

Surrey County Notes (December 2018) by Chris Andrews

The Surrey Junior 2nd team did amazingly well to win the 2nd Division and remained unbeaten. They beat Berkshire 7-3, Sussex 2 7-3 and Oxfordshire 6-4 in the first group of matches with a team of Howard Onweng, Nahom Goitom, Ollie Maric-Murray, Angus Norman, Henry Maric-Murray, Yuvathi Kumar, Karishma Shah and Xin Yi Lim. Then in the second group of matches they beat Suffolk 7-3, Bedfordshire 9-1, Essex 2 7-3 and Hertfordshire. Even though by that time they had lost Nahom Goitam their top player due to injury. Evelyn Pace also played in the second group of matches instead of Karishma Shah and Xin Yi Lim. It was an excellence performance considering Surrey had more Cadets than Juniors playing. The NPC was Goran Maric.

The British Para Table Tennis St Neots Open saw Max Flint win a Gold and Silver medal. The Silver was in the Junior Standing Singles and the Gold was in the Standing C Singles. Max beat British Junior No. 8 Theo Bishop and British Junior No.6 Jaden Caldeira.

At the St Mellon's Open Danielle Kelly was Runner-up in the Junior Girls event.

Wallington High School won the Jack Petchey South London Schools team qualifiers under 16's Girls age group with Yuvathi Kumar, Xin Yi Lim, Amineh Abbas and Kavingajah Viknarajah in the team. Tiffin's School were Runners-up in the under-16 Girls and their team consisted of Emily Cheung, Lucy Adams, Shahana Nanuck and Zofia Kozlowska. Wallington High School also won the under 13's Girls age group and the team consisted of Sanjna Madan, Maisy Lightowler, Alexia Owusu-Agyakwa and Tiffany Luong. Richmond Park Academy were Runners-up in the under 13 Girls with Georgia Pass, Lilah Jones, Hisha Kasi and Eadie Alexander in the team.

At the Jarvis Sports Horsham Veterans and Seniors 1 star Dean Rose came second in the Veterans Band 1 event.

Surrey Senior 2nd's beat Sussex 3 7-3 and Wiltshire 9-1, but lost a tight match 6-4 to Buckinghamshire. The Team consisted of Andrew Smith, Robert Pelc, Tim Goodship, Jessica Monis and Ruochen Liang. On the 2nd day Damien Gray played instead of Tim Goodship and the Surrey 2nd's won against Cornwall 6-4, Hertfordshire 6-4 and Somerset 8-2.

Surrey's Over 60's beat Kent 2 7-3 and drew with Middlesex 5-5. The team consisted of Steve Davis, Simon Vine, Paul Baker and Carmen Vadji.

Surrey's under 11's closed event is brand new for Surrey and it was great to see new blood coming through with some players totally new to tournament play. In the semi-finals Daniyal Palmer faced Caron Charles and Calina Dawson was up against Callum Pace. Daniyal beat Caron 3-2 in an exciting match and Calina beat Callam 3-0. In the final Daniyal won 3-0 against Calina. Sam Brewer was the best player in the consolation event and Kier Haylett was Runner-up. In the Girls event Caron Charles beat Calina Dawson 3-1 in another great match. The tournament was smoothly run by Jane Barella.