



## Great Shots, Part Deux

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The Photo Archive is one of the ITTF Museum's top priorities, as vintage photographs offer vivid evidence of Table Tennis history, capturing key moments in major events, as well as portraits of our champions.

Recently a large box was delivered to the Museum, and inside awaited a treasure trove of historic materials. These were the long lost files of A.J. Wilmott of England, a Personal Honorary Member of the ITTF who provided much valuable support during the 1930s. He is best known for his meticulous research and testing of table tennis balls for the ITTF.

Wilmott was also a regular at major tournaments, and I was delighted to find his personal bat, a classic Jaques offset head, along with two very large sheets of vintage 1930s Leyland pimpled rubber. This will enable me to authentically restore about 20 bats in the Museum collection.

Among the other treasures I found a series of wonderful photos of star players, some autographed, most taken at the World Championships in Prague 1936. I encourage our readers to send such vintage photos to the Museum, to help preserve the historical record.



Ruth Aarons (USA), 1936 World Champion, also declared co-champion in 1937 along with Trude Pritzi (AUT)



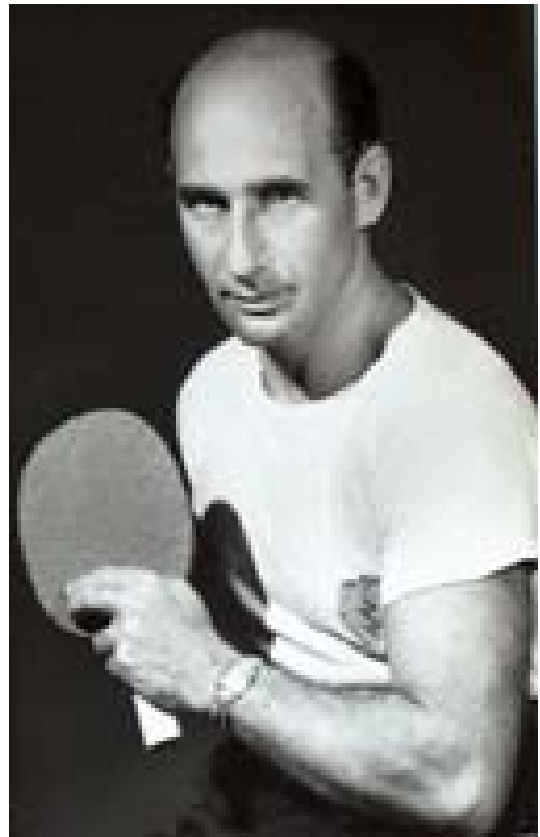
Marie Kettnerova (CZE), 1934 and 1935 World Champion



Bohumil Vana (CZE), 1938 and 1947 World Champion



Astrid Krebsbach (GER), Finalist in the 1934 and 1936 World Championships



"The Great Bellak"



A rather remarkable photo of the 1936 Swaythling Cup men's team winners, Austria, linked arm-in-arm with the runners-up Romanian team. These days we seldom see such camaraderie ! Note the very young looking Richard Bergmann, second from the left.



The English team at the 1931 World Championships, winners of the Bronze Medal in the Swaythling Cup.  
L-R: A.A.Haydon, R.D. Jones, Charles Bull, Tommy Sears, Stanley Proffitt, and Ivor Montagu