

Surrey County Notes (May 2019) by Chris Andrews

On his England debut Francesco Bonato remained unbeaten winning both the team event and the Singles to collect two Gold medals at the Primary Schools International which took place at the Lisburn Racquets Table Tennis club, in Belfast, Northern Ireland and consisted of seven nations.

Ollie Maric-Murray won the under-12's Boys National Cup dropping only one game all weekend. Francesco Bonato came 5th in the same event. Emily Cheung was 6th in the Girls event.

Aaron McKibbin reached the final of the British Para National Table Tennis Championships held in Grantham in the Open standing Singles event and he also reached the final of the Open Standing Doubles event.

At the English National Schools Table Tennis Championships Francesco Bonato was a Bronze medallist in the under-11's Boys event and he nearly reached the final losing (9-11, 8-11, 11-8, 11-9, 11-6) in the semi-final to Joseph Cooper. His sister Federica Bonato also won the Bronze medal but in the under 19's Girls event losing in the semi-final to top seed Charlotte Bardsley. Ollie-Maric-Murray reached the last 16 of the under-13's Boys event even though he is still in the under -12's age group.

Surrey based Paul Drinkhall beat World No. 7 Hugo Calderano in the German League.

Brothers Henry and Ollie Maric-Murray won matching Golds at the Jack Petchey Table Tennis Schools finals with Ollie winning the under-13's Boys event and Henry the under-16's Boys event. Yuvathi Kumar won the under-16's Girls event. Kai Sun Yiu won the under -11's Boys event. Zion Boumpoutou won the under 19's Boys Event. Other players who did well at the Jack Petchey finals include:- Caron Charles semi-finalist in the Girls under-11's event, Ojasvii Borah semi-finalist in the Boys under-13's, Adam Palmer runner-up in the Boys Consolation under 13's, Evelyn Pace semi-finalist in the under 13's Girls event, Maisy Anne Lightowler Runner-up in the Girls Consolation under-13's event and in the under -19's Girls event Federico Bonato came third in a round robin.

Danielle Kelly played for Wales at the ITTF French Youth Open and reached the last 32 in the Doubles with partner Beth Richards

Phil Snelson won the Veterans Singles at the Wolverhampton Grand Prix

The Inter League 2019 was an eight team involvement with teams from Croydon, Guildford, Haslemere, Sutton and Wandsworth. A mixture of crystal awards, sparkling wine and Bribar vouchers were available for prizes for all the winners and runner-up. It was great to see so many familiar faces come together to compete against other leagues in a friendly and competitive nature. At the group stage every team performed well and the results didn't reflect how closely many matches were fought. In the semi-finals Wandsworth 1 beat Sutton 2 3-1 and Guildford beat Sutton 1 3-0 (Although John Robinson only just beat Jeremy Wu in 5 sets). The final saw unbeaten Guildford and Wandsworth 1 challenging to become Champions of the elite Surrey Inter League 2019. Adam Laws beat a fighting Cain Fagan putting Guildford 1-0 up and then Steve Fagan won the first two sets against John Robinson

but lost the next three 9-11, 10-12, 8-11 in a Classic, fast match. In the Doubles we saw superb rallies with Guildford winning the match 9-11, 12-10, 12-10, 12-10 and coming through winners 3-0 as overall Champions of the Surrey Inter League 2019. Thanks goes to Jane Barella as the excellent organiser and Margot Fraser the International umpire.

Surrey had a brilliant Junior Training Camp on the 9th of April with special guest appearance from Paul Drinkhall.

In the Guildford Table Tennis League Godalming A won the Premier League with a 49 point margin winning all their matches in the process. Federico Viterbo won 100% of his 41 matches. Merrow E narrowly won Division 1 by 2 points. Trevor Spraggs of Challanor A was top of the leader board on 90.48%. Merrow F won Division 2. Shaun Robertson of the team Emmanuel was top of the averages on 100% after 54 matches. Bramley E won Division 3 with James Wyncoll of Ash B on 97.06%. Merrow H won Division 4 with their player Guo Jian Hao on 92.59%.

In the Haslemere and District League Petersfield A won Division 1 with their player Ross Lingard on 100% after 27 matches. In Division 2 Liphook A won the Division and Melvin Rose of Iford & Loxwood was top of the averages on 91.89%. Fernhurst Straight Outta won Division 3 and at the top of the averages was a dramatic three way tie between Stuart Vincent, Isaac Oakes and Jonathan Tobin.

Reigate & Redhill Premier Table Tennis Division was won by Godstone 1 with Paul Newton of Methodist 2 on 100% after 14 matches. Godstone 3 won Division 1 with Mohammad Amin of YMCA 1 on 100% after 6 matches. YMCA 2 won Division 3 with their player Paul Byrne top of the averages on 94.29%.

The Sutton and District Table Tennis League saw Eldon A win and top of the averages was Richard Tanner of Rosehill on 96.30%. Crusaders B won Division 2 winning all 18 of their matches and their player Angus Norman finished on 100% after 27 matches. Crusaders C won Division 3 with George Noel of Crusaders D top of the averages on 94.44%. Crusaders E won Division 4 with their players Jacob Archer and Ojasvii Borah on 100% after 33 matches each.

Graham Spicer 1 won Division 1 of the Thames Valley League with Damien Gray of Graham Spicer 6 top of the averages on 100% after 15 matches. Graham Spicer 8 won Division 2 with Keith Foot of Molesey 1 on 100% after 9 matches. Graham Spicer 11 won Division 3 with their player Petr Knichal.

York Gardens Zander won Division 1 of the Wandsworth League with their player Laikram Persaud. St Pauls B won Division 2 with John Llewellyn on 93.33%. York Gardens Zander completed the Triple Crown to make League history. The squad Captained by Cain Fagan won the Division 1 League title, the Presidents Cup and the Ian McCarthy shield (former the Chairman Cup). Cain Fagan won the Wandsworth Open Singles title beating Laikram Persaud. In the Doubles final A Sanders & D Taucher beat S Fagan and R Campbell. In the ratings singles final A Sanders beat L Persaud. L.Persaud & S Fagan won the Veterans Doubles against W Ampomah & J Leone. The Veterans Singles was won by L Persaud and the runner-up was S Fagan.