24 HOUR TABLE TENNIS MARATHON - SUPPORT THE WHEELCHAIR TABLE TENNIS DREAM

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October 24th/25th – Grange School, Christchurch

The aim is to have continuous table tennis played on a maximum of 4 tables whereby singles will be played by the participants.

Players will be sponsored in 3 ways:

a) By the hour played. An hour constitutes 55 mins of continuous play followed by a 5-minute rest period/toilet break
b) A set amount for participating in the TT Marathon
c) If you do not want to collect sponsorship money then you can make a donation by: Typing into your browser – Go Fund Me/ Fund the Simon Heaps Wheelchair TT Dream

Each player will have their sponsorship sheet signed with start and finish times and total amounts to be collected from sponsors. The monies can then be transferred into the Go Fund Me Page

<u>Monies raised will go to: Simon Heaps Wheelchair Table Tennis Dream</u>

Simon was a young table tennis star from an early age. European Cadet Champion and English Junior Champion in his teens and International honors for both the Senior and Junior teams was followed by becoming Senior Champion of Berkshire, Cheshire and Dorset. After a prolonged time out of the sport he returned to represent England again in the o/60's class along with becoming a National Champion again in 2018. He has helped many local youngsters with his coaching and playing experience. He was Bournemouth Coach of the Year recently.

Simon is now 65 and lost his right leg by means of amputation at the end of May 2019. From his Hospital bed he joined GB Para Table Tennis and has a dream to represent GB in the 2022 Para Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. He has already represented GB in an International event in Costa Rica last December where he was 40 years older that the next oldest team member!!

The only way to represent England in the Commonwealth Para Games is to gain World Ranking points in International events. Covid restrictions since March have not helped his cause and the cost of these events is very expensive.



All of Simon's events must be self-funded and along with International events entry fees, travel and accommodation he also has to pay for coaching and participating in UK tournaments. His kit and equipment also have to be purchased on a regular basis to participate at this level.

Fundraising is paramount to continue with his achievable dream.

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