

Surrey County Notes (July 2019) by Chris Andrews

Aaron McKibbin won Gold for the British team at the ITTF Para Polish Open in Wladyslawowo in the Men's Class 8 team event alongside Billy Shilton. They beat the former Paralympic, World and European Champions from Poland in the final.

At the National Championships Ollie Maric-Murray was under-12's Singles National Champion, under -13's Doubles National Champion and under-13's Singles semi-finalist. Francesco Bonato was under 12's semi-finalist. Also there were good wins for many Surrey players.

Surrey based Paul Drinkhall picked up a superb seventh set victory over World No. 31 Masataka Morizono at the Hong Kong Open before exiting in the final preliminary round.

The Inter-regional finals in Hatfield saw the South East win Gold in the under-13's Girls and they were represented by Surrey's Evelyn Pace and Emily Cheung. The South East were runners-up in the under-13's Boys with George Noel, Ojasvii Borah and Jacob Archer in the team. Evelyn Pace also won the individual under-13's Girls title. Jacob Archer and Adam Palmer were both semi-finalists in the under-13's Boys individuals.

Congratulations go to a number of successful Surrey players at the Horsham Spinners 2* event held on the 8th June. Ojasvii Borah beat Krish Chotai to win the under-13's boys Singles and George Noel won both the under-14's and under-17's Boys Singles.

Everyone had a great weekend at the Surry Youth Games Table Tennis Event, with lots of players experiencing competitive match play for the first time. It was great to see table tennis back in the event after a year out. In the under-15's event on Saturday Runnymede won gold, Spelthorne 1 won Silver and Mole Valley won Bronze. On Sunday in the 9-12 year age group Tandridge won Gold, Elmbridge won Silver and Spelthorne won Bronze, The tournament was excellently run by Adam Laws.

Simon Vine is the new Chair of the Surrey Table Tennis Association.

It is very sad news that I report that Ian McCarthy has passed away. He was an absolute legend of the Wandsworth League. For over 50 years having held various roles such as Chairman, General Secretary, Match Secretary and Cup Competitions Secretary.