

## **Surrey County Notes (April 2018) by Chris Andrews**

At the World Schools' Table Tennis Championships in Malta, Whitgift have been drawn to face Greece, Israel and India, while Danielle Kelly's school Charles Reed are to face Czech Republic, France and Slovakia.

Aaron McKibbin won Bronze in the Singles at the Lignano Masters Open in Italy and Silver in the Men's Class 8 team event.

Ollie Maric-Murray has been selected to play for England in the primary schools International in Scotland.

At the Nationals Surrey based Paul Drinkhall won the Men's Doubles with David McBeath beating Liam Pitchford and Sam Walker. Shaquille Webb-Dixon and Danielle Kelly represented Surrey in the under-21 Men's and Women's event respectively with Shaquille beating James Hobson in the group stage and in the Men's group stage Shaquille again beat James Hobson.

Ollie Maric-Murray did very well to come 4<sup>th</sup> in the under-12's National Cup when he is still in the under-11 category.

The Surrey Junior team beat Devon 2 8-2, Dorset 1 8-2 and Berkshire 1 9-1. The team consisted of Jamie Nordin, Robert Pelc, Damien Gray, Danielle Kelly and Medha Verma.

Surrey Veteran's 4 drew 5-5 with Middlesex 5 and beat Herts 4 6-4. Just missing out on promotion. Surrey Veterans's 2 beat Bedfordshire 2 6-4 and finished mid table. Surrey Veteran's 1 beat Wiltshire 1 9-1

In the Veteran's Men's British League Simon Philipsz finished on 30% in Division 1A playing for Topspin Fusion. Graham Spicer were the top Surrey team finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in Division 3A. In the Veteran's Women's Premier Division Sally Cimiotti played for Wheelers Fusion of Ladies. In the Women's British League the top Surrey player was Danielle Kelly on 64% playing for Fusion in Division 1 closely followed by Federica Bonato on 50% playing for Brunswick Fulham in the same Division. Graham Spicers were the top Surrey Women's team coming 6<sup>th</sup> in Division 3. In the Boy's British League Jamie Nordin was Surrey's top performer on 45% in Division 1 playing for Sussex Blades. In the Girls British League I am waiting for the Girls Premier League results to be published on the table tennis 365 site.

Paul Baker won the Veteran's 1 star Consolation event at Cippenham.

The London South Schools Individual Championships saw some excellent play and results from Surrey players. The results of which were:- under 11 Girls winner Annie Williams of Barnes Primary, runner-up Anna Hall Barnes Primary, under 11 Boys winner Ollie Maric-Murray Whitgift, runner-up Daniyal Palmer Homefields, under 13 Girls winner Yuvathi Kumar Wallington Girls, runner-up Lucy Adams Tiffin Girls, under 13 Boys winner Mikael Toosy Whitgift, under-16 Girls Xin Lim Wallington Girls, under 16 Boys winner Robert Pelc Cheam High, under 19 Girls Yvette Zhang Royal Russell.

In the Central London Schools event Ernest Bevin achieved a 1,2 ,3 in the under 16 Boys event with Nahom Goitom winning Gold, Kamal Annich Silver and Adam Benmohamed Bronze.

In the Guildford league handicap tournament James Wyncoll of Ash beat Max Flint. The handicap pairs title went to reigning Champions Kim Philips and Alan Richards of Cody who beat Vijay Bhaskar and Jonathan Cannon. The 83<sup>rd</sup> Guildford Closed Championship saw a new name on the Open Singles Cup in Federico Viterbo who beat Ross Saxby. In the Consolation event a young Charlie Cunningham overcame the more experienced Vijay Bhaskar. The Open Doubles saw Federico Viterbo team up with Ross Saxby to beat Jason Tandler and John Robinson. Maria Hilsdon won the Ladies Singles beating Louise Newman. In the Ladies Doubles Maria Hilsdon and Shula Laws beat Charley Penny and Louise Newman. The Mixed Doubles saw John Robinson and Maria Hilsdon beat Jonathan Cannon and Shula Laws. Daniel Heo had a fabulous win over Ross Saxby in the semi-final of the Restricted Premier Division Competition and went on to beat Jason Tandler in the final. In the Restricted Division 1 final Charlie Cunningham narrowly beat Ross Lingard. The Division 2 Restricted was a round robin in which Chris King was the winner with James Sellen runner-up. James Wyncoll beat Ansh Richaria in the Division 3 restricted final. The Division 4 restricted was also round robin with Max Flint the winner and Rob Chatwin runner –up. The Doubles restricted produced the following winners:- Division 1 Vijay Bhaskar and Jonathan Cannon, Division 2 Mick Stanners and Adrian Certu, Division 3 Ansh Richaria and Anil Gadage, Division 4 Max Flint and Guangmu Zhu. In the Veteran's Singles John Robinson beat Daniel Heo. Jason Tandler and John Robinson won the Veteran's Doubles against Graham Faulker and Richard Seymour. Maria Hildson added the Veteran's Ladies title to the other three Guildford titles she won beating Shula Laws. Phil Harrison beat Peter Palmer in the final of the Masters Competition.

The Sutton & District Table Tennis League closed Championship saw Richard Tanner win the Open Singles and the Veteran Singles titles. Ajay Shah won the Consolation Singles. The Super Veteran's Singles title was won by Geoff Grange. Michelle McGovern won the Ladies Singles and teamed up with C. Ballard to win the Open Doubles. Angus Norman won the Division 2 Singles title with T. Coady winning the Division 3 title and Alex MacDonnell winning Division 4 Singles title. In the Handicap Singles the winner was Krishna Mohan-Nagarajan.

Carole Ingram sadly passed away recently. She was Secretary/vice-Chairman and chief organiser of the Guildford league for several years and also Chairman and Secretary of the Merrow club. She will be greatly missed.