

## Surrey County Notes by Chris Andrews



Many congratulations go to Mary Wright (nee Shannon) who has received the tremendous honour of being inducted into the Table Tennis England Hall of Fame. The other nine people inducted into the TTE Hall of Fame were: Fred Perry, Richard Bergmann, Johnny Leach MBE, Jill Hammersley-Parker MBE, Diana and Rosalind Rowe, John Hilton, Desmond Douglas MBE and Will Bayley MBE.



At the National School Team Championships in the under-16 boys category Wallington County Grammar School from Sutton won the Leach-Carrington Cup. The winning line-up was Chidumebi Egbeama, Ojasvii Borah, Jacob Archer, Sai Gandepalli and Akal Dosanjh coached by Goran Maric. Wallington emerged at the head of the field, thanks to a 5-3 win over Torquay Academy, a 6-2 scoreline against St Mary's Academy from Hull and a 4-4 draw with Charles Read Academy from Lincolnshire.

Wallington High School for Girls won the silver medal in the under-19 girls event. The team being sisters Yuvathi Kumar and Anishka Kumar.

In the individual schools event Surrey had not one but three Bronze medals. Callem Pace from Surbiton High won Bronze in the boys under-11 event losing to the eventual Champion 13-11, 11-9, 4-11, 11-7. Krish Chotai won Bronze in the boys under-16 event also losing to the eventual Champion and

Evelyn Pace of Surbiton High won Bronze in the girls under-16 event again losing to the Champion.

Oliver Maric-Murray of Whitgift lost 3-2 in the quarter-finals of the boy's under -16 event. Yuvathi Kumar in the under 19 girls and Alex MacDonell in the Boys under from Sutton Grammar came very close thirds in the groups. Ione Morgan-Jones Girls under 19 girls came fourth in her group.



Evelyn Pace made it through to two quarter-finals at the WTT Youth Contender Tunis, losing out on each occasion to an Indian opponent. Pace won both her group matches in the under-17 Girls' Singles and was then defeated in the last eight by Jennifer Varghese.

In the under-19s, she won one of her two group matches, losing to the eventual champion Suhana Saini, but still qualified

for the knockouts, where she was beaten by Risha Mirchandani.



At the Senior National Table Tennis Championships the group stages saw Krish beat Larry Trumpauskas but lose to Gabriel Achampong. Howard lost to Louis Price and Benjamin Piggott. In the Round of the last 16 of the Men's Singles Darius Knight lost 4-3 to Shayan Siraj 4-3. Shayan Siraj is the new under-21 National Champion.

Robert Pelc and Jamar McGlashan reached the quarter-finals of the Men's Doubles where they were beaten 3-0 by Benjamin Piggott and Graeme Barella. In the Mixed Doubles Krish Chotai and Megan Jones lost to the No.1 seeds and eventual Champions Sam Walker and Maria Tsaptsinos in the last 16.

Krish Chotai lost in the group stages of the under-21 tournament to Naphat Boonyaprapa and Ollie Cornish both 3-1.

Kim Mudge did a lot of the umpiring at the Senior National Championships

In the Cadet National Cup Oliver Maric-Murray came 6<sup>th</sup> and Francesco Bonato was 10<sup>th</sup>. Oliver was really joint 4<sup>th</sup> but lost out on countback.



Congratulations also go to Chris Beckley on being Male Volunteer of the Year.

A fantastic day for Surrey Veterans teams in the County Championships at BATTs today saw the four teams earn 6 wins and a draw with only one defeat. Surrey 1 drew their morning match with Essex 2 to set up a "winner takes all" match against Kent 3 for the divisional title. Surrey were always ahead and earned a comfortable win to give them promotion. In the same division Surrey 2 earned a hard fought win against Kent 4 in their morning match to keep them in the division before the only defeat for a Surrey team on the day against

Middlesex 3. Surrey 3 started the day as favourites for promotion in their division and they duly completed two wins to take the title with 6 wins from six matches. In the same division Surrey 4 earned two good wins on the day to see them finish in the top half of the table.

Surrey's over 60's team came fourth in Division 1B. The team consisted of Michael Silver, Steve Davis, Simon Vine, Rupert Bole, Paul Baker, and Carmen Vadji. Rupert Bole finished on 100% although he only played four times. Surrey 1 drew with Essex 2 5-5, beat Hampshire 1 9-1, beat Middlesex 1 6-4, drew with Hertfordshire 1 5-5, lost to Kent 2 9-1, beat Essex 3 6-4 and lost to Buckinghamshire 6-4.



Graham Spicer's 1st team in the National Cadet League remained unbeaten on the final day of the competition at Cippenham ttc on the 13th March. Graham Spicer's team beat: Ashford 7-2, Rosehill 9-0, Guildford 7-2. The team consisted of Chui-Que Wong who won 9/9 matches, Noah 8/9 and Eesah Jamaluddin 6/9 who stepped up from the 2nd team as Aleksei was injured.

Former Surrey county junior and senior player, Mickel Miller, played for Rotherham Utd in the Semi-final English Football League cup match against Hartlepool.

Rotherham Utd came back from 0-1 down and then 1-2 down to finish 2-2 at full time.

It was then penalties and Mickel Miller stepped up to slam in the winning penalty to win 5-4 on penalties.