

Surrey County Notes (April 2006) by Chris Andrews

Surrey became National under 21 Champions in both Men's and Women's events, where Darius Knight and Joanna Parker were both victorious. Darius beat his World Championship Team team-mate Paul Drinkhall in the final (who is also European Cadet Champion) having already beaten Tim Yarnell and Adam Bleakley, players he has lost to previously. While Joanna beat her England team-mate and doubles partner Kelly Sibley.

In the Nationals main event Joanna Parker was runner-up to England No.1 Helen Lower. Darius Knight lost in the quarter-finals of the Men's Singles where Abdul Wuroala was stopped in the 3rd round. Adam Laws reached the 2nd round with Wing-Yung Chan and Christopher Lewis both qualifying for the main event. In qualifying Wing-Yung Chan beat Costas Papantoniou.

Abdul Wuroala reached the semi-finals of the Men's Veteran's Singles and Doubles events. His doubles partner was Chris Beckley.

The Women's Veteran's final saw Kim Mudge lose to Jane Durham. Ex-England No.1 and Surrey player Matthew Syed advanced to the quarter-finals of the Men's Doubles with Paul Andrews where they were beaten 1,3,1 by Alan Cooke and Paul Drinkhall. Darius Knight reached the semi-finals with Craig Bryant.

Joanna Parker was a semi-finalist in both the Women's Doubles and the Mixed Doubles with her partners being Kelly Sibley and Andrew Rushton respectively.

Whitgift School is to represent the English Schools, as the under-16 champion Boys School Team, at the World Schools Table Tennis Championships in Shanghai, China from the 5th-12th April 2006. The schoolboys attending are Wing-Yung Chan, Adam Ryder, Patrick Hui and David Johnson. David Williams is the non-playing captain.

Wing-Yung Chan, ranked No.2 in the under-15's has been selected to represent England in Glasgow and also in Spain.

Kim Mudge was 2nd in the Veteran's Women's event at the Bath Super Grand Prix.

The London Super Grand Prix should have been called the Surrey Super Grand Prix as Surrey won five events including the main Women's Grand Prix event! Surrey were also runners-up in two other events.

Winners

Women's Singles	Joanna Parker
Women's Band 1	Marcia Ma
Men's Band 1	Dorian Robinson
Veteran Men's	Abdul Wuroala
Veteran Women's	Marcia Ma

Runners-up

Junior Boys	Christopher Lewis
Under 21 Women	Joanna Parker

At County level the Senior 1st team remain unbeaten, which is in sharp contrast to the Senior 2nd team who have lost both their matches. The Cadet 1st team will have played in the Premier Division over the weekend of the 18th-19th of March by the time you read this report. In Division 1, the 2nd Cadet team did well with a number of players making their debuts to finish about mid table. The Junior 1st team just missed out by finishing second having played 7, won 5, drawn 1 and lost 1. Still having more matches to play, the Junior 2nd team have won 3 and drawn 1. Like the Senior 1st team, the Veteran's 1st and 4th teams remain unbeaten. The Veteran's 2nd team are playing in the same Division as the 1st team, have drawn 2 and lost 3. In Division 3 the 3rd team have won 2 and lost 2.

There are junior Regional training days going ahead for the South East region at Angley School Cranbrook, Kent from 10am-4pm. Anyone is welcome and Ken Muhr can be contacted on swkentpct.nhs.uk. The dates are as follows 9/4/2006, 14/5/2006 and the 18/6/2006.

In the Croydon League, Monk Hill A are top of Division 1 by just 1 point over Forresters A. In December 2005 York Gardens A topped Division 1 of the Wandsworth and District League with South Mitcham four points behind. Christopher Lewis was top of the averages with 100%.

Surrey Table Tennis Association's Surrey under 21 and Senior Closed is on Sunday 9th April 2006 at Ashford TT Centre, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middlesex.