

## **Report on ICC 17-21 Tournament 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> March 2008.**

Essex entered a team into the ICC 17-21 tournament, which was held over 2 days at Hatfield Sports Centre. The team consisted of Iain McCormick, Terry Coleman, Mark Fatungase, Basil Tallah, Jenni Crisp, Rosy Morgan, Charlotte Lane and Helen Wiley.

The first day saw us in a group with Sussex and Somerset, we beat Sussex 4-2, the highlights being Jenni and Rosy's thrilling 3 setter and Iain and Charlotte's mixed and drew with Somerset 3-3, Iain's singles and Terry and Mark's doubles were the highlights of this match so this put us in first place and ensured that we were in the top half of the draw so we knew that we were going to have a tough second day.

Our first match was against Hertfordshire which we lost 5-1, Iain's singles was our only victory against a very strong Hert's team. Our next match was against Lancashire which we drew 3-3, Helen's singles and her doubles with Charlotte helped us to a draw, Basil injured his arm but gamely played on, (such was the team spirit), but on a countback of the score we lost by 2 points and so we finished 7th out of 20. There were some excellent matches played and the team spirit was superb, some of the players had not experienced a 2 day tournament before but the camaraderie of the team ensured that everyone played their part. Once again a great result, the players said that roll on next year and we will improve on 7th.

Graham Lane (Team Manager)