

Official Newsletter of Cippenham Table Tennis Club: Aug/Sept 2019: No. 220

# All ready for the start of a new season!

The summer has all but disappeared and Cippenham Table Tennis Club is readying itself for the season ahead. With the exception of the National Junior League and National Cadet League, all of our teams have been entered into the various leagues and players registered.

#### Senior British League

One team has again been entered this season After finishing runners-up last year, the team has retained its place in National Division B and with a slightly stronger squad will be hoping to go one better! The team will also again benefit from home advantage for all its matches

Dates: 7/8 Sep; 30 Nov/1 Dec; 15 Feb;

4/5 Apr

Venue: Cippenham

Name: Cippenham (Nat Div B-2)

Players: Martin Adams (capt.); Robert Hansell; Martin Gray; Steve Munson;

Shae Thakker

#### Women's British League

One team has again been entered with Mary Heffernan replacing Shosti Ghosh in the squad.

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Dates: 19/20 Oct; 25/26 Jan

Venue: Aldersley
Name: Cippenham

Players: Denise Weller (capt.); Julie Dean; Sue Hayes; Mary Heffernan

#### Veterans' British League

Once again, Cippenham is running two men's teams and one women's team.

Dates: 28/29 Sep; 22/23 Feb

Venue: Derby

Name: Cippenham I

Players: Martin Adams (capt.); Hari Gehlot; Martin Gray; Mark Banks

Name: Cippenham II

Players: Mike Rhodes; Samson Bekele; Paul Baker (capt.); Tony Stead



Sue Hayes and Mary Heffernan will play alongside Denise Weller and Julie Dean in both the Women's and Veterans' British leagues. *Photo: Mike Rhodes* 

Name: Cippenham

Players: Denise Weller (capt.); Mary Heffernan; Julie Dean; Sue Hayes

#### Junior British League

This year Cippenham is running a girls' team rather than a boys' team.

Dates: 2/3 Nov; 7/8 Mar

Venue: Derby

Name: Cippenham

Players: Hannah Silcock; Rachael Iles; Anna Piercey. NPC: Ken Phillips

#### Maidenhead League

A further team has been added so that we now have a record six teams registered in our local league.

Dates: weekdays throughout the sea-

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Name: Cippenham Saxons (Div 1)

Players: Ashley Shaw (capt.); Albert Cheung; Oli Shaw; Graham Trimming

Name: Cippenham Trojans (Div 1)

Players: Ricky Hardcastle (capt.); Chris Clifford; Anthony Gardner; Michal Gar-

ski; Sue Hayes

Name: Cippenham Vikings (Div 2)

Players: Harry Coles (capt.); Keith Hall;

Akeel Mir, Jaroslaw Skowera

Name: Cippenham Titans (Div 2)

Players: Walter Aldridge (capt.); Lucie Bouron; Clive Chapman; Lawrence

Harvey; Tony Jackson

Name: Cippenham Normans (Div 2)

Players: Elena Tant (capt.); Armando Borges; Emma Human; Dave Tant

Name: Cippenham Spartans (Div 3)

Players: Shahriar Shahriari (capt.); Mohamed Quasim Hussain; Oleg Kuba Kubenko; Alexey Zubrenkov

The teams for the **National Junior League** and **National Cadet League**have not yet been decided.

### Cipps on the international touring scene

ome Cippenham players have been lucky enough to spend part of their summer applying their table tennis skills away from these shores.

We'll start with the European Veterans' Championships in Budapest in early July. Three of our VBL team entered.

Paul Baker won all three of his matches in his Over-60s singles group but then perished to a Swede in the first knock-out round. Partnered with Chris Maiden, their two wins in the doubles group qualified them for the main competition but they found a German pair too strong in the first round.

Mike Rhodes won all his matches in his Over-65s groups and won two rounds of the main singles before losing to a Hungarian in the last 32. Partnered by Charlie Childs, Mike lost at a similar stage in the doubles.

Samson Bekele was not so fortunate



and ended up in the consolations of both his Over-50 events.

On to mid-August and Mike was in action again, this time representing VETTS as part of the national over-65 men's team in the International Veterans' Championships at Hilversum, Netherlands. Playing with team-mates Phil Causer and Steve Kosmosky, Mike came home with a bronze medal!



Then over to Thailand for the BTT Bangkok Open, featuring Shae Thakker in the GB Men's Class 10 team with Dylan Tynan. As a team they finished in third place in their group despite winning one match and losing one. In the individual singles, Shae won one and lost two, including a close 3-0 defeat to the World number eight and finished in third place.

Photos by Mike Rhodes

# **Successful YPSF but no titles for home players**

ast season concluded with another successful open tournament in June. Styled as the Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival, this is a nationally approved 1-star event, run over two days and catering for four different age categories between under-12 and under-18.

Mahmood Kelani and Kirsty Maull were the undoubted stars of the events on Sunday as they both clinched the two titles open to them.

For Kelani this signified a huge step up from unseeded positions in both events. Ranked just outside of the top four in Sunday morning's Under-16 Boys' Singles, Kelani won his preliminary round group and then eliminated Cippenham's William Saint in the first knock-out round. Fourth seed William Avery followed next and then top seed Daniel Broner was eclipsed in the semi-final. Waiting for Kelani in the final was Evan O'Connor after the Welsh player had seen off the challenges of second seed Alex MacDonell and Ben Barbarasu. Cippenham's Jayden Caldeira and Pranav Gudipati both reached the quarterfinal but were undone by Broner and Barbarasu respectively.

There was a smaller field for the Under-18 Boys' Singles in the afternoon. The winner was once again Mahmood Kelani but this time his opponent in the final was Krishna Nagarajan who had overcome top seed Daniel Broner in the semi-final. The other semi-finalist was Alex MacDonell.

Kirst Maull travelled all the way from Staffordshire to win both the girls' events on Sunday and on each occasion the runner-up was Berkshire's Jyothi Ghanta.

Saturday had seen the younger age groups, under-12 and under-14, take to the tables. Third seed Kai Sun Yiu was the winner of the Under-12 Boys Singles. After winning his group and then progressing past Louis McPhee, Kai then proceeded to take down the top two seeds, second seed Max Radiven in the semi-final and then top seed Siva Ghanta in the final. Ghanta's progress had been against Adam Alibhai and then Toby Harwood in the semi.

The Under-14 Boys' Singles was won in fine style by Toby Crawcour who never looked in any trouble throughout the event. After winning his preliminary round group, Crawcour strolled through George Thorn and then Ben Barbarasu in his semi-final before securing the title with an even more accomplished display against Evan O'Connor in the final. Third seed O'Connor had put paid to the run of second seed Danny Klinger in the semi. Cippenham's William Saint reached the quarter-final but, despite claiming the third game, could not get the better of Barbarasu.

Cippenham's top two girls were in action during the Saturday events and they reached a final apiece but were unable to go that one step further and clinch a title. Rachael lles was top seed in the Under-12 Singles and survived a nervy five-game semi-final against Sasha Lewis but was ultimately no match for the accomplished Emily Cheung in the final. Rachael was seeded second in the Under-14 event but was beaten by her Cippenham team-mate Anna Piercey in the semi-final. That event was won by Heidi Oestreicher despite her finishing only second in her group to Rachael.

The tournament was organised by Ken Phillips who was also the Referee on Sunday The Referee on Saturday was Graham Trimming.

### Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival Results

U18BS Mahmood Kelani (K) U18GS Kirsty Maull (St) Mahmood Kelani (K) U16BS Kirsty Maull (St) U16GS U14BS Toby Crawcour (Mi) U14GS Heidi Oestreicher (Bd) Kai Sun You (Sy) U12GS Emily Cheung (Sy) Joe Watkins (Ha) U18BC U16BC William Fricker (Bu) Charlotte Sparrow (Gs) Elis O'Connor (WAL) U16GC U14BC U14GC Mia Lakhani (Mi) Adam Gold U12GC Emma Ranson (Bk)

Runner-up
Krishna Nagarajan (Sy)
Jyothi Ghanta (Bk)
Evan O'Connor (WAL)
Jyothi Ghanta (Bk)
Evan O'Connor (WAL)
Anna Piercey (Bu)
Siva Ghanta (Bk)
Rachel lles (Bu)
William Saint (Bu)
Jamie Barlow (Bk)
Sasha Lewis
Blayk Marquis (Bd)
Emma Ranson (Bk)
George Driscoll (Bu)
Mia Lakhani (Mi)

#### Thank you to those who turned up for the annual cleaning day



### Who's Who at Cippenham?

Sue Hayes retired from the Management Committee at the Annual General Meeting and we give grateful thanks for the fantastic service she has provided to the Club over two decades. Consequently, there have a been a few changes to the roles undertaken by members of the management team and it is thus an opportune moment to set out for you who does what at Cippenham Table Tennis Club. That way you will know who to go to for information and advice. Many thanks to all the people mentioned below for their fantastic contribution to the Club.

#### The Management Committee:

Ken Phillips: Chairman; Facilities Manager; Coaching Officer; Head Coach; Volunteer Champion; Welfare Officer; JBL Captain/ Secretary; NJL Captain/Secretary; NCL Captain/Secretary; British League Weekend Referee; Young Players' Summer Festival Organiser/Referee; Junior 4-Star Open Assistant Organiser; Weekday Duty Manager

Graham Trimming: General Secretary; Treasurer; Committee Secretary; Membership Secretary; Press Secretary; Newsletter Editor; Webmaster; Maidenhead League Selection Committee; British League Weekend Organiser; Team Open Organiser/Referee; Veterans' Open Organiser; Calendar Sub-Committee

Elena Tant: Deputy Chairman; Bookings Officer; Calendar Coordinator/Sub-Committee; Maidenhead League Captain/ Secretary/Selection Committee; Westgate School Liaison; Catering Liaison; Spartans Captain; Club Championships Organiser; Catering Stock Buyer

Julia Piercey: Events Officer; Calendar Sub-Committee; Club Supply Agent; Members' Supply Agent

**David Tant:** Health & Safety Advisor; Maidenhead Selection Committee

Keith Hall: Maidenhead Selection Commit-

tee

**Bassam Mocharrafie** 

**Elroy Hull** 

#### Other volunteers:

Martin Adams: Senior British League Captain/Secretary

Mike Atkinson: National Junior League Organiser; National Cadet League Organiser; Junior 4-Star Open Organiser/ Assistant Referee

Paul Baker: Veterans' British League Captain/Secretary; Senior Open Organiser; Senior/Veterans' Open Organiser

Sue Hayes: Senior Open Referee; Senior/

Veterans' Open Referee; Lead Coach Emma Human: Grand Prix Administrator Charles Mitchell: Anniversary Party Organ-

Steve Smith: Junior 4-Star Open Referee

Denise Weller: Women's British League
Captain/Secretary; Veterans' British
League Captain/Secretary

Wendy Porter: Veterans' Open Referee

Ashley Shaw: Saxons captain Ricky Hardcastle: Trojans captain Harry Coles: Trojans captain Walter Aldridge: Titans captain Shahriar Shahriari: Spartans captain

#### Paid appointments:

**Bhanu Muralitharan:** weekend catering **Emma Human:** Weekday Duty Officer

### Membership forms now due

Members are reminded that the membership year runs from 1 September until 31 August and therefore your renewals are now due if you have not already done so.

All players who represent the Club in the various leagues and those that attend the Monday and Wednesday coaching groups must be full members of the Club. For anyone attending only practice sessions, membership is not obligatory but is financially beneficial if you attend more than one session per month. Membership can be applied for in two ways:

ONLINE: the easiest way is to submit your membership form online via a link from the Club's website. This is quick and easy to do, the fees are payable online via Paypal, and you receive a copy, by email, of your completed form and a Paypal receipt. And ... it is not necessary for you to have a Paypal account in order to access this functionality.

**HARD COPY:** Forms are also available at the Club and can be handed to the Duty Officer. The same form can also be downloaded from the Club's website, printed and then sent to the General Secretary.

### Joe is Junior champion

Newcomer Joe Barraclough was in a class of his own as he won the final event of the annual Club Championships, the Junior Singles, against a field of twenty players. After winning his group, Joe powered his way past Tom Brown and Rachael Iles to set up a meeting in the final with Jaiden Caldeira. Like his previous opponents, Jaiden was no match for Joe who ran out an easy winner 11-4, 11-5, 11-6.

Jaiden's route to the final had been more competitive and he needed five close games in the semi-final to defeat William Fricker in the semi-final and that was after William himself had won his quarter-final match only 15-13 in the fifth against Edward Meacock.

There was another close match in the top half of the draw when, in the first round, Tom Brown only disposed of Sam 11-9 in the fifth. There was also a meeting of Cippenham's top two girls n the quarter-final and this time Rachael lles was the winner over her friend Anna Piercey

#### **Key Club Contacts**

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Weekday Timetable				
Mon	19:15	Advanced Coaching Group		
Tues	19:15 19:30	Local league matches (out of season) Practice tables		
Weds	19:30	Elite Coaching Group		
Thurs	17:15 19:15 19:30	Beginners' coaching Local league matches (out of season) Practice tables		



Fees Season 2019-20			
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8) Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8) Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month) Family Membership (after 30/11 per month) Maidenhead League Registration National Junior League registration National Cadet League registration Practice Fees Local League Match Fees Coaching Fees (Thursday) (per session) Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term) * plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members ** plus 50p (25p) for non-members	£18.00 £30.00 £1.80 £3.00 £18.00 n/a n/a *£4.00 £4.00 **£6.00	£9.00 n/a £0.90 n/a £9.00 £12.00 £12.00 *£2.00 *£2.00 **£3.00	



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### **Weekend Diary**

Sep 7/8 Oct 5/6 Oct 19 Nov 2/3 Nov 10 Nov 23 Nov 24 Nov 30 Dec 1 Dec 7/8 Dec 14 Dec 15 Jan 11	Senior British League National Division B4 County Championships Senior Premier Div National Junior League (1) County Championships Cadet Division 2A National Cadet League (1) National Junior League (2) Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 1-Star Open Senior British League National Division B4 Senior British League National Division B4 Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open Bucks Closed Championships National Cadet League (2) National Junior League (3) County Championships Veterans' Div 2B
Jan 18	County Championships Veterans' Div 2B

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