

Surrey County Notes (May 2018) by Chris Andrews

Whifgift School came 13th at the World Schools Championships in Malta in the Boys event and Danielle Kelly and her School Charles Reed also came 13th in the Girls event.

At the Commonwealth Games in Australia's Gold Coast Surrey Based Paul Drinkhall won a Gold Medal in the Doubles partnering Liam Pitchford and a Bronze Medal in the Men's Team event.

On his England debut Ollie Maric-Murray won Gold in the team event and a Silver in the Singles at the British Primary Schools International Championships where England beat Scotland and Ireland 9-1 and had 10-0 victories over Wales, Isle of Man and Guernsey.

Ollie Maric-Murray won the under-11 National Butterfly Schools Individual Championships beating Jakub Piwowar 3-2 (12-14, 11-3, 11-13, 11-9, 11-6) in the final.

Danielle Kelly, Federica Bonato and Medha Verma all played in the Junior Girls PG Mutual National Championships in Wolverhampton, with Nahom Goitom playing in the Cadet boys event.

Ollie Maric-Murray is now ranked No.1 in the under-11's, No.2 in the under-12's and No.8 in the under 13's.

In the National Junior League London Area South Croydon A were 4th in Division 1 and Graham Spicers were 5th in Division 1. On day 4 of the National Cadet League held at Horsham Spinners, South Croydon A finished 3rd in Division 1. South Croydon B team topped Division 2 and South Croydon C were top of Division 3. Overall after the four meetings, Graham Spicer were placed 2nd in Division 1 and South Croydon A 3rd. Graham Spicer A's team was Ollie Gray, Ollie Nutting and Justin Lam, while South Croydon's A team consisted of Henry Maric-Murray, Yuvathi Vijay and Anirudh Gandepalli.

Surrey's over 60's team beat Berkshire 7-3. The team consisted of Tony Needham, Ajay Shah, Jonathan Chernett and Janice Lee.

Emily won the under-11's South East Regional Tournament for the second year in a row and will represent the South East in the National tournament.

The oversubscribed Surrey Closed had an International feel to it this year with players the calibre of Darius Knight and Abdul Wuraola playing. Graham Spicers had a packed day ahead with over 40's Men's and Women's, under21's Men's and Women's and the Open Men's and Women's event going on. In the Men's over 40's semi-final Phil Snelson beat Tim Waller while Simon Philipsz beat Abdul Wuraola in a sensational match. In the final Number 1 seed Phil Snelson beat Simon Philipsz. Michelle McGovern beat Diane McLellan in the Women's over 40's final. The semi-finals of the under-21's Men's event saw Robert Pelc beat Naham Goitom and Angus Norman almost beat Jamie Nordin in a 5 set match. The final of the Men's under 21's event was another great match with Jamie Nordin beating Robert Pelc in 5 sets. The Women's under 21's was a round robin which was decided by one match in particular where Medha Verma beat Federica Bonato 13-11 in the fifth making Medha the Champion and Federica the runner-up. In the Open Men's semi-final Darius Knight beat Adam Laws and in the other semi-final Federico Viterbo won the first 2 sets only to be

pegged back to 2-2 by Robert Pelc., Federico then won the fifth 11-8. In the final Darius Knight beat Federico Viterbo 3-1. In the Women's Open semi-final Federica Bonato again met Medha Verma and this time took revenge winning 3-1. The second semi-final saw Michelle McGovern beat Carmen Vajdi. In the final Michelle McGovern beat Federica Bonato although Michelle didn't have it all her own way as she had to save several set points in the third game. The tournament was excellently run by Adam Laws.

Surrey Closed over 60's tournament is on Saturday 19th of May at 3pm closing date 8pm 14th May.

The Haslemere Junior Competition saw W H Winners win the Junior League by one point.

In the Thames Valley League in the Cup Final Teddington 1 beat Malden 3 and in the plate Final Alexandra 4 beat Graham Spicer 12. Richard Tanner won the Thames Valley League Division 1 Divisional tournament with Yong Lee the winner of the Division 2 Tournament. Division 3 Handicap Singles was won by Sandra Gowen. The Handicap plate final was won by Youngkwan Moon and the Handicap Doubles by Sue Raymond and Michael Bilton. The Division 4 Handicap Singles was won by Lincoln Fong, with Justin Woodgate winning the Handicap Plate Final and Justin Woodgate together with Margaret Burns winning the Handicap Doubles. Graham Spicer 1 won Division 1 of the Thames Valley League. Daniel Heo of Graham Spicer 5 topped the averages on 91.43%. In Division 2 Graham Spicer took up the top 4 places with Graham Spicer 9 winning the league and their player Yong Lee was top of the averages with 90.48%. Graham Spicer 10 won Division 3 although they were level on points with Malden 2 and Daniel Shepherd of Graham Spicer 10 led the way in the averages with 85.71%. Malden 5 took the Division 4 title and Peter Jones of Molesey 3 finished on 100%.

The Chairman's Cup Final in the Wandsworth League was won by St Paul's A. In the Wandsworth & District Table Tennis League Closed the Open Singles winner was Andy Saunders and he teamed up with Doug Taucher to win the Open Doubles Final. The Veterans Singles winner was Waqar Hussain and Andy Saunders was also the Ratings Singles winner. Vale A won the President's Cup. The Division 1 title was won by Vale A with their player Andy Saunders finishing on 90.20%. York Gardens C won Division 2 and Tom Coady of Vale B was top of the averages on 93.75%. The final standings and results of the other Surrey league will be in my next column as not all their results have been updated onto their websites yet.