

Appointment of Ulster Performance Development Officer



Table Tennis Ulster has pleasure in announcing the appointment of **Andrew Dennison** as Performance Development Officer from 1 August 2010. This post is funded by grant aid from Sport NI. Andrew's remit will include spending between 20% and 25% of his time working for the Irish Table Tennis Association, the national governing body for the sport in Ireland.

Well known throughout Ireland, Andrew has a long connection with Table Tennis. As a junior he was the top ranked player at each age group. During his senior playing years he was 3 times Irish Singles Champion and 13 times Ulster Champion, and he also played as a professional player for Preetzer TSV. He represented Ireland at World and European Championships and captained Northern Ireland in the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne.

Since retiring as a player, Andrew has continued to coach, assisting former Ulster Branch coach Jing Yi in her High Performance role, and taking over some of her duties when she resigned. He has acted as North-East Development Officer for the Golden Cow Games, coached for Special Olympics, been non-playing captain of Commonwealth Games teams in Jaipur and Glasgow, and has also assisted the coaching of the 2012 British Olympic Squad in Lilleshall.

More lately, Andrew has set up an active and well-attended club in the Valley Leisure Centre.

Andrew's current employment is as Assistant Manager at Sixmile Leisure Centre in Ballyclare, where he has had numerous duties with a variety of sports.

We wish him every success in his new post.

Ulster Branch President, Tony Phillips said this week "***Andrew is an ideal appointment for the Branch and we look forward to continuing progress in the development of the sport in Ulster and Ireland under his leadership.***"

