

Surrey County Notes (July 2008) by Chris Andrews

At the China Open Joanna Parker beat World Ranked No. 58 Austria's Qiangbing Li 4-0 in the group stages but lost out to a Chinese former World No.1 in the first round.

Having beaten Paul Drinkhall in the National Junior event Darius managed to repeat this achievement in the National Juniors and take this top award. Darius and Paul won the National under 18's.

At the Wolverhampton Butterfly Grand Prix Darius Knight beat former Welsh No.1 Ryan Jenkins. Darius also beat London Progresses Chinese Hong Ming Zhang in the semi-final.

Simon Phillipz and Fusion 1 secured their promotion to the British Premier League by coming second in the Divisional promotion play-offs. Westfield took the title and Derwent, OLOP Impact, Brighton and Elgre Nottingham all failed in their bid for promotion to the Premier League.

At the GLC Closed Championships Abdul Wuroala was crowned champion of the Veteran's event. Fei Fei Pei was runner-up to Sushmita Limbu in the under 18's girls singles. Leading two ends to nil Fei Fei slipped and hit her head on the table so she was very brave to carry on. Lucy Lou was runner-up in the under 13 girls event. Laura Higham won the under 18' girls doubles event with Charleigh Kirby.

The County Cadet 1st team remained unbeaten and gained promotion to the Premier Division so congratulations on a great achievement. The Cadet 2nd team did well with a number of new players. The Junior 1st and 2nd team came 4th and 5th respectively. The Seniors finished 5th and 8th with Junior members performing particularly well and gaining great experience over the weekend. The Surrey Veteran's 1st team were saved from relegation by Nicky Mason and Marcia Ma. However the 2nd and 3rd teams were not so fortunate and both went down. Yet the 4th team finished runner-up and both the Veteran's 5th team and the Over 60's finished in 5th place.

After a 15 year rule by Graham Spicer the new Thames Valley Leagues Champions are Rosehill with long serving Richard Tanner top of the averages on 93%. Deckers won both Divisions 2& 3 with David Shore of Graham Spicer 4 top of the leaderboard in Division 2 on 97% and Neal Warren of Deckers 2 heading Division 3 also on 97%. Graham Spicer 7 walked Division 4 with Peter Hards their loyal member of over 40 years top of the averages on 90%. They also had three players in the top four averages of that Division. In Thames Valley Cup Competition Chessington 3 beat Teddington 2, 5-2 to win the Mervyn Wood Cup and Alexandra 3 beat NPL 3 5-3 to win the plate competition.

Brook A defended their Division 1 title in the Haslemere and District Table Tennis League by beating Haslemere A 8-2 in their final match. Brook A's P. Myers was top of the averages on 96%. In Division 2 Liphock A won with O. Humphries of Park Wall on 100%. Iford and Loxwood A won Division 3.

York Gardens reigned supreme in the Wandsworth and District Table Tennis League by not only winning the League but also coming 2 and 3 as well. They also took up

the top 3 averages positions with Magic Nakielski of York Gardens B on 100%. St. Pauls A won Division 2 with their Tim Goodship sailing to top of the averages on 95%. Division 3 saw XXIV win the League from Wilton B by one point. Anthony Foley was top of the averages for Vale B with 100%. Cenward A took Division 4 with Harron Ali of Islamic YGA top of the averages on 100%. A young Ernest Bevin team won the 5th Division with their Emre Ibatoglu and Laura Higham both on 83%.

The Wandsworth Closed saw Steve Holloway win the Open Singles, the Handicap Singles and the Handicap Doubles partnering Alan Giles. The Open Doubles was won by Magic Nakielski and Lakram Persaud and Lakram also won the Veteran's Singles Event. Anthony Foley beat A. Benning in the final of the Masters Singles and then teamed up with him to win both the Veteran's Doubles and the Master's Doubles events.