

Surrey Senior Closed Day 1



Carmen Vajdi seems to win the Womens over 60s title every year, but this year Annie Higham exceeded herself and beat Carmen in the round-robin event Sue Raymond came third.



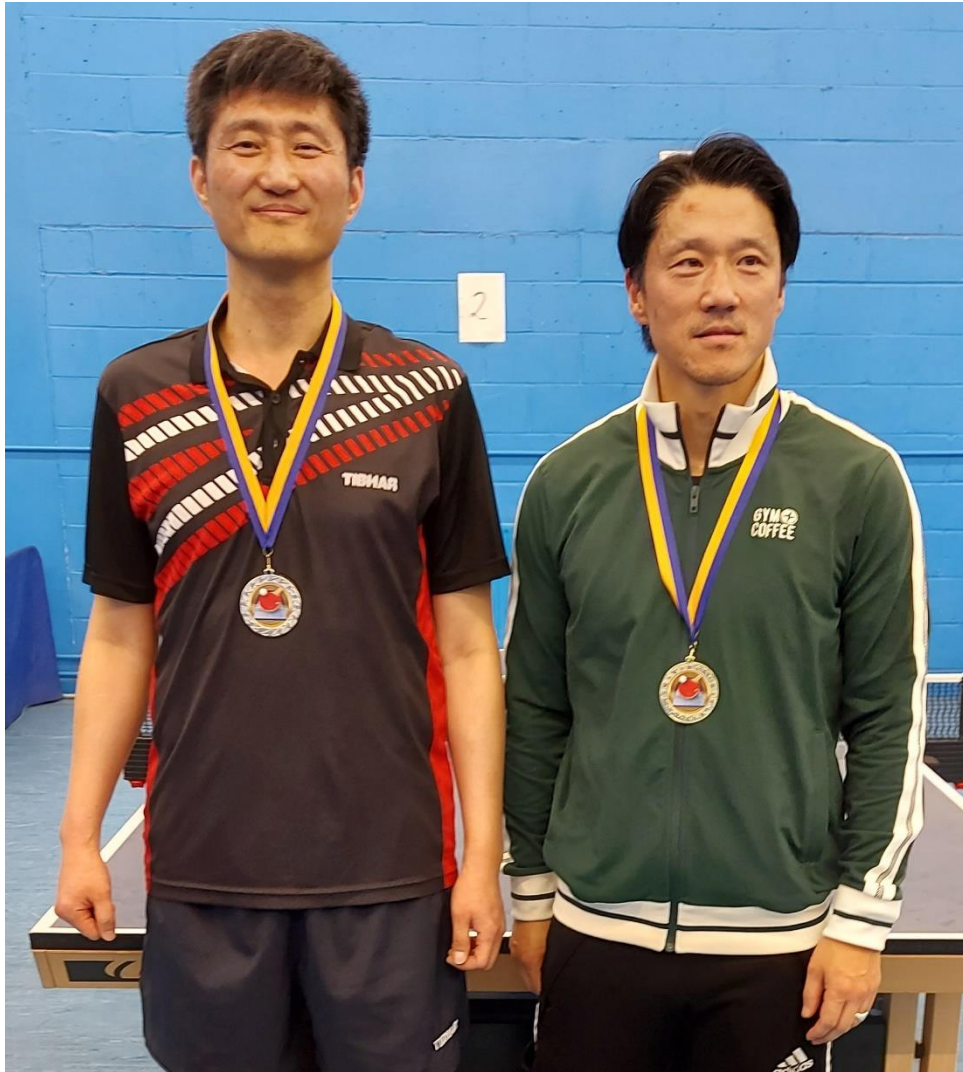
In the Mens over 60's it was the first year that neither Steve Davis nor Michael Silver made the final with Joe Leone knocking Steve out at the quarter final stage. Paul Baker beat Michael Silver in the quarter-finals. In the semi-finals Phil Snelson beat Paul Baker and Percy Collino beat Joe Leone. The final was a real humdinger of defence and attack with Phil on the attack and Percy defending. Although Percy did put in one or two massive backhand attacks. At the end of the fifth set Percy hit a couple of forehand winners to go with it, winning 3-2 (16-14, 5-11, 3-11, 12-10, 11-9) Afterward Percy said the match could have gone either way.



The Mens over 60's consolation final saw Ashley Hird beat Tio Collu.



There were six ladies in the over 40's Women's round-robin event. Sarah Horsnell the top seed and former Middlesex player powered through the lot winning each match 3-0. Carmen Vajdi was the runner-up.



In the Men's over 40's event Goran Maric beat top seed Phil Snelson in the group stages. In group 3 Peter Stahlman came from nowhere to beat the other 4 players in his group including 3rd seed Daniel Heo. Bottom ranked Ashley Hird in group 4 topped his group and 3rd ranked Joe Leone came second. The quarter-finals saw Daniel Heo beat Goran Maric, Ashley Hird beat Steve Davis, Peter Stahlman beat Joe Leone and Percy Collino beat Phil Snelson. Daniel Heo went on to beat Ashley Hird 3-1 and Peter Stahlman's smooth topspin attack beat the defence of Percy Collino 3-0. The final was a heated affair which Peter Stahlman won 3-2(8-11, 11-6, 9-11, 11-9, 11-8).



Paul Baker won the over 40's consolation event beating Tio Collu.



A fun time was had by all in the over 40's Doubles event, where the top two seeds made the final but it was the second seeds of Phil Snelson and Sarah Horsnell who beat the top seeds Adam Laws and Goran Maric. 3-1 (11-6, 12-10, 7-11, 12-10).

Adam Laws ran the tournament and was assisted by Chris Andrews. Steve Davis and Michael Silver helped set up.