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number of Cardiff businessmen returning from the First World War. They started a Club known as the Thirty Club (restricted to 30 men and their respective ladies), and sometime between 1918 and 1921 the Association was born.

The first International against an English side took place in 1921, and was the first of a series of matches played every year with the exception of the Second World War years, until 1959.

In 1926/27 Season, Wales participated in the first World Championships in London, and was a Founder Member of the International Table Tennis Federation along with Austria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, England, Germany, Hungary, India and Sweden. (There are now 125 Associations affiliated). The first all Women's match was played against England in London in 1929, and this series continued until 1947/48 Season, when a combined men's and women's match started a new series.

Ireland joined the International scene in Season 1932/33, and Scotland in 1946/47, and Mixed matches were played against these two countries in each Season.

In 1959/60, the separate matches between the four Home Countries were combined in a new Quadrangular event, the first of which was held in Ireland. The experiment proved highly successful, and Quadrangular meetings took place in subsequent years in Wales, Scotland and England, continuing in a second series until 1967/68 when the meetings were discontinued.

In the same Season, 1967/68, Belgium, Jersey, Scotland and Wales played in the first Regional Group of the European League in Jersey, and Wales has played in sub-

Wales in 1974/75, and 1975/76. In 1976/77 Wales played in Div. 2 but were relegated.

Junior matches against England commenced in 1947/48 and have continued each year, until 1975/76.

Wales participated in the following World Championships 1926/27 London, 1927/28 Stockholm, 1928/29 Budapest, 1929/30 Berlin, 1932/33 Baden, Vienna, 1934/35 and 1937/38 London, 1946/47 Paris, 1947/48 London, 1948/49 Stockholm, 1949/50 Budapest, 1950/51 Vienna, 1952/53 Bucharest, 1953/54 London, 1954/55 Utrecht, 1956/57 Stockholm, 1958/59 Dortmund, 1962/63 Prague, 1964/65 Ljubljana, 1966/67 Stockholm, 1968/69 Munich, 1972/73 Sarajevo, 1974/75 Calcutta, 1976/77 Birmingham.

In the following European Championships 1957/58 Budapest, 1959/60 Zagreb, 1961/62 Berlin, 1963/64 Malmoe, 1965/66 London, 1967/68 Lyons, 1971/72 Rotterdam, 1973/74 Novi Sad, 1975/76 Prague.

In the following European Youth Championships 1967 Vejle, Denmark, 1970 Teeside, England, 1972 Vejle, Denmark, 1974 Goppingen, 1975 Zagreb, 1976 Modling, 1977 Vichy.