

## Surrey County Notes by Chris Andrews



At the Senior Schools International hosted by Table Tennis Scotland in Largs, Evelyn Pace won Gold in the under-16 girls team event partnering Tianer Yu. Krish Chotai won a Silver medal in the under-16 boys team event playing alongside Jake Haygarth. Evelyn also won a Bronze medal in the individual under-16's girls event. Krish also won a Bronze medal in the individual under-16's boys event.

In the Junior National Cup Evelyn Pace finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the girls event and Nahom Asgedom finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the boys event.

The European Veterans Championships took place in Rimini, Italy. In the men's Singles over 55's Phil Snelson won his group. Kim Mudge made it out of her group in the women's Singles over 55's. John Calcutt made it out of the group stages in the men's Singles over 70's. Phil won his round of 256 match, his round of 128 match and his round of 64 match but lost in the last 32 match. Kim lost her round of 64 match. John Calcutt won his round of 128 match and his round of 64 match but not the last 32 match.

In the Doubles at the European Veterans Championships Phil Snelson again won his group in the men's Doubles over 55'

event partnering John Poysden. John Calcutt got through his Doubles group and had a walk over in his round of 64 match partnering Graham Outrim but lost their last 32 match. Samson Bekele got through his men's Doubles over 55's group and won his round of 128 match partnering Darren Page but lost their last 64 match.



Noah Byrne-Smith reached the quarter-finals of the under-11 boys Nationals. Oscar Nikolli came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the group stages of the under-11's event and Charlton Ngitngit was 5<sup>th</sup> in the group stages of the under-11's. Akshita Subranmanium came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the group stages of the under-13 girls national event. In the under-13 boys event Noah Byne -smith came 3<sup>rd</sup> in his group and Eesah Jamaluddin and Aryan Sarma both came 6<sup>th</sup> in their groups.

Danielle Kelly was runner-up in the women's Singles at the Gloucestershire Grand Prix, where she won the women's under-21 Singles title. Nahom Asgedom won the men's under-21 Singles title. Cain Fagan was runner-up in the men's Band 5 event.

At the Surrey Closed under-9 event Benjamin Whitby-Smith beat Jan Przbylo. It was a great performance by all the players for many of whom this was their first tournament.



In the under-11's Surrey Girls Closed final Kayla Wong beat Chui-Ha Wong 9-11,11-5,11-9

The boys under-11 consolation event final saw James Ellis play Yumin Do. It was superbly contested and a real defence versus attack and somehow the defence won 11-9, 11-6, 12-10 and Yumin was the winner.

The semi-finals of the main under-11 boys Surrey closed event saw 5<sup>th</sup> seed Oscar Nikolli beat No.1 seed Lucas Taylor-Rea 11-6, 11-6, 5-11, 11-5. In the other semi-final 3<sup>rd</sup> seed Mario Pearce-Kulyk beat 2<sup>nd</sup> seed Ashvin Waegner 11-6, 11-8,11-7.



Oscar beat Mario in a good final 3-0 (11-6, 11-7, 11-4). It should be noticed however that Mario was almost young enough to enter the under-9 event. A great thanks goes to Jane Barella for organising the event who was helped out by Kumiko Williams and Chris Andrews as well as lots of the parents.

Congratulations to Team Kingston at the London Youth Games reaching the quarter-finals of the girls' and the boys' events. Due to GCSE examinations, they had to choose their second-choice players, nevertheless the team performed great and with perfect team co-operation.

Tony Needham won the hard bat event at Graham Spicers.