



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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## Different champion for every event: but Ricky retains his title

Cippenham Table Tennis Club held its annual Club Championships over three weeks in late April to early May and each of the four events produced a different champion.

### Open Singles

Ricky Hardcastle, the Maidenhead League champion 2014, retained the Open Singles title he won in 2013. However, it was far from a straightforward passage for Ricky as he was taken to a deciding game three times during the evening. In the preliminary round group Hari Prasad recovered from 2-0 in games to force a decider, won by Ricky 11-8, then in the semi-final Graham Trimming led 2-1 before falling 11-7 in the fifth. In the final Ricky lost the second and fourth games to Paul Baker before finally securing the title 7-11, 11-8, 9-11, 11-8, 11-7.

Ricky was not the only seed to have to work hard to get through his group. Third seed Simon Wilde fought off a challenge from new member Steve Williams before winning 3-1 while fourth seed Simon Vine beat Graham Trimming 3-1 but then lost his way completely against the defensive Dave Tant, losing 3-1. Graham beat Dave 3-0 without ever being threatened and so it was Graham that went through the group as winner with Simon, who two weeks earlier had become the Club's veterans' champion, as runner-up.

In the quarter-finals, it was Simon Wilde that suffered a shock reverse. The Maidenhead League veterans' champion lost to the improving Hari Prasad



Finalists in the main event: Paul Baker and the champion, Ricky Hardcastle

while Paul beat Simon Vine, Ricky beat Steve and Graham had a walkover against Lawrence Harvey. In the semis Ricky's close shave against Graham was won 12-10, 4-11, 8-11, 12-10, 11-6 while Paul was never troubled as he beat Hari 11-8, 11-8, 11-4.

### Open Doubles

Five pairs entered the Open Doubles which was played as a round robin. Simon Vine and Bas Mocharrafi, winner and runner-up in the Veteran's Singles the previous week, teamed up but were unable to emulate their previous success, beaten by two other pairs of veterans!

First to beat them were Graham Trimming and Simon Wilde, who powered through 3-0 with only the middle game being at all close. Then they were also beaten by Paul Baker and Dave Tant 3-1.

When those two winning pairs met, it was Graham and Simon who prevailed 3-1 to capture the title with Dave and Paul finishing second. Simon Vine and Bas came third followed by Elroy Hull and Malcolm Makarian with Hari Prasad and Sebastian Nimier finishing in last place.

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Club Championships Results		
Evt	Winner(s)	Runner(s)-up
OS:	Ricky Hardcastle	Paul Baker
OD:	Graham Trimming Simon Wilde	Paul Baker David Tant
VS:	Simon Vine	Bas Mocharrafi
JS:	William Fricker	Jackson Ayres

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## More from the Club Championships



Finalists in the vets: Bas Mocharrafie and Simon Vine

### Veterans' Singles

Simon Vine, a member only since December 2013, made quite a mark for himself by winning the event. Simon won all of his group matches 3-0 beating Bas Mocharrafie, Sue Hayes and Elena Tant in the process.

Meanwhile, Graham Trimming emerged from the other group with easy wins over Elroy Hull and Dave Tant.

The semi-finals were perhaps where the title was won and lost. Elroy's form had improved since the group stage but he was only able to take one game off Simon. This eventually proved to be the only loss Simon experienced all evening. In the other semi Bas trailed Graham 11-5, 4-1 but then his powerful forehand hit started working and this was enough to see him through to the final.

So the final proved to be a rematch of the earlier group match. And it had the same result as Simon triumphed 11-8, 11-7, 11-5. Graham once again beat Elroy, this time 3-1, in the decider for third and fourth place.

The advertised Tweenies' Singles was not played because of a lack of entries.



Junior singles medallists: William Fricker and Jackson Ayres

## Saxons confirmed as runners-up



Saxons (l-r): Steve Smith; Albert Cheung; Simon Wilde; Graham Trimming

After winning the league in 2012 and being second by only one point in 2013 Saxons were disappointed not to contest the Maidenhead League title more closely this season. In truth, the addition of Hari Gehlot to an already strong Cookham Social side, for whom Mark Banks is still unbeaten after two seasons, was a step too far for Saxons.

Simon Wilde maintained his standard from the previous season and won more than three-quarters of his matches, while Albert Cheung also performed well and Graham Trimming still managed to win more than he lost despite a poor run at the end of the season.

At the other end of the table, Trojans managed to pull off the great escape act and do not face relegation for next season. They managed to haul in Old Gords Harriers in the last week of the season but a lot of the credit for this must go to the ten points defaulted to them by Old Gords Ospreys. One wonder what the Old Gords management thinks of this when one of their teams effectively condemns another of their teams to relegation! The bottom team won six matches through the season quite a good return for a relegated team.

Ricky Hardcastle was, of course, the star of this team when work shifts allowed him to play and the League Men's Singles champion won 70% of his matches and Bas Mocharrafie

### Junior Singles

The eight players contested a round-robin even in which they all played each other. At the end of the session the clear unbeaten winner was William Fricker while the runner-up was Jackson Ayres, whose only loss was to William.

## Maidenhead League

### League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 1</b>							
Cookham S Typhoons	21	18	2	1	167	43	167
Cippenham Saxons	21	15	3	3	136	74	136
Old Gords Vultures	21	9	5	7	116	94	116
NWCA Blue Jays	21	8	4	9	98	112	98
Bovingdon Gn Kestrels	21	6	4	11	88	122	88
Old Gords Ospreys	21	7	1	13	85	125	85
Cippenham Trojans	21	4	2	15	76	134	76
Old Gords Harriers	21	6	1	14	74	136	74
<b>Division 2</b>							
Castle Hill Pumas	14	14	0	0	126	14	126
SportsAble Wags	14	9	2	3	79	61	79
Boyne Hill CC	14	8	1	5	73	67	73
Outcasts	14	5	2	7	67	73	67
Old Gords Kestrels	14	5	1	6	63	77	63
BBC Bears	14	5	1	8	58	82	58
Stoke Poges Tigers	14	2	4	8	55	85	55
Cippenham Spartans	14	2	1	11	39	101	39

### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Saxons</b>				
Simon Wilde	21	59	45	76
Albert Cheung	16	45	28	62
Steve Smith	6	14	8	57
Graham Trimming	21	59	32	54
<b>Trojans</b>				
Ricky Hardcastle	9	27	19	70
Terry Osborne	8	23	10	43
Bassam Mocharrafie	7	20	8	40
Denise Weller	14	41	16	39
Sue Hayes	10	30	5	17
Armando Borges	10	30	0	0
Chee Lai	1	3	0	0
<b>Spartans</b>				
Chee Lai	10	29	13	45
David Tant	14	41	15	37
Bhanu Muralitharan	3	9	2	22
Elena Tant	13	38	3	8

strengthened the side, when signing on after returning from work abroad, for the season half of the season.

Spartans never looked like finishing anywhere other than bottom of Division 2 and face having to climb back from Division 3 next season. Chee Lai and Dave Tant tasted moderate success in their first season each with Cippenham in the Maidenhead league.



Doubles medallists: Dave Tant; Simon Wilde; Graham Trimming; Paul Baker



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## Martin Gunn wins second title in as many seasons

Martin Gunn secured his second veterans' title at Cippenham in as many years on Easter Saturday. Gunn was as happy as an Easter bunny after defeating top seed Hon Kau Choy in the final of the Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2-Star Open. This title adds to the one won at the Five by Two Cippenham Senior and Veterans' 1-Star Open last season.

Gunn's toughest match actually came early on. In the preliminary round group stage he was taken to a deciding game by Paul Martindill but survived that scare to earn his place, as second seed, at the bottom of the draw.

Meanwhile, top seed Choy was largely untroubled in his group while third seed Phil Snelson qualified even more easily. Fourth seed David Langham, however, did not have it all his own way. He was beaten by Steve Davis and had to settle for second place in his group. With a minimum of six players in each group and top three qualifying for the championship event, however, this did not prove a problem for Langham.

The unranked and unseeded Kevin Hill turned out to be a bit of a dark horse. Only Daniel Lucking, who took him to 11-9 in the fifth game, offered much resistance as Hill beat all six opponents to finish top of group five. He was not finished there, either, as he then went on to eliminate Graham Trimming and Steve Davis, the latter is a topsy-turvy match that finished 12-10 in the fifth, before losing 3-1 to Martin Gunn in a tightly contested semi-final.

Into the main draw and the pick of the first round matches were Paul Baker's 3-2 win over Anthony Morris and Steve Davis' similar scoreline against Radovan Zivkovic. Displaced fourth seed David Langham was dismissed 3-0 by Chris Price while former Cippenham player Steve Dorrell, making his second appearance of the season at Cippen-



Vets Open champ Martin Gunn with Hon Kau Choy

ham after a gap of twenty-two years, was eliminated by Chris Pickard. The quarter-finals saw Choy progress at the expense of Paul Baker, who took one leg, Snelson terminate the run of Price and Gunn power his way past Pickard.

Four of the five group winners were thus pitched against one another in the semi-finals. In the pick of these the penholder Choy needed five games to get past Snelson while Gunn needed only four to overcome the defensive skills of Hill.

In the final, Martin Gunn proved just too powerful for the Nottinghamshire based Choy and ran out a 3-0 winner with only the second game providing any resistance.

Dean Rose, who mysteriously came bottom of his preliminary round group, recovered his form well enough to win the consolation event. He had a tough start against Steve Leven and only beat Cippenham's Bassam Mocharrafi 3-2 in the semi-final. Waiting for him in the final was Daniel Lucking who succumbed 3-1.

The tournament was organised by Graham Trimming, refereed by Ken Phillips and attracted a decent entry of 31 players.

### Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2\* Open Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
VS:	Martin Gunn (Av)	Hon Kau Choy (Ng)
VCon:	Dean Rose (K)	Daniel Lucking (Ha)



Steve Dorrell, who made 200 appearances for Cippenham between 1984 and 1992, has made two welcome appearances lately at Cippenham open tournaments.

### New caterers received well

Patrons have been most impressed with the new caterers at Cippenham TTC. Now in the hands of Dee's Catering, there is a bright new menu available to suit all tastes. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial arrangement with Denise Sullivan, mother of former member Andrew Sullivan.

### Maidenhead & District Table Tennis Association

#### AGM & presentations

**Tuesday 20 May 2014**

**SportsAble Club, Braywick**

### Cippenham Table Tennis Club

#### Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 3 June 2014, 8:00 pm**

**All members are urged to attend**

**If you would like to play a part in the running of the Club by becoming a member of the Committee, please speak to Ken, Sue or Graham**

### Cippenham Table Tennis Club

#### Young Players' Summer Festival

**Sat/Sun 14/15 June**

**Entries close 24 May**

**4 age groups: U12; U14; U16; U18**

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## Weekday Timetable

<b>Mon</b>	19:15	Advanced Coaching Group
<b>Tues</b>	19:15	Local league matches (out of season)
	19:30	Practice tables
	19:40	Grand Prix
<b>Weds</b>	19:30	Elite Coaching Group
<b>Thurs</b>	17:15	Beginners' coaching
	19:15	Local league matches (out of season)
	19:30	Practice tables

## Fees Season 2013-14

	<b>Full</b>	<b>Conc'n</b>
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£18.00	£9.00
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£30.00	n/a
Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.80	£0.90
Family Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£3.00	n/a
Maidenhead League Registration	£18.00	£9.00
National Junior League registration	n/a	£12.00
National Cadet League registration	n/a	£12.00
Practice Fees	*£4.00	*£2.00
Local League Match Fees	£4.00	£2.00
Coaching Fees (Thursday) (per session)	**£6.00	**£3.00
Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term)		£30.00
* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members		
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		



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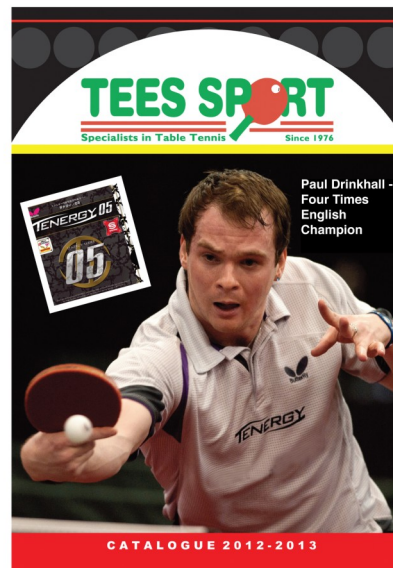


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## Weekend Diary

Jun 14/15 Cippenham Young Players' Festival

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