



# British Foosball Association

## February Newsletter 2008

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## BFA AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the BFA is scheduled for Sunday 10th February from 3pm. All members are welcome to attend but only full members are entitled to vote. The AGM will be at:

**The Holywell, London Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1HL**

### **Provisional Agenda**

Present/Apologies

Minutes of 2007 AGM

Matters Arising

Chairmans report

Secretary report (membership update)

Treasurer report – accounts

Working Group Reports

Constitution - No proposed changes at present

Set GM Quorum (suggest increasing from 6 to 10 members)

Set expenditure limits (currently £500 - to remain)

Set membership fees (Suggest increasing to £10 with £5 concessions but allow 18 months full membership for first subscription renewable annually thereafter)

Election of officers

Chair

Treasurer

Ratification of Webmaster/Womens Rep

Election of remaining 5x EC Posts

**<BREAK>** 15 min

Allocation/Ratification of remaining officer posts (Vice-Chair, Secretary) & Roles

Any Other Business

ITSF Issues (membership/sanction fees, FAST software)

Referee Accreditation

Club Membership

Sport Application

UKC 2008

National Team

Recognition of official tables

**AGM to be followed by a DYP**

As stated elsewhere, there will be vacancies on the committee for new (or older) blood. If you would like to make a difference and help to develop our sport please put yourself forward for election.

**Boris Atha , BFA Chairman**



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Holywell Open

*Tom Burdett, Steve Lyall and Warwickfoos in association with the Holywell Pub and it's new players are proud to present:*

### **The 2nd Holywell Open**

Garlando Foosball Tournament

\*Held on 17 World Championship Garlando Foosball Tables\*

22nd-24th February 2008

100% payout! (payout = entry fees + reg fees - costs)

This tournament could easily be considered as two 1-day tournaments so you will not miss out if you only come for just the one day of your choice!!

**The Holywell  
London Road  
Hinckley  
Leicestershire  
LE10 1HL**

#### **Friday 22nd:**

21.00 DYP

#### **Saturday 23rd:**

9.00 - Venue Opens

11.00 - Open Singles

11.30 - Open Doubles

13.00 - Novice Doubles

14.00 - Women's Singles

15.30 - Women's Doubles

17.00 - Super Melee for all players not in any other events on the Saturday

#### **Sunday 24th:**

9.00 - Venue Opens

10.00 - Events continue

11.00 - Amateur Singles

12.00 - Semi Pro Singles

13.00 - Masters Singles

14.00 - Amateur Doubles

15.00 - Semi Pro Doubles

16.00 - Masters Doubles

Players (including novices) may enter one of AD SPD MD, and one of AS SPS MS. Players may enter events of their rank or above.

Scheduled Formats (tournament director reserves the right to alter formats):

OS/OD – Straight DE: WB 5.5 LB 5.3

MS/MD – Straight DE: WB 5.5 LB 5.3

SPS/SPD – Groups (7.1) then DE: WB 5.3 LB 9.1

AS/AD – Groups (5.1) then DE: WB 9.1 LB 7.1

ND – Groups (5.1) then DE: WB 7.1 LB 5.1 or Groups (7.1) then SE 9.1

WS/WD – Groups (7.1) then DE: WB 9.1 LB 7.1

[DE = double elimination (need to lose twice); SE = single elimination; WB = winner's bracket; LB = loser's bracket. Notation: e.g 7.3 = first to 7 points best of 3 games]



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Holywell Open

### Entry Fees and Package deals:

Open Singles: **£10** for every rank.

Open Doubles: **£10** for every rank.

**If you enter both Open Singles and Open Doubles it will cost you £15.**

### Banded events:

Masters Singles and Masters Doubles: **£9** each

Semi-pro Singles and Semi-pro Doubles: **£7** each

Amateur Singles and Amateur Doubles: **£4** each

Novice Doubles: **£2**

**If you enter both Open events you get a £2 discount on each banded event that you enter.**

You may enter one singles and one doubles banded event of your rank or above.

If you are Novice then you may enter Novice Doubles, Amateur Singles and Amateur Doubles.

There will be a **£5** per day registration fee (not including Friday night) for all players ranked amateur or above. All novices and newcomers get free reg fees for their second day.

All entry fees will go straight into the prize fund for that particular event.

### Package Deals :

Pro Master/Pro - OS/OD/MS/MD/Reg fee - £15 + £7 + £7 + £10 = £39

Semi-Pro - OS/OD/SPS/SPD/Reg fee - £15 + £5 + £5 + £10 = £35

Amateur - OS/OD/AS/AD/Reg fee - £15 + £2 + £2 + £10 = £29

Novice/Unranked - OS/OD/AS/AD/ND/Reg fee - £15 + £2 + £2 + £0 + £5 = £24

All tables will be set to FREE PLAY

Prize money will be distributed at the end of each day. Therefore, you could treat this tournament as two separate one day events if you wish!

There is NO restriction on entry numbers for any events.

ITSF Rules of play will apply

**For full detail and all the small print check the Britfoos forum.**



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## Liverpool Open

### Results

#### Open Singles

- 1 Snopkowski, Marcin (SP)
- 2 Prisi, Roland (PM)
- 3 Grover, Patrick (PM)

#### DYP

- 1 O'Rourke, Des (SP) Ziencikiewicz, Jakub (P)
- 2 Nubbert, Andrew (PM) Darragh, Brendan (A)
- 3 Marsh, Richard (SP) Chojecki, Artur (P)

#### Senior Doubles

- 1 Ziemann, Dave (P) Cree, Stuart (SP)
- 2 Harris, Martyn (SP) Bulley, Chris (SP)
- 3 Martin, Paul (SP) Goodman-Smith, Nigel (A)

#### Senior Singles

- 1 Ziemann, Dave (P)
- 2 O'Rourke, Des (SP)
- 3 Harris, Martyn (SP)

#### Amateur Singles

- 1 Garcia-Conde, Jesus (A)
- 2 Juhasz, Krisztian (A)
- 3 Kay, Rob (N)

#### Semi-Pro Singles

- 1 Snopkowski, Marcin (SP)
- 2 Nubbert, Mark (SP)
- 3 Martin, Paul (SP)

#### Novice Doubles

- 1 Doran, Nik (N) Tipton, Dan (N)
- 2 Attwood, John (N) Cardarelli, Johnny (N)
- 3 Bundy, Joe (N) Kay, Rob (N)

#### Pro\_Am

- 1 Snopkowski, Marcin (SP) Zakowski, Grzegorz (A)
- 2 Kubiawicz, Filip (PM) Kay, Dion (N)
- 3 Nubbert, Mark (SP) Yeung, Simon (SP)

#### Open Doubles

- 1 Lyall, Stephen (PM) Burdett, Tom (PM)
- 2 Sohi, Jujhar (PM) Snopkowski, Marcin (SP)
- 3 Bareham, Dave (P) Yeung, Simon (SP)

#### Women's Singles

- 1 Walding, Jody (A)
- 2 Racy, Mayya (SP)
- 3 Wong, Caroline (SP)

#### Junior Singles

- 1 Attwood, John (N)
- 2 Potts, Richard (N)
- 3 Corden, Jack (N)

#### Women's Doubles

- 1 Iwan, Alina (SP) Walding, Jody (A)
- 2 Wong, Caroline (SP) Walker, Donna (A)
- 3 Brice, Louise (SP) Brice, Sarah (SP)

#### Semi-Pro Doubles

- 1 Snopkowski, Marcin (SP) Yeung, Simon (SP)
- 2 Garcia-Conde, Jesus (A) Canada, Aitor
- 3 Moss, Robert (SP) Mason, Ben (SP)

#### Amateur Doubles

- 1 Zakowski, Grzegorz (A) Juhasz, Krisztian (A)
- 2 Attwood, John (N) Momus, Lajos (A)
- 3 Hutton, Chris (A) Bangham, Mike (A)

#### Mixed Doubles

- 1 Shovelton, Alex (PM) Walker, Donna (A)
- 2 Sohi, Jujhar (PM) Wong, Caroline (SP)
- 3 Iwan, Alina (SP) Ziencikiewicz, Jakub (P)



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# Dave Ziemann

### ITSF World Senior Champion

**Dave is one of the UK's top table football players – regularly placing highly on all tables. He is a feared competitor, who takes every match seriously, and is a horrible draw in any tournament. (Can you tell I always lose to him?) 2008 has been a stand-out year for Dave. Winning the Senior Singles and Doubles (with Tich Degun) at the UK Championships led to qualification to the ITSF World Championships. There Dave won the Senior Singles title and with Tich took the Senior Doubles title as well.**

#### How did you get started playing?

There was a table in my school club. I rotated between table football and snooker while learning to drink. After that it was wall-to-wall table football at Bristol Uni. I pretty much earned my beer money hustling foos. We beat the local poly to earn a place in the Brighthouse Nationals - held at Warwick Uni. This was my first taste of competitive foos. After college I played at The Grange, in Ealing, a pub that had a long and illustrious table football history. I bought my first table - a Brighthouse - for £70 from Wally Osborne who was the operator there. After that I stopped playing for a decade or so and then had kids. When I lived in Camden I played at the Hawley Arms and had many a great felafel and Keo beer soaked evening.

#### And how did you get back into the tournament scene?

I started playing tournaments after 1998, when I won a J&B branded Garlando G500 with Marko Gasic at the spectacular J&B event in Wembley. It was a strange media event, where the players competing in the pits for tables were generally better than those competing on the stage. Marko and I would search out Pubs with Garlando tables wherever we could. Then one day he told me about a place called The Lord Wolseley, which was in Southall. It had a different kind of table called a Tornado. So we went along and we met Tich Degun and his partner Bruce Jassal. Of course they completely destroyed us and I hated that damn table which seemed to remove all the skills I thought I had. But Marko assured me it was the wave of the future and so I persisted. We then started playing Tornado regularly at Brian Harms' house with his partner Tom Lawler. I am hugely indebted to Brian for those sessions, where I learned to play Tornado, and in particular, learned his excellent 3-bar bank shot.

#### How often are you getting to play at the moment?

Well I manage to play about once a week, whether it be at someone's house, down the pub or in Bar Kick. I try to practice every day, even if it's for only 15 minutes. Sometimes at weekends, if everyone is out I might get a solid couple of hours training in.

#### And how difficult is it to get a "pass out" to play?

Apparently I just go whenever I want to and tell Judith at the last minute, forcing her to re-arrange her hospital on-call rota at short notice.



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Were you surprised to win the World Championship senior singles and doubles, or were you almost "expecting" to do so - i.e. it was yours to lose?

Neither. I planned to win but did not expect it as such. Some of the players were unknown to me - I had no idea how I would fare against the French on Bonzini, the Italians on Roberto or the Americans on Tornado. But I thought that my main advantages would be my strong singles play and relatively good multi-table experience. For the UKC qualifiers I asked Tich to play with me in doubles because I thought he would be my best partner for Italy rather than for the UKC itself, so I was thinking about the win back then. No matter how much prep you do, there's always the luck of the draw. I reckoned that US Tornado player Mark Davis would be my strongest singles opponent, but I never met him because the Belgian Jean-Pierre Pirlet knocked him out. Similarly, we never met the US team of Bruce Nardoci & Kathy Brainard, who picked Bonzini, because the Germans beat them.

What specific preparation did you do before the ITSF World Championships - particularly practising on the different table types?

My initial preparation was an analysis of the other players. I estimated the probability of beating each player on each of the main table types, and deduced my optimal table pick. In singles it was quite close between Tornado and Bonzini, but Tornado won out. With Tich in doubles Tornado was a no-brainer. Thinking about playing each team was also good mental preparation because I was visualising gameplay against each opponent. I also tried to find out as much as I could about the other players beforehand, so when I met them I felt I already had something on them which boosted my confidence.

I also did as much Bonzo practice as I could, and invited Tich to come along for a few sessions at Bar Kick. I thought that if we lost against a strong Bonzini and beat them on Tornado that would come down to the final game, where you play 2 balls on each table. So I reckoned that if Tich had even a modest amount of Bonzini exposure it would significantly improve our chances in that crucial final game. When the table picks were announced there were a few surprises; the American doubles team picked Bonzini, while the Belgians and Italians both picked Roberto Sport. And none of the teams picked Garlando or Tecball.

What mental tricks/routines/relaxation techniques did you use to keep yourself focussed and in control on the way to winning the Senior World Championships?

I got lots of pre-tournament support from a few people. In particular, Cath Brown was invaluable for mental preparation & match psychology, and Rhys Roberts gave me useful practical advice. So in the tournament I felt well equipped with a toolkit. I always found out who I was playing and on which table as soon as possible. Then I would practice on that table while visualising my opponent. Where possible I scouted out my opponent to review their game. I'm not sure how much practical difference these things make, but they help to boost confidence enormously, which is important for my game.



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A question I asked Alex last month: Where do you rate yourself on the absolute World Stage? Are there people that you still don't feel like you have a chance against in an important match (the Fred/Billy/Robs of the world) or do you fancy your chances against anyone?

On one hand I am certain I am a nothing, nowhere at all on the world stage. But on the other hand anything is possible on the day. When I represented the UK for singles in Italy in 2006, I beat Canadian PM Eric Dunn, and played very strong games against Rob Mares and Dave Gummeson. I believe I could have beaten both of them, but it's true that there were specific factors which worked in my favour. First, the qualifier games were played one game to 7, which can be quite a leveller for the underdog with a bag of tricks. Also, Dave Gummeson was having difficulty executing his sticks on the dodgy curved puppets. I played Frederico in Germany one time, and I gave him what I thought was a good game - I was able to glimpse how it might be possible to beat him, even though I did not come close. I think he was practicing against me, shooting (yes) unusual stick passes and also shooting rather than passing from the 2-bar. I played Billy on Garlando one time and didn't really know what was going on. One day I'm going to surprise Rob Atha and beat him before he gets good.

What are your favourite moments in foosball (apart from winning the Senior World Championships of course)?

Well, just playing the best, like Fred, Mares, Gummeson, is an honour. Beating Eric Dunn & Moya with Rhys in the Nation Cup at Tornado Worlds was a high, and beating some top players in Kentucky as well. In the UK, winning Tornado OD in Southampton with Albert Tamou, Garlando OD with Rhys at Stroud and Bonzini OD with Alex in Bar Kick all bring back fond memories. Coming 2nd in UKC OS last year. Winning Oxford VIII Garlando Mixed with Cath Brown in a field of 15, and coming 2nd in OD with Cath at Hard Rock, in both cases against strong teams. My favourite times are when I'm playing pickup with foos friends, bantering and having a laugh. What will we do without the Floatel?

And your worst moment?

Cambridge EuroSoccer; first losing to JP, and then losing to Alex after being on top. Losing to Diane Blackwell on Tornado (Diane knows I love her, so she won't mind me saying that). And my crash and burn with Cath at the Havelock. Being interviewed by Edwina Currie after winning Stroud with Rhys. When Tanny died.

What are your aspirations for 2008?

I want to qualify for UKC, represent the UK in Italy for seniors, and make at least one foreign tournament this year.

Who is your toughest Opponent?

Rhys Roberts.



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And which player do you most enjoy watching?

In the UK Khalid Sharif. He had the sweetest touch of anyone on the ball. Also Bruce Jassal who is a huge talent and big fun to watch. More widely, I love watching Tommy Adkisson and of course Fred.

Which one event would you like to see more of at tournaments?

Mixed Doubles brings in the women.

If you were chair of the BFA for the day, what one change would you make and why?

I can't think of anything that couldn't be changed back the next day..

Which areas can the BFA improve what it is doing at the moment - and how can they go about doing this.

Develop a plan for obtaining funding to secure an ITSF training centre. How? Talk to other countries and find out how they are doing it. Split the website into a professional section and keep BritFoos hidden under the covers.

You are a big advocate of ELO rankings - why do you think they are better than other ranking systems?

I think Elo (it's not capitals by the way, it's named for Arpad Elo) (Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, whatever Ziemann. Now get back on to your soapbox.....) would bring more players into the game, improve tournament attendances and make the tournament scene more competitive, thereby improving the standard in the UK.

The current system simply awards points to the best players, so the more tournaments they attend the more points they get. It favours those who can afford to travel to tournaments here and abroad while ignoring tournaments which don't fit, and from which useful ability information could be obtained. At the same time it fails to rank players who do not win points. The result is a list that that does not reflect ability, is disheartening to players and detrimental to the game.

For me a good ranking list is one where the relative position of 2 players in the list can accurately predict the outcome of a game between them. Because Elo is purely based on match performance it can do this. It's accurate, so actual improvements in a player's skills are reflected in the ranking, and relative movements are significant. Every single player who plays in a tournament will see a change in their ranking based on their performance, not just the few players at the top. This is motivating for players of all abilities.

Playing more matches and more tournaments simply makes your ranking more accurate, it does not just award you more points or ignore you completely. It's reasonable for those who do not place in an event to miss out on prize money and trophies, but not on their ranking updates.



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At the moment some disciplines are not ranked (eg womens, seniors) while other disciplines are conflated (eg singles & doubles). With Elo it's easy and meaningful to create distinct rankings for the different disciplines, without detriment to players in other categories. Organisers have the flexibility to tailor events to specific point ranges, rather than being constrained by the high level classifications such as Semi Pro or Masters. Events become more competitive and more meaningful. I don't think there's any point implementing Elo and trying to force it on people when they don't want it. Just keep repeating the benefits until more people can see them. When a critical mass is achieved, it will just happen naturally .

#### And finally, any pre-tournament rituals?

I pack my bag carefully. I store easy-to-eat foods like nuts, raisins, energy bars. I make sure I have all the things that people always ask me for, such as lube, rubber rings and an assortment of crazy medicaments. I tightly pack a plastic box with a large number of Karakal 0.6 wraps in a pleasing variety of colours. Before a match I usually always lube. It's a meditation, helping to pull my attention away from the room and into the table. Then I quieten my mind, focus my attention on a spot in the table, take a breath and get down to the game.



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## Oxford Open 9

*Oxford University Table Football Club & Riley's Oxford & Richard Thomson & the BFA present...*

Oxford Open IX

7th-9th March, 2008

Garlando Table Football Tournament

10x Master Champion tables, all set to FREEPLAY throughout the weekend!

Estimated Prize-fund: £2000 + £500 sponsorship by *Richard Thomson*  
100% Payout (after costs)

*Riley's Oxford*

The County Club,

Between Towns Road,

Cowley, Oxford,

OX4 3LZ

Tel: 01865-749147

Website: <http://www.rileysltd.com/index.cfm/go/club.detail/id/106/clubname/Oxford>

Riley's will be serving food & drink all day and is open till 2am!

E-mail: [secretary@oxfoos.co.uk](mailto:secretary@oxfoos.co.uk) Website: <http://www.oxfoos.co.uk/>

### Entry Fees (per player)

Friday Draw Your TEAM: £2 - *all are eligible.*

#### Saturday Package

*Amateurs & above:* Flat entry fee of £15 for ALL events you are eligible for on the day.

*Novices:* Get a reduced entry fee of £10 for ALL events you are eligible for on the day.

*Women:* Women's Singles added on top for FREE!

#### Sunday Package

*Amateur & above:* Flat entry fee of £15 for ALL events you are eligible for on the day.

*Novices:* Get a reduced entry fee of £10 for ALL events you are eligible for on the day.

#### Weekend Package **\*\*SAVE £5\*\***

*Amateurs & above:* Flat entry fee of £25.

*Novices:* Reduced entry fee of £15.

*Women:* Women's Singles added on top for FREE!

...for ALL events you are eligible for, throughout the **WHOLE WEEKEND!**



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## Oxford Open 9

### Friday 7th March

7:00pm: Event Registration

8:00pm: Draw Your TEAM

*Teams of 4 to compete against other teams in a mixture of Singles and Doubles games. No need to bring 3 other team-mates because teams are randomly drawn!*

### Saturday 8th March

9:00am: Registration **OPENS** and Practice begins

10:30am: Registration **CLOSES - no entries accepted hereafter!**

11:00am: Open Singles Groups (*6 players per group*)

1:00pm: Women's Singles

3:00pm: Novice Doubles & Masters Doubles

4:00pm: Amateur Doubles & Semi-pro Doubles

5:00pm: Novice Singles Knock-Outs (KO)\*

7:00pm: No-Pro Singles Knock-Outs (KO)\*

8:00pm: Open Singles Knock-Outs (KO)\*

### Sunday 9th March

**££ extra £500 Prize-fund exclusively for Open Doubles sponsored by Richard Thomson ££**

9:00am: Registration **OPENS** and Practice begins

10:30am: Registration **CLOSES - no entries accepted hereafter!**

11:00am: Open Doubles Groups (*8 teams per group*)

4.00pm: Open Doubles Knock-Outs (KO)\*

4:30pm: No-Pro Doubles Knock-Outs (KO)\*

5:00pm: Novice Doubles Knock-Outs (KO)\*

6.00pm: Super Melee\*\*

8.00pm: **END OF TOURNAMENT**

*NB. "No-Pro" denotes any player ranked Semi-pro or below.*

*\*Competitors may qualify for the **KO stages of their own rank PLUS the KO stages of the higher ranks**. For example, a Novice could qualify for all three Novice, No-Pro and Open KOs. An Amateur or a Semi-pro could qualify for No-Pro and Open KOs. However a Pro or a Pro-Master may only qualify for Open KOs.*

*\*\*Competitors are eligible to enter the Super Melee as soon as they are knocked out of all events, and are free to leave whenever, **AT NO EXTRA COST**.*



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# Oxford Open 9

*A flat entry rate for all ranks reflects the fact that a player may be eligible for more than one pot depending on their rank. For example, an Amateur player is eligible for Amateur Doubles, No-Pro and Open knockouts, and hence may win money from any or all of those pots. That player's entry fee is distributed between Amateur, No-Pro and Open pots accordingly. On the other hand a Pro player is eligible for Masters Doubles and Open knockouts, and hence the entry fee is distributed between Masters and Open pots accordingly.*

To help with the cost of table transport and other costs **ALL players** will be charged a **Registration Fee**:

*All RANKED players: £5 per day*

*First-time tournament players: £5 one-off fee, no matter how many days!*

*Remember this gives you a whole day of free games and free practice! This is a non-profit making tournament. All money received after costs goes into the trophies and the prize-fund.*

For eligibility details, event formats and all the full information please see the Britfoos announcement:

<http://www.britfoos.com/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=5987>

The generous  
sponsor of the  
Oxford Open,  
Richard Thomson



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# February Newsletter 2008

## Oxford Open 9 – Jee-Ha Kim

**We are pleased to announce that the Oxford Open is BACK from its absence for almost two years.**

The OUTFC have been trying very hard to find a new venue since we lost our previous one, and after months of effort, we were able to acquire a superb venue - **Riley's Oxford, OX4 3LZ** - much thanks to *Mr. Antony Kay (Riley's Manchester)* and *Mr. James Hogben (General Manager, Riley's Oxford)*.

The tournament has received the benefit of the heated discussions within the Warzone. The system of **flat** entry fees have been considered and put into place - though modified slightly to be Novice friendly! The tournament format itself has been designed to ensure a large number of games and competition, catering for players **across all ranks**. Thereby, ensuring an **excellent value for your money**.

Not only that, we have been extremely fortunate to be in receipt of *Mr. Richard Thomson's* Sponsorship exclusively for the Sunday 9th Open Doubles!

In return for such a huge contribution, we have incorporated Mr. Thomson's ideas into the Open Doubles format.

Everybody will have many games in the Groups because each will be a massive one made of 8 teams! Then there will be separate KO Stages for various ranks and the main Open KO - enabling many teams across all ranks to progress further than the Groups, rather than being knocked-out straightaway.

These will be kept simple as first to 9 goals Single Elimination KO, substantially reducing delays and waiting times between matches, and more excitement from the possible 'up-sets' that could occur. The tournament will finish around 8pm, giving you time to travel back home and less worry about work on Monday.

Remember, there is **guaranteed £500 PLUS prize-money from entry fees, accruing to a HUGE prize-fund, more than £1000 just for the Sunday!** You'd be insane to miss this opportunity.

Of course, the Saturday events are not to be missed either - giving you a variety of Singles and Doubles games with the opportunity to excel within your own rank, and an **estimated prize-fund of another £1000 for the day!** All this at an excellent deal, as shown by the simple entry packages listed above! (pick the **Weekend** one, it's cheaper )

Thank you very much to all those who have supported Oxford - your contributions have born fruit. Now let's look forward to an amazing table football tournament.



# February Newsletter 2008

## The Floatel 2008

Eddie Edwards and Bengie McHugh present...  
**The Floatel Open 2008**

**Tornado Foosball Tournament**  
**Friday 25th - Sunday 27th April 2008**

100% Payout (excluding costs) in All Events

**The Floatel**  
**London Road,**  
**Northwich,**  
**Cheshire.**  
**CW9 5HZ**

Tournament Organisers: Eddie Edwards & Bengie McHugh  
Tournament Director: John Shovelton  
Head Official: Tom Burdett

**Tel 01606 44443**

For full and the latest details please see:  
<http://www.britfoos.com/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?p=79348#79348>

### Schedule of Events

#### Friday 25th April

20:30 - DYP - £5 per player.

#### Saturday 26th April

10:00 - Games Hall Opens, Registration for all Events Begins

11:00 - Open Singles

13:00 - Semi-Pro Singles

15:00 - Amateur Singles

17:00 - Women's Singles

19:00 - Open Doubles

22:00 - 2-Ball Rollerball - £5 per player. Played until completion on Saturday night. No games called in other events after 22:00.

#### Sunday 27th April

10:00 - Games Hall Opens, Continuation of Events, Registration for all Events Begins

11:00 - Semi-Pro Doubles

13:00 - Amateur Doubles

15:00 - Masters' Doubles - Pro & Pro-Master Players only

15:00 - Women's Doubles

17:00 - Sunday DYP - £5 per player.

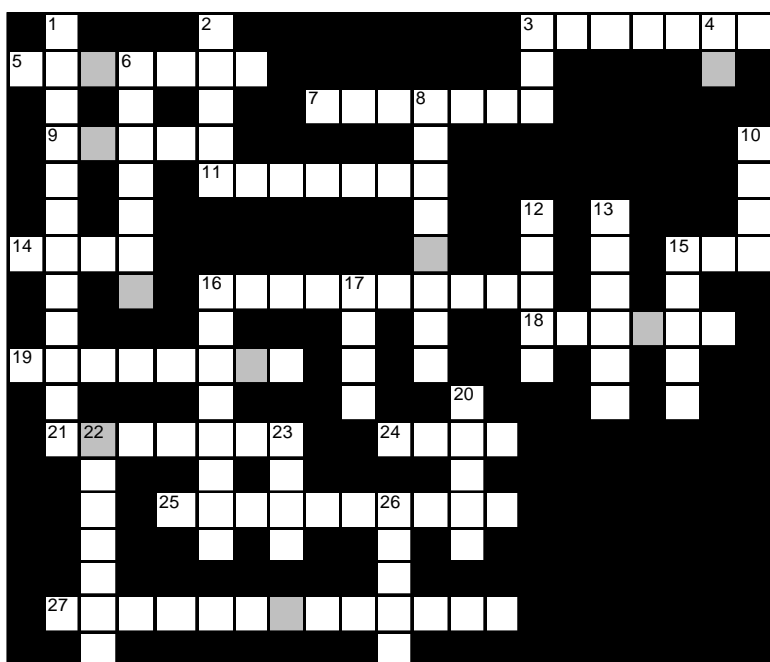
Match formats for all events are dependent on turnout.



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## Crossword Competition

Chris Lyall has produced this excellent competition. The letters in the coloured squares can be re-arranged to spell 2 words. To enter the competition, send these two words (in the correct order) to [dan@britfoos.com](mailto:dan@britfoos.com) before 29th February 2008. First name out of the hat wins free entry (i.e. entry will be paid for you) to Open Events at the Holywell 3 tournament in May. Editor's decision is final.



### Across

- 3 Shot from the 3 Bar  
 5 Table used at Bar Kick  
 7 Foosing brothers Andrew, Mark and Tom  
 9 Foosing University spelled backwards  
 11 The Premiership Team Joe Bundy Supports  
 14 Foos Player: \*\*\*\* Shovelton  
 15 Foosing Shot: \*\*\* Bang  
 16 Very Highly Ranked UK Fooser  
 18 Foosing Shot: Big Red \*\*\*\*\*  
 19 Venue in Hinckley  
 21 Joey and Chandler own this type of table  
 24 If it's more than 360 then it's a \*\*\*\*  
 25 Century in which Table Football was invented  
 27 Full name of the character in Joe Hamilton's Britfoos profile picture, recently deceased

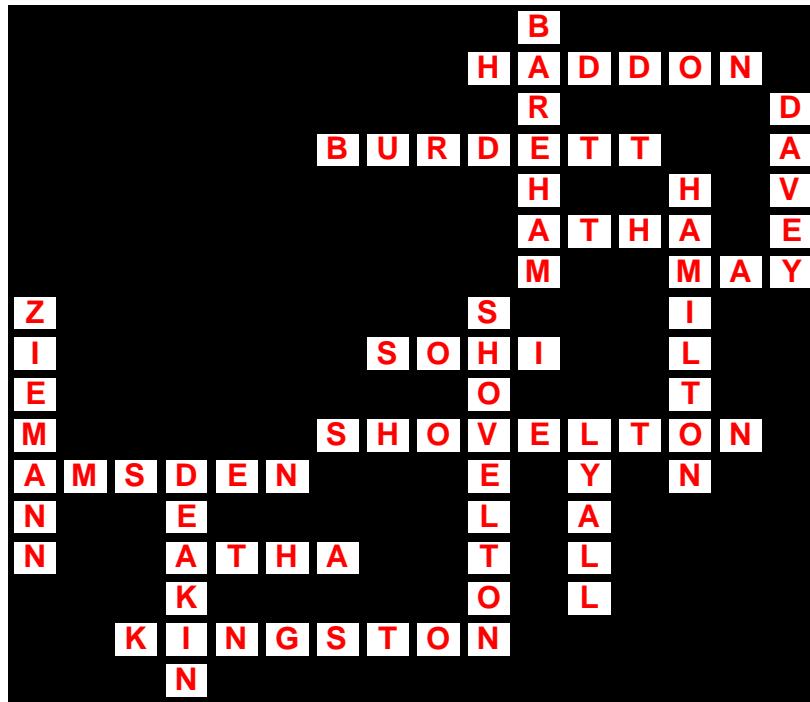
### Down

- 1 Type of foosing table  
 2 3-Bar shot, reptile  
 3 Players nickname of the table reserved for important games  
 4 Abbreviation for scoring at the wrong end  
 6 Dave \*\*\*\*\*, Senior Doubles World Champion  
 8 Foosing member of BFA committee. Listed interests: Fitness, Training and Foos. From Hereford.  
 10 Used to help players have traction on the rods  
 12 Geoff \*\*\*\*\*, daughters Louise and Sarah.  
 13 Foosing shot, spanner  
 15 Location of Garlando World Championships  
 16 Oxford Fooser  
 17 Rob \*\*\*\*, UK number 1  
 20 Scoring, but not through skill. Flukey play  
 22 Bill \*\*\*\*\* of Holywell  
 23 Event any player can enter  
 26 Steve Edwards' preferred first name



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# January Competition Answer



The correct answer from the shaded squares was for those of you that haven't met Craig "Chips on Both Shoulders":

### Brush Snake

The winner of the competition drawn first out of the hat was Pro-Master Andrew Nubbert from Warwick University. He gets his entry paid for to the Open Events at this months Holywell tournament. Andrew contact [dan@britfoos.com](mailto:dan@britfoos.com) for details on receiving your prize.

Can I also say what a great idea it was to charge a flat fee for entries to this event.



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# The Crown

**Just a month after we reported the sad demise of The Bank, Keynsham, Dave Oates has posted some great news on the Britfoos forum on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January:**

Yes! We have now secured a new venue to replace the Bank.

Spookily it is also in Keynsham just down the road!

We installed two tables in there today one Tornado and **one World Cup Garlando both in top condition of course!** and with proper Barenhertz balls etc.

This means it is the only venue in the Bristol area where you can practice for both the main types of tournaments!!!!

Holywell and Oxford better watch out for some of those Bristol boys improving a bit on Garlando!

The tables are again in a small room of their own but this time on the ground floor just off the bar.

In due course we will be holding regular BYPs in a multi table format and I need to change the Bank shield to the Crown shield! (Or as Mase has suggested: [The Crown Crown, to be worn by the winners...](#))

Also, the Crown has some good accommodation, about 4 or 5 rooms with en-suite etc, so people who want to come to the BYP can stay over if they want. There are several pubs and restaurants in Keynsham to try after the foosin' or hit the town in central Bristol not far away!

The tables are in now so you can go and use it straightway to practice for Liverpool (Or Holywell, or Oxford!) but over the next few weeks we will be improving some things like the lighting, put up the foos dude and tart the place up a bit but it's still ok in the meantime.

As per the Bank, regular nights will be Tuesdays starting on 29/1 (as I can't make it next week and some players are in Kentucky) so get that date in your diary and I hope many of you local guys will make the effort to come out and play some foos and support this venue so we don't lose it.

There will be more details on the Crown in forthcoming issues of the BFA Newsletter.



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## Shorts

### **The Bush**

There was a shock result at the Bush, Bristol in the January BYP doubles competition. Youngsters Martyn Harris and Chris Bulley stormed through to win against seasoned campaigners. They beat Joe Hamilton and Dave Bareham in the final. A massive field featuring veterans like the Shoveltons, ex-UK champion Rob Davey and serial moaner Mike Amsden could do nothing when faced with the youthful exuberance of Harris and Bulley.

### **Bar Kick**

The February BYP at BK was won by Juj Sohi and Iain Boardman, from Dominique El Manceur and Jean-Philippe Thompson, in a tournament with a great turnout of 20 pairs. Bar Kick continues to set the standard for other venues to aspire to, which only the universities can compete with.

### **The Inn On The Green – Ladbroke Grove**

There is a big shout out for players to come down to the Inn On The Green, Ladbroke Grove, London on Friday nights. There is a Foos4Fun Tornado and Bonzini tables, and a large number of top players have recently been seen there. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, ITSF Senior World Champions Dave Ziemann and Tich Degun were in attendance, along with Rhys Roberts, Paul Kalsi, Mike Cohen, Raj Panesar, and many more. Recently other top players have included Bar Kicks Boardman, Wong and Thompson.

The Inn On The Green for those that have never been is absolutely bizarre – I have never seen such a mixture of clientele – celebrities\*, suited business men, kids along with their parents, glamorous (?) grannies dressed up to pull (Why does everyone start looking at Cohen when one of these walks past?), top draw musicians (Mick Jones of The Clash) regularly playing in the back room (Ticket only – sells out, so get there very early if you did want to go), and there is a balcony for those that like smoking. And a lot of people there are very keen...

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