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Return of the Club Championships

After a two-year absence, caused by the pandemic, the Club Championships returned in May. The format remained the same as that last used in 2019 with events over four midweek evenings.

Day 1

The championships commenced with the Veterans' Singles and Tweenies' Singles on the first day.

The entry for the Veterans' Singles was not huge but what it lacked in quantity it made up for in quality with most of the top veterans from Cippenham's local league teams taking part. Maciej Dlugozima has acquired a useful habit of winning events staged at Cippenham, having won the Open Singles at the Maidenhead Closed Championships back in March, and that was for the third time. Now qualified as a veteran for the first time, having been born with only two days to spare before the cut-off date in 1981, Maciej quickly set about winning his first ever veteran title.

The ten contestants were arranged into three first round groups with Maciej seeded second behind Paul Baker. Both Maciej, Paul and third seed Alan Moss duly won their groups and therefore qualified for the final phase where they played each other in a round-robin. This group was keenly contested with no match finishing 3-0. Maciej beat Paul 3-1 in the opening encounter and then followed up with a similar scoreline against Alan. Paul against Alan was a right ding-dong with Paul winning the first two games easily only for Alan to equalize with two deuce games. However, it was Paul who secured the runner-up medal 3-2.

Akeel Mir surpassed himself in finishing fourth, followed by Graham Trimming and Albert Cheung.

The Tweenies' Singles, an additional event for those "between junior and veteran age groups", has never had a large entry but this year's showing of only two players was nevertheless disappointing. The more experienced Michal Garski duly won the title by beating Qasim Hussain 3-0 in double quick time.



Maciej Dlugozima



Michal Garski

Day 2

Day 2 saw five pairs playing a round-robin for the Open Doubles - all play all.

The closest match came in round two when Shae Thakker and Milton Makris beat the Maidenhead Closed runners-up Alan Moss and Graham Trimming. This match was decided 11-9 in the fifth and effectively ended the latter's chance of a medal position. Shae showed why he was the best player in the competition with a series of devastating shots while Milton, who does not play league table tennis, surpassed himself with great control and some important defensive returns.

The overall winners of the competition were Maciej Dlugozima and Chris Collins. Maciej and Chris beat Alan and Graham 3-0, though two of the games were decided 13-11. In the final round of matches there was effectively a final, as Maciej and Chris faced up to Shae and Milton. On this occasion, Maciej and Chris were just too strong although the scores were close.



Chris Collins & Maciej Dlugozima

Day 3

The following week it was the Open Singles which ultimately was dominated by two juniors. The thirteen contestants were initially arranged into four groups and the top seeds from each group made it through to the semi-finals without too much trouble. That is, all apart from Alan Moss, who did make it through, but only after beating Anna Piercey 11-8 in the fifth and deciding game after Anna had held match point in the fourth. In this "group of death", much stronger than any of the other three groups, Alan also beat Graham Trimming 3-1 while Graham enjoyed a similar result against Anna. Maciej Dlugozima also made it through in the other groups along with Shae Thakker and Rachael Iles.

In their semi-finals, Shae beat Maciej 3-0 while Rachael won a ding-ding battle with Alan at 11-9 in the fifth. Shae showed his class with a 11-3, 11-7, 11-3 victory over Rachael, currently ranked fifth in England cadet girls, in the final.

Graham easily came top of those placed second in their groups, as did Anna amongst the third-placed players.

Thanks are due to Elena and Dave Tant for running the first three events.

Club Championships Results

Event	Winner(s)	Runner(s)-up
OS	Shae Thakker	Rachael Iles
OD	Chris Collins	Milton Makris
VS	Maciej Dlugozima	Paul Baker
TS	Michal Garski	Qasim Hussain
JS	Jamie Woodford	William Saint

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Club Championships *Cont'd*



Shae Thakker



Jamie Woodford

Day 4

The championships concluded with the Junior Singles. Played during the weekly elite coaching session, twenty-three of the Club's best juniors took part.

Open Singles winner the previous day, Shae Thakker, opted out allowing the junior title to be fought over from the Club's other up and coming juniors, many of whom have enjoyed a very successful season.

For the initial round, the players were organized into six groups with the top two in each group progressing to the main event and the others into the consolation. The top four seeds, William Saint, Jamie Woodford, Rachael Iles and Risan Thirupparan all won their groups to take their allotted places in the main draw. However, Risan fell at the quarter-final stage to Mia Lakhani who had previously put out George Driscoll, one of the quartet in Cippenham's top team in the National Cadet League. Two of the others met in the first round with Edward Meacock beating Nick Carter while the fourth, Louis Alexander, went out to Charlie Cook.

In the quarter-finals, top seed William Saint eliminated Louis Alexander, Mia Lakhani, as previously mentioned, beat Risan Thirupparan, Rachael Iles beat Edward Meacock and second seed Jamie Woodford beat Anna Piercey.

And so it was boys versus girls in the semi-finals and the boys came out on

Veterans reign supreme

After a three-year Covid-related absence the Cippenham Five-by-Two Senior and Veterans' 1-Star Open returned in late May. Despite a clash of dates with the huge London Grand Prix close by, the tournament was well subscribed with a very near capacity entry which kept the nine tables busy for over ten hours.

There were two events, namely the Veterans' Singles for the over-forties in the morning and the Senior Singles, open to players of any age, in the afternoon. Most of the veterans stayed on for the afternoon event where they were joined by a sprinkling of younger players.

The forty-two players in the Veterans' Singles were organised into eight preliminary round groups in which most of the top-ranked players duly surfaced to the top of their respective groups. Of the top four, the only exception was fourth seed Jojo Seniorin who was beaten by Paul Martindill, who, in turn was beaten by Stuart Vincent. After a count-back, Martindill topped the group followed by Seniorin and Adam Johnson, who had beaten Vincent. Seventh-ranked player Steve Davis also lost his place in his group having been beaten by both Tom Lodziak, who emerged top of the group, and Tomasz Nowakowski.

Only five of the group winners made it into the quarter-finals of the knock-out draw. The first casualty was top seed Jason Thompson, beaten by the displaced Jojo Seniorin while Geoff Grange fell to Nowakowski and Vadym Krevs to Radovan Zivkovic. The other five who progressed were Richard Hayes, over Julie Lawrence, Tom Lodziak over Chris Maiden, Phil Snelson over James Wright, Paul Martindill over Michael Wilkins and second seed Hari Gehlot who beat Robert Spiegelhalter.

In the quarter-finals Seniorin continued his progress by defeating Hayes, third

top, William defeating Mia and Jamie beating Rachael although he had to escape from 2-1 down to do so.

The final swung one way then the other and went the full distance of five games. Eventually, it was Jamie that won the title, having recovered once again from two games to one down.

Thanks are due to Ken Phillips and Jan Chapman for running the final day.

seed Snelson beat Lodziak, the unseeded Nowakowski ended the run of Martindill and Hari Gehlot breezed past Zivkovic. Hari then made short work of Nowakowski in his semi-final while Phil Snelson took the longer route, with three deuce games including 14-12 in the fifth, to edge past Seniorin. Victory in the final, which was between the second and third seeds, saw Hari retain the title he won last time around albeit three years previously.

Hari did not stay for the Senior Singles event in the afternoon and so Phil Snelson moved up one place in the seedings to second. Jojo Seniorin pulled out from his third seed position, leaving a gap in the seedings, and the much younger Toby Crawcour entered the fray as fourth seed. Robert Spiegelhalter took full advantage of Seniorin's absence to win his group but otherwise it was the highest-ranked player who prevailed in the others.

This time there were no early surprises in the knock-out rounds with seven of the eight group winners making their way into the quarter-finals, the exception being the elimination of Spiegelhalter by Magda Kozubek. Kozubek then beat Radovan Zivkovic to earn herself a place in the semi-final while top seed Jason Thompson took four games to oust Thamil Udamulla as did Toby Crawcour against Vadym Krevs. Snelson took one more, at deuce in the fifth, to end the run of Nowakowski.

Wins by Thompson, over Crawcour, and Snelson, over Kozubek, resulted in the top two seeds meeting in the final. That match went the full distance of five games and was eventually won by Thompson, relegating Snelson to his second runner-up position of the day.

In the consolation events, the unfortunate Rafal Wdowczyk was also runner-up in both, beaten by Michael Stephens in the morning and Terun Desai in the afternoon.

The tournament was organised by Paul Baker and refereed by Graham Trimming.

Cippenham 5x2 Senior & Veterans' 1-Star Open Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
SS	Jason Thompson (Wo)	Phil Snelson (Sy)
VS	Hari Gehlot (Bk)	Phil Snelson (Sy)
SC	Terun Desai (Mi)	Rafal Wdowczyk (Bd)
VC	Michael Stephens (Av)	Rafal Wdowczyk (Bd)

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Bat test evening successful



Cippenham club members and players from other local clubs and leagues thronged to Cippenham on Thursday 8 September for the opportunity to test different bats, courtesy of equipment suppliers Bribar. The response was overwhelming and the Bribar stall had a queue of people waiting to be seen all evening, starting early at 6pm. The Bribar staff made up many bats of differing combinations of blade and rubbers for players to try and did a roaring sales trade. They described the evening as "very successful".

The club is clean again—thank you



Every year a group of Club members meets for a few hours on a weekend morning to give the club's equipment and premises a "spring clean" ready for the start of the new season. Table tennis tables are washed down, the storage area swept and mopped, the lounge servery cleaned, the office tidied, carpets vacuumed, windows and glass sparkled and woodwork wiped down. The result: a nice clean start for the first visitors of the season.

Thus, on the second Saturday in September a band of seven members gathered and grateful thanks are given to: Elroy, Graham, Keith, Jamie, Maciej, Irina and Sylwia. Special mention to the two ladies who did a fantastic job in cleaning the servery and the wash rooms. We are in your debt!

Martin joins committee

The numerical strength Club's Management Committee increased by one to ten following elections at the Annual General Meeting. The new member is Martin Adams who was last a member of the committee nine years ago. During the intervening period, Martin has continued to serve the Club as captain and secretary of the Club's teams in the Senior British League and Veterans' British League.

Steve Piercey resigned after one year as Events Officer, citing difficulties of working with Table Tennis England's tournament entry form panel as the reason. Steve remains on the committee and will continue to assist with some of the procedures for events.

The meeting also adopted the Annual Report, written by Club Secretary Graham Trimming. In the 14-page document, including nine pages of appendices, Graham covered all aspects of the Club's activities and paid tribute to the volunteers who assist the club on a daily basis. The most important facet of the year had been the bounce back from the Coronavirus pandemic to now normal operating. Graham also reported on the celebrations for the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Club's purpose-built facility and paid tribute to the successful teams in various leagues.

As Treasurer, Graham also presented the Financial Statements which showed a surplus over the past twelve months of operation.

The full Management Committee comprises: Ken Phillips (Chairman/Coaching Officer); Graham Trimming (General Secretary/Treasurer); Elena Tant (Deputy Chairman/Bookings Officer); Martin Adams; Keith Hall; Sue Hayes; Elroy Hull; Steve Piercey; Sunjay Thakker; Dave Tant.

Jamie claims two titles at YPSF



It had been three years since the last running of the Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival but the home players put the Covid-related gap behind them and ran away with four of the seven titles at stake.

Pride of place went to the hugely improved Jamie Woodford who stole the show on the second day as he won both the Under-17 and Under-19 Boys' Singles events. In both events Jamie found himself in the bottom half of the draw with top seed Toby Crawcour taking his allotted place at the top. In the morning event, the Under-17s, Jamie was helped out by Tsun Ip eliminating Crawcour in the semi-final but in the later Under-19 event it was all Jamie's work, beating the top seed in the final itself.

Rachael Iles and Mia Lakhani were Cippenham's two other victors. These two outstanding players met in the final of the Under-15 Girls' Singles on Saturday and then again in the Under-17s on Sunday. The result was one title each. Rachael beat Mia in the Under-15s and then, the following day, Mia reversed the result in the round-robin Under-17s.

Risan Thirapparan and Nick Carter also tasted success in the consolations.

The tournament was organised by Steve Piercey and refereed by Ken Phillips.

Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
U19BS	Jamie Woodford (Bu)	Toby Crawcour (Mi)
U17BS	Jamie Woodford (Bu)	Tsun Ip (Mi)
U17GS	Mia Lakhani (Mi)	Rachael Iles (Bu)
U15BS	Vairavel Ramkumar (He)	Blayk Marquis (Bd)
U15GS	Rachael Iles (Bu)	Mia Lakhani (Mi)
U13BS	James Wang (Mi)	Ethan Zeng (Bk)
U13GS	Alisha Dutta (Mi)	Tadeea Aparaschivei (Mi)
U19BC	Risan Thirapparan (Mi)	Rayan Ansari (E)
U17BC	Rayan Ansari (E)	Nick Carter (Bu)
U15BC	Louis McPhee (Mi)	Tadeea Aparaschivei (Mi)
U13BC	Kai Chai Leong (Mi)	Aiden Tamberlin (Bu)

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Weekend Diary

Oct 1/2	Senior British League (1)
Oct 15	National Junior League (1)
Nov 6	National Cadet League (1)
Nov 19	National Junior League (2)
Nov 27	National Cadet League (2)
Dec 3/4	Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open
Dec 10/11	Senior British League (2)
Jan 8	National Cadet League (3)
Jan 14	Senior British League (3)
Jan 21	National Junior League (3)
Feb 25	National Junior League (4)
Mar 12	National Cadet League (4)
Apr 1/2	Senior British League (5)

More dates will follow in due course

Weekday Timetable

Mon	18:00	Beginners' Coaching Group
	19:45	Advanced Coaching Group
Tues	19:15	Maidenhead League matches
	19:30	Practice tables
Weds	19:30	Elite Coaching Group
Thurs	19:15	Maidenhead League matches
	19:30	Practice tables

Maidenhead League selections

The following teams have been selected to represent the Club in the Maidenhead League season 2022-23.

Cippenham Saxons—Div 1 (Thursday home night):
Alan Moss (capt.); Albert Cheung; Igor Liiko; Graham Trimming

Cippenham Trojans—Div 1 (Tuesday)
Chris Collins (Capt.); Maciej Dlugożima; Sue Hayes; Bassam Mocharrafi; Hari Prasad Reddy Vennapusa

Cippenham Vikings—Div 1 (Thursday)
Qasim Hussain (capt.); Armando Borges; Lucie Bouron; Akeel Mir; Rajan Waterman

Cippenham Titans—Div 2 (Thursday)
Elena Tant (non-playing capt.); Oleg Kuba Kubenko; Randall Rodrigues; Priyanka Sabharwal; Aarav Seth

Cippenham Spartans—Div 2 (Thursday)
Jan Chapman (capt.); Peter Chipperton; Steve Piercey; Sunjay Thakker

Fees Season 2022-23

	Full	Conc'n
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£18.00	£9.00
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£30.00	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
British League (SBL/WBL/VBL) match fees	£5.00	
British League (JBL) match fees		£2.50
Maidenhead League Match Fees	£4.00	£2.00
Coaching Fees (Thursday) (per session)	£6.00	£3.00
Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term)		£25.00
Coaching Fees (Wednesday) (per term)		£35.00



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