

Surrey Senior Closed 2018 (by Chris Andrews)

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 group stage Steve Davis went 2-0 up against Abdul Wuraola but was eventually beaten in 5 sets. In the quarter finals Phil Snelson got his revenge over Steve Davis who knocked him out of this event last year. In the semi's 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. Charlie Cunningham had a good win over Howard Onweng in the group stages of the under-21's Men's event. While in the semi-finals 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 event Angus Norman had a day he will remember for a very long time as he took a game off Darius Knight in the Group stages. At the quarter-finals stages 7 of the top 8 seeds remained with one pulling out through injury. Darius Knight beat the Croydon League 100% averages man Jamie Nordin, Adam Laws beat Steve Davis, Robert Pelc produced an upset in beating 4 seed Phil Snelson and Federico Viterbo beat Tim Goodship. In a one sided 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 who was assisted by Chris Andrews and Kathy Pelc.