

Surrey Closed Senior, Veterans, over-60's and under-21's (April 2017)

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. The morning was the time the over-40's and over-60s played. 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. Sally beat Carmen Vadji in the group stages and then again in the final. 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. In the Men Senior event Daniel Heo beat No.2 seed Andreas Pusch in the group stages.

The quarter-finals saw Federico Viterbo beat Andreas Pusch where the No.1 seed was pushed to the limit, Adam Laws beat Simon Kempton, Michael Silver beat fourth seed Phil Snelson and 14 year old Robert Pelc beat Daniel Heo. In the Semi-final Adam Laws took an end off Federico and there were some cracking rallies but the No.1 seed was just too strong. The final was between Federico Viterbo and Robert Pelc. To the untrained eye it looked like it was going to be man against boy but no one told Robert Pelc this. Having lost the first end Robert then went on to win the next two, to lead the match 2-1 Federico was very strong in the fourth to level at 2 games all. In the fifth it was 6 all and seemed it could go either way. However Federico pulled through 11-9 in the end. What a great match. The tournament was excellently run by Kim Mudge and Kim Johnson with some help from Chris Andrews. Phil Snelson and Kathy Pelc also gave out the trophies.