

Surrey Junior Closed Tournament 2011

MARCUS GILES NEW SURREY CHAMPION

12 year old Marcus Giles from Kingston is the new Surrey Junior (U18) Champion following numerous displays of determination and skill on his way to the final. He started the day making short work of Liam Grant, Murray Wilson and Lobsang Lama. However in his semi-final encounter he faced a serious challenge from Wandsworth's Joseph Langham-Ferreira. Marcus had to pull out all the stops against Joseph to win 11-9, 12-10, 9-11, 9-11, 11-7.

Meanwhile in the bottom half of the draw there was a number of surprises. Carshalton's George Harris was the first seed to fall to Olamide Wuraola from Dulwich TTC. Olamide then beat the No 7 seed Lewis Bray 11-9 in their 5th game. No 2 seed Michael Ho from Wallington had struggled past Croydon's Mickel Miller by scores of 13-11, 9-11, 11-7, 10-12, 12-10. Kingswood's Alex Forshaw cruised to the semi final to take on Michael Ho. Alex triumphed 11-6, 13-11, 5-11 15-13 to earn his place in the final.



Alex Forshaw (l) and Marcus Giles (r)

The final started well for Marcus against Alex with scores of 11-8 and 11-8. In their 3rd game Alex changed his tactics and won by an impressive 11-5. Marcus regained his composure in the 4th game and dug deep to win it 15-13 to take the crown and £100 of Bribar vouchers.



Ross Hagen (l) and Ovi Evarhono (r)

In the boys consolation event Ross Hagen, having beaten Alex Kwaskowski, beat Jake Mitchell in his semi-final. Ovi Evarhono overcame stern resistance from James Corner for his place in the final against Ross. In another marathon set Ross won through against Ovi 9-11, 11-6, 11-6, 9-11, 11-8.

The girls competition resulted in a three-way tie in which Battersea's Jennifer Higham finished just above Juliette Moussarie and Mariele Lock. However Tooting's Jessica Monis managed to beat them all on her way to taking the Junior girls title and a £50 prize.

2011 semi-finalists and prize winners:-



(l-r) Alex Forshaw, Marcus Giles, Michael Ho and Joseph Langham-Ferreira

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