

### **Table Tennis Group Report by Celia Chapple**

I have been convening the group for the past month in Peter's absence. It's been a lean month as regards participants but that is to be expected as group members go exploring and travelling, and we get to hear of their journeys on their return.

Nevertheless, we have had some very good games, with two members joining the group in September. Both had played before, but with a break of varying lengths, so our games have been enlivened by new players. Also, our newer members have developed their skills over the last year which is good to see.

Table tennis championships continue all over the world and the Greek Para Open has just been held in Argostoli. It was an all-British final in men's class 8 with Aaron McKibbin beating Billy Shilton and Commonwealth champions Jack Hunter-Spivey (men's class 5) and Joshua Stacey (men's class 9) together with Fliss Pickard (women's class 6-7) all taking gold in their respective events.

In the British Para table tennis team, Martin Perry (men's class 6) and Megan Shackleton (women's class 3-5) also took silver and there were bronze medals for Rob Davies (men's class 1), Sue Bailey (women's class 3-5) and Simon Heaps (men's class 5).

Peter will return next month and no doubt take up his discussion on the basic skills of table tennis. If you would like to join our group to learn the game, improve your skills or just have a bit of fun, please contact Peter Singer [pandjsnger@btinternet.com](mailto:pandjsnger@btinternet.com) 07508 663998

Photos: Billy Shilton (left) and Aaron McKibbin

