

Surrey Press Report 2015-16 (by Chris Andrews)

Aaron McKibbin is one of 12 **Great Britain Table Tennis players** named for the **Rio Paralympics**. Aaron McKibbin reached the last 16 at the Bayreuth Open in Germany in the men's class 8 event. Aaron McKibbin with team mate Ross Wilson took Bronze in the ITTF PTT European Championships in Denmark Men's Class 8 event. Aaron McKibbin the Paralympic medallist **beat the Chinese World No.2** Ye Chao Qun to win Gold in the Men's Class 8 Singles at the PTT China Open in Beijing. Aaron McKibbin and his table tennis partner Ross Wilson picked up a Bronze medal in the team event in the Men's class 8 of the Lignano Masters Open in Italy. In the ITTF PTT Slovenia Open Aaron McKibbin lost in the semi-finals of the Men's Class 8 against World Champions China.

Isabelle Joubely claimed **fifth place** at the **cadet team event in Prague** with Amy Blagbough. They beat a Slovakian team and a Czech Republic team. Isabelle also made it to the last 16 of the cadet Girls Singles event. **Isabelle Joubely** and **Danielle Kelly** have been named in the **England Youth Development squad**.

At the **English Schools Table Tennis Association Championships Whitgift School** (Croydon) came **2nd** in the under-16 Boys event. **Barnes Primary** (Richmond) came **third** in the under-11 Girls category.

Marcus Giles played in a special **Mixed Doubles Match** with the future King and Queen of England the **Duke and Duchess of Cambridge** and Denise Payet while attending a charity event hosted by market broker ICAP.

Shaquille Webb-Dixon was a surprise **finalist** at the **National School Boys** tournament as was only able to enter after a couple of withdrawals. Also at the School Games **Isabelle Joubely** won the **Girls team event** playing for the South. Shaquille Webb-Dixon came 8th in the Junior National Cup. **Shaquille Webb-Dixon** won his first ever **Men's under-21 title** at the South Shields Grand Prix.

Darius Knight went to **Uganda** the East African Country with the Right to Play Charity. **Darius Knight** won the **Hunts 2 star Open** winning it for the third time in a row. In the final he beat Chris Doran.

At the **Inter-Regional finals Robert Pelc** was in the London team that won the **team boys cadet event**.

In the **Surrey Veterans Surrey I** was **runners-up** in Division 2B and with **Surrey II Champions of Division 2C**. Surrey III finished mid table in Division 2C and Surrey IV avoided relegation in Division 2C. Thanks goes to team Captains Sally Cimiotti, Phil Snelson and Diane McLellan. In the Juniors Division 1B Surrey survived relegation. In the Seniors Division 1B Surrey came second to bottom. In the **Cadets Division 1C Surrey I** were **runners-up** and Surrey II finished 5th.

In the **Veterans National Men's League Graham Spicer 2** were **Champions of Division 2B**. **Graham Spicers National Junior team** and **National Cadet team** won their respective top Divisions in the areas they played in.

Guildford women are going to be in the **J M Rose Bowl Finals**.

Medha Verma won the cadet girls plate event at the inaugural **Cippenham 4 star event**.

At the 5th Jarvis Sports **Horsham 2 star event**, **Sophie Chiang** won the **under-12s main event** and beat all the boys in her age group. **8 year old Ollie Maric-Murray** won the **consolation event** in the **under-11's** category and also won the **under-12 consolation event**. At the **Horsham Spinners 2 star event** **Mikael Toosy** won the **under-11** event. **Jamie Nordin** won the **Horsham Spinners 2 star event under-15's**. **Richard Pelc** won the **under-18's event**.

At the Guildford Table Tennis Association Closed Tournament Adam Laws won the Open Singles and Sarah Horsnell won the Ladies Singles. The Open Doubles was won by Chris Bush and Michael Hill and the Mixed Doubles by Sarah Horsnell and Michael Hill.

In the Croydon Table Tennis League Wickham Park A won Division 1 without losing any matches and their player John Bullard topped the averages on 94%. Burymead B won the Premier Division in the Guildford Table Tennis League not losing a match all season and their Chris Bush remained unbeaten after 53 games played. In the Haslemere & District Table Tennis League Woolmer Hill A won Division 1 yet Tim Hampton of Petersfield finished top on 97%. Godstone 1 won the Reigate, Redhill & District Table Tennis League with Rory Scott on 100% in the averages. In the Sutton and District Table Tennis League Crusaders A won Division 1 with their player Mickel Miller on 94%. Graham Spicer 1 won the Thames Valley Table Tennis League Division 1 with Daniel Heo of Graham Spicer 3 top of the averages on 93%. York Gardens A, B and C took the top 3 places respectively in the Wandsworth and District Table Tennis League with Cain Fagan of York Gardens A on 100%.

Ron Langheim has been made **Vice President** of the **Surrey Table Tennis Association**.

Kim Mudge has now been made **Chairman of the South-East Table Tennis Region**.

It is very sad news to say that Fred Garbet a loyal servant of Molesey Table Tennis club has died.