just waiting to be tapped into... former university players, Europeans, etc., as evidenced by the popularity of Bar Kick.

Also, getting the following old-timers on the guest list would help; Tredders, Pete Ganderton, Naeem, Mike Pearce, Bob Crabtree, Jurgen Schweinsteiger. There are probably fifty names I could put here.

7. What's your favourite moment in foos?

Beating the visiting Austrians (Nigitz/Teke) in my first Open Doubles tournament, with a combination of dinks and, erm, not much else.

Stacking our order during college matches so that total n00bs played against Pros. Shovo and Dan will remember that with great fondness, I'm sure. [Sure helped you win the league every year didn't it.](#) Also, Wombats - the hostel we stayed in when we went to the Worlds in Vienna.



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### Craig Fothergill

9. Have you got any aspirations for the year?

Yes, but they don't involve foosball! OK OK, I'd like to come out of retirement and see how I get on against the other former players... and if the right tournament comes along, I will.

10. Finally as a Britfoos regular (without any inside information from the Committee etc): Do you think that there has been any progress after Geoff Brice's impassioned interview in the Newsletter last August - do you think anything has actually changed in view of this?

No. Well, it certainly doesn't seem like it. There was quite a storm at the time but it all seemed to pass by after a fortnight. It's a real shame; Geoff is the absolute master when it comes to making foosball popular. His advice would cost thousands if you asked a consultant to provide it.

In my view, the BFA needs to re-examine its aims and its actions. There are many volunteers putting lots of effort in, and with a bit more clarity over direction (i.e. more focused leadership), they could achieve a great deal. Getting some players to the top of the international tree has really made the rest of the foosballing world sit up and take notice. Unfortunately it is the UK public that we should be trying to impress.

Thanks Craig the interview is much appreciated and I am sure it provides a lot of thought provoking discussion – hopefully it will be received in the manner of stimulating debate as it is intended!

If anyone has requests for interviewees please e-mail [newsletter@britfoos.com](mailto:newsletter@britfoos.com) with your requests. (That means my MSN contact list of foosers who are ever online is running short – if you fancy being interviewed the easiest way is to add yourself as a contact to:

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