

Surrey County Notes (August 2018) by Chris Andrews

Danielle Kelly is now able to participate and represent Wales at National and International Competitions due to meeting the eligibility criteria. Danielle, who has Welsh parents, lived in Wales until the age of 8 before moving to England due to her parents work commitments. Now the family are relocating to Barry to be based in Wales. Danielle, who is part of the Grantham College set up, will play Oostende and the Androkids competitions in August.

At the England National Championships Daniyal Palmer came third in the under-10's and won a Bronze medal.

Max Flint has attended a GB Paralympic assessment and he performed well and has been selected for the 'Future Squad' and will be entering his first tournament later in September. This is an excellent achievement for Max as he has only been playing for just over a year and this was only possible with his work ethic and commitment.

The Surrey versus Sussex initiative involved their younger cadets from the age of just 8. The underlying criteria of this friendly match was to introduce players who had not previously played in the County Championships. The results saw Surrey 'A' beat Sussex 'A' 8-2, while Surrey 'B' beat Sussex 'B' 6-4. Sussex 'A' took consolation in beating Surrey 'B' 6-4 and Surrey 'A' beat Sussex 'B' 8-2. To end the day Surrey 'A' beat Surrey 'B' 9-1. Stand out performances for Sussex came from John Strang (4/4) and Harry Yip (3/4) while for Surrey it was Jacob Archer (4/4) and Ojay Borah (3/4) with the girls Naziyah Hasan winning 6/6 and Caron Charles 5/6.

In the National Finals, Emily Cheung (11years old) played and won many of her matches over the two days with some amazing wins beating players No. 3 and No.8 in England.

The under-13 Surrey Closed is to be on Saturday 22nd September to be held at Graham Spicer, closing date for entries: 8pm Thursday 13th September 2018.

Greta Linter, Graham Spicer's former long term Secretary and Ladies Champion has passed away and her funeral is being held on Thursday 9th August at 4pm at North East Surrey Crematorium, Garth Road, Morden. No donations.

Currently Table Tennis England has a problem with its website and is therefore only showing its last 8 top stories on the website and so I cannot access last month's news and therefore will have missed some news from this month's column.