

Surrey Closed Championships 2019

At the Surrey Closed a great time was had by all. In the Women's over-40's Singles Michelle McGovern had to pull out through injury. Carmen Vadji swept the board and won the event with Kumiko Williams as runner-up. Youngkwan Moon beat Ajay Shah in the group stages of the Men's over 40's which was the only surprise. In the quarters Youngkwan won a set off Paul Baker but Paul came back to win 3-1. In the semi-finals Michael Silver beat Paul Baker 3-2 and Steve Davis beat Axel Raeder 3-1. The final was a classic match with Steve Davis winning 3-1. The over-60's Women's event saw Carmen Vadji win Gold for the second time that day with Janice Lee the Runner-up. The quarter finals of the over-60's saw Steve Davis win a tough match 3-1 over John Callcut. In the semi-final Steve beat Ajay and Paul beat Brian Mitchell. Steve beat Paul to win his second gold medal of the day. The Women's under 21's saw Gabriella Lee win with Rachel Tsang Runner-up. The Men's under -21's could have been billed as the Pelc brothers versus the Gray brothers. In the Group stage Richard Pelc won a titanic battle against Damien Gray 11-7, 4-11, 11-7, 9-11, 11-8, while Oliver Gray took a set of Robert Pelc to lose 3-1. Robert Pelc's toughest Singles match of the day was against Damien in the semi-final which he won 8-11, 11-8, 11-5, 8-11, 11-6. In the final Robert beat his older brother Richard 3-1. The women's Doubles winners were Gabriella Lee & Kumiko Williams who beat Ruochen Liang & Rachel Tsang. The Men's Doubles final was an amazing match with Robert Pountney & Adam Laws coming out on top against Richard & Robert Pelc 5-11, 11-5, 6-11, 12-10, 11-5.

The Women's Open Singles saw Gabriella Lee storm to her third title of the day as she beat Rachel Tsang in the final 3-0. There were no surprises in the group stages of the Men's Open Singles. In the Last 16 Axel Raeder beat Paul Baker in a tight 5 setter. The top four seeds all came through to the semi-finals with Adam Laws matched up against Richard Pelc and Robert Pountney against Robert Pelc. No-one gave Richard Pelc a chance but he didn't take any notice but this was to be the match of the day. Richard led the first set 9-3 only for Adam to make a big comeback. However Adam could not quite catch him and lost the first set 11-8. Again in the second set Richard took a big lead only for Adam to come back and lose this time 12-10. Adam won the 3rd set 13-11 but Richard took the fourth and the win 11-9. The other semi-final between the two Roberts was also a magnificent match with lots of long powerful rallies but the young second seed prevailed 11-7, 8-11, 11-4, 11-4. In the final Robert again beat his older brother this time 3-0 11-8, 11-9, 11-8. The tournament was well run by Adam Laws who was assisted by Chris Andrews.

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Men's Singles Winner: Robert Pelc, Runner up: Richard Pelc

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Men's doubles: winners: Adam Laws and Rob Pountney. runners up: Richard and Robert Pelc

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Women's Doubles Winners: Kumiko Williams and Gabriella Lee