

## **Surrey County Notes (May 2017) by Chris Andrews**

At the English Schools Table Tennis Association individual finals in the Girls under-16's Federica Bonato won Bronze. On her way she beat higher ranked players than her in Alice Dillon (ranked 24 in the Junior Girls) and Sophie Barlow (ranked 9 in the Junior Girls) whereas Federica is ranked 43. Ollie Maric-Murray also won bronze in the Boys under-11's event losing to the No.1 seed and eventual Champion Conor Green. This is no mean feat as if you look in the pictures you can see Ollie is almost a head shorter than the other three boys who also reached the semi-final stage.

The British Paralympic table tennis championships in Grantham saw Lochlan O'Higgins win the Junior Wheelchair event and the Wheelchair Open B.

In the British league Darius was the top Surrey player finishing on 91% in the Premier League. Godalming Simplylet were the top Surrey team coming 4<sup>th</sup> in the National A-2 Division. In the Veterans British League Graham Spicer came third in Division 3B. York Gardens Angels were top of the Women's British League Division 2. Graham Spicer came second in Division 4.

Nahom Goitam won the under-18's consolation event at the Horsham Spinners 2 star event and he also reached the semi-final of the under-15's event.

At the South East Regional Qualifiers Robert Pelc was the winner of the Cadet Boys event beating Jon-Vai Chung in the final. Ollie Maric-Murray won the under-13 Boys event where Mikael Toosy was a losing semi-finalist. In the under-13 Girls Lucy Adams was a losing semi-finalist. Ed Gooze-Zijl was runner-up in the under-11 Boys event where Owain Osmond-Gillam was a losing semi-finalist and Emily Cheung qualified in the Girls under-11 event. In the South East Junior event Jamie Nordin beat Asa Gauntlett in the final. Asa Gauntlett beat Robert Pelc in the semi-finals. Lute Durham and Ellie Frost represented us in the Junior Girls event.

It was a fantastic day for table tennis at the Surrey Closed Tournament and the first time the tournament had been held in over a decade. Steve Davis won the over-40's Men's final against Steve Fagan having lost to Steve Fagan in the group stage. Sally Cimiotti won the over-40's Women's event. Carmen Vadji beat Kim Johnson in the over 60's Women's final. Ajay Shah was Champion of the Men's over-60's event with Robert Barr as runner-up. Lute Durham won the under-21's Women's final against Ellie Frost. The under-21's Men's saw the battle of the Pelc's in which the younger brother Robert beat the older brother Richard. In the Final Robert Pelc beat Damien Gray. Michelle McGovern beat Sally Cimiotti in the final of the Women's Senior event. The Men's Senior event was won by Federico Viterbo. Federico put out Andreas Pusch, Adam Laws and in the final Robert Pelc in a five set thriller. On the way to the final Robert Pelc beat Daniel Heo and Michael Silver. The tournament was excellently run by Kim Mudge and Kim Johnson.

At the Wandsworth Closed Championships Leo Veinsreider won the Open Singles and the Veterans Singles. Andy Sanders and Doug Taucher won the Open Doubles and the Veterans Doubles. Paul Rowley won the Handicap final.

Graham Spicer 9 were winners of the handicap Cup in the Thames Valley League and Graham Spicer 3 won the plate.

We are looking for someone to revamp the Surrey Table Tennis Association website and run it afterwards.