



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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All the major titles came to Cippenham when the Slough League held its annual championships at the Centre

Three titles for Sam and Martin at Slough Closed



- and two for Steve, Graham, and Johnny

Samantha Marling won all three titles that she contested when the Slough Closed Championships were held at the Centre over the weekend of March 22nd and 23rd. In her first Slough tournament, Sam, ranked 30 in England, swept the board in the ladies events, winning the singles, the doubles with Jane Dickens and the mixed with Graham Trimming.



Samantha Marling - three times a winner!

That the Ladies Singles should be won by the Yorkshire county player was no surprise, that she should add the other two as well was. Although the Ladies Doubles had a poor entry of only two pairs, Sam with scratch partner Jane Dickens were not expected to combine well enough to beat the experienced Jacquie Lovell and Jackie Niffikeer-Robbins. However, the scoreline of 21-14, 21-16 tells its own story.

Even more surprising was Sam and Graham beating Steve Joel and Jacquie Lovell in the final of the Mixed Doubles, a feat that Graham and Mike Rhodes had been unable to achieve a week previously at the Club Championships. After losing the first game Sam and Graham came back strongly in the second and just held off their opponents' challenge at 19 in the third.

After winning their respective groups, the final of the Ladies Singles was contested by the top two seeds, Sam and Jacquie Lovell. This became the classic attack versus defence battle and produced one of the best ladies finals for many years even though the scores were never close.

If the Mixed Doubles final had gone the other way it would have been Steve Joel in the limelight with three championships.

He justified his number one seeding in the Mens Singles by defeating Mike Rhodes in a repeat of the Club Championship final, then paired up with Paul Baker in a successful defence of their Mens Doubles title.

There were three titles also for Martin Rule while Graham Trimming, Jane Dickens and Johnny Davidson all won two. Martin won the Junior Boys and Cadet singles events and teamed up with Johnny to capture the Junior Doubles. Graham added the Division One Singles title to his Mixed Doubles success with a rare victory over Mike Atkinson, while Jane also proved successful in the Girls Singles. Johnny won the Under-12 Singles after a brilliant final against Robert Wilson to go with his Junior Doubles success. Robert Hansell also had a good tournament, winning the Woolwich Junior League "double" straight and handicap. The first was won in a final with Martin Bell after the latter had disposed of top seed Yezen Sheena.



Martin Rule

Only one event was won by a non-Cippenham member, and that was the



Steve Joel - Mens Singles champ

Senior Handicap Singles!

Slough Closed Finals:
(all Cippenham unless otherwise stated)
Mens Singles:
S Joel bt M Rhodes -19, 8,13
Ladies Singles:
S Marling bt J Lovell 11,16
Mens Doubles:
P Baker / S Joel bt M Banks / S Crow (both Burnham) 9,-13,17
Ladies Doubles:
J Dickens / S Marling bt J Lovell / J Niffikeer-Robbins (Burnham) 14, 16
Mixed Doubles:
G Trimming / S Marling bt S Joel / J Lovell -17, 10, 19
Veterans Singles:
M Rhodes bt M Atkinson (Chalfont) 14, 11
Junior Boys Singles:
M Rule bt P Davies -16, 13, 16
Junior Girls Singles:
J Dickens bt G Chapman (Castle Hill) -21, 10, 13
Cadet Singles:
M Rule bt R Wilson 7, 17
Under-12 Singles:
J Davidson bt R Wilson -11, 15, 14
Junior Doubles:
J Davidson / M Rule bt A Mason / Y Sheena (both Chalfont) 13, 20
Division 1 Singles:
G Trimming bt M Atkinson (Chalfont) 18, 12
Division 2 Singles:
P Savage (Chalfont) bt R Mitchell (Nomads) -15, 19, 18
Division 3 Singles:
C Davies bt P Davies -19, 18, 18
Division 4 Singles:
T Plows (Burnham) bt I Hayden (Burnham) 11,16
Woolwich Junior League Singles:
R Hansell bt M Bell 14, -16, 10
Senior Handicap Singles:
J Hansell (+2) (Nomads) bt P Savage (-3) (Chalfont) 22, 20
WJL Handicap Singles:
R Hansell (+3) bt Y Sheena (-6) (Chalfont) 8, 6

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Grand Prix

The Club's Spring Grand Prix event has now finished and the winners were:

Spring 1997 Results

1.	Graham Trimming	105
2.	Mike Rhodes	100
3.	Steve Crow	100
4.	Martin Rule	50
5.	Steve Joel	45

There is now a two month close down until the Summer 1997 Grand Prix kicks off on Wednesday 4th June.

Bucks Senior Closed Results

XD: Mike Rhodes & Muriel Hooker, winners
VMS: Mike Rhodes, runner-up

Highlights of the Season so far

October

1st - after nearly five years of planning Cippenham Table Tennis Centre is finally opened. It was not finished but the health and safety plan was signed at 4pm - three hours to spare!

13th - first outside event held at the Centre - the regional junior trials.

19th - first county matches and coach education class held at the Centre.

31st - Cippenham nominated as ETTA Club of the Year!

November

9th - Cippenham makes debut in Veterans' British League.

9th - first international at the Centre when England play Slovakia in a mens' friendly. Cippenham's own Gareth Herbert makes his full debut in this match.

9/10th - Cippenham's juniors gain outstanding success at St. Ives Team Tournament.

30th - Slough win Bucks Mens Inter-League at the Centre.

December

1st - Gareth Herbert retains his Junior Boys Singles title at the English Junior Nationals.

7th - first open tournament - the Cadet 2-Star - held at the Centre. The first open tournament in Slough for 25 years. A home win for Martin Rule. National Lottery grants an additional £21,000 to complete works at the Centre.

January

4/5th - Slough make a clean sweep of Bucks Junior and Cadet Inter-League competitions held at the Centre.

19th - Cippenham clinches Womens' British League Division 3 title at first attempt.

21st - England play Germany in European Womens' League Super Division Semi-Final at the Centre.

February

9th - Jesper Hougaard qualifies for Junior and Cadet Masters - to be held at Cippenham in April. Gareth Herbert and Martin Rule are pre-qualified.

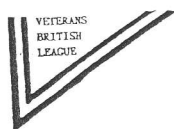
16th - Clean sweep for Cippenham at Bucks Junior Closed at the Centre.

22nd - Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open proves a resounding success.

March

15th - Club Championship and Handicap Tournament attracts a record entry and play lasts for 11 hours.

23rd - a clean sweep of all championship titles by Club members at Slough Closed.



Veterans Find The Going Tough In Div 4

After a successful first weekend in November which saw the Club's team placed into Division Four of the Veterans British League, the second session on March 8th proved more difficult against top opposition. Division Four, consisting entirely of the best of the newcomers to the League proved to be a much higher standard than the established Division Three and most of the teams would have been quite comfortable in Divisions One or Two.

Cippenham failed to win any of their three matches, going down 1-5 to both Stockport and Police Athletic Association II, and 2-4 in the final match to Ellenborough (Enfield). For Cippenham, Mike Rhodes and Frank Earis both won two matches, Frank's both came in the Ellenborough match. Graham Trimming failed to score for Cippenham.

Mike played well throughout and secured a fabulous win over former England number one veteran Roger Hampson in the match against Stockport.

Division 4 Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stockport	3	3	0	0	13	5	6
PAA II	3	1	1	1	10	8	3
Ellenborough	3	1	1	1	9	9	3
Cippenham	3	0	0	3	4	14	0

Averages

	P	W	Av
Frank Earis	6	2	33.3
Mike Rhodes	6	2	33.3
Graham Trimming	6	0	0.0

From the first weekend in November:

Averages

	P	W	Av
Frank Earis	6	5	83.3
Mike Rhodes	6	3	50.0
Graham Trimming	6	2	33.3

Will you get involved?

Like all amateur sporting organisations, the Club depends entirely on volunteers for its administration. We have been operating this season with two committee appointments, Events Officer and Club Captain, not being filled. Since the autumn Steve Joel has been unable to give much time to his role of Public Relations Officer and Alec Watson is to step down as Chairman next month. We urgently need members to come forward and volunteer their services so as to maintain the service that a club of our stature demands. Please talk to any committee member on this subject.

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Titles shared out at Club Championships - 28 players gain awards!

The awards were shared out amongst twenty-eight different competitors when the Club held its annual championships and handicap tournament on March 15th. Fifteen players picked up winners' awards with the most successful being Steve Joel and Joe Ferguson with three each. Jacquie Lovell, Jesper Hougard, Jane Dickens and Emma Human won two events each.

The main events were shared between Steve Joel and Jacquie Lovell who won the Mens and Ladies Singles and also combined to take the Championship Doubles title.

The final of the Mens Singles was an exciting three game affair between Steve Joel and Mike Rhodes. Mike took the early initiative and the first game 21-17 but Steve came back strongly to win the next two 21-16, 21-10 with a devastating display of attacking table tennis. In their semi-finals Steve had overcome thirteen year old Jesper Hougard 21-14 in the third game after coming back from losing the first, while Mike had a more straight forward win over Maurice Isaacs.

Jacquie Lovell won her Ladies Singles final easily against Jane Dickens who had done well to qualify for the final from her group.

Joe Ferguson's three victories came in the Under-12 Singles, the Junior Doubles, with Edward Atkinson, and the Handicap Singles.

With Gareth Herbert, Martin Rule and David Ralls all absent nobody was going to trouble Jesper Hougard for the Boys Singles and Cadet Singles titles. In both cases the finalist was Ben Beveridge although he put up a good show against the England number four cadet in both finals. The Girls Singles was won by Jane Dickens who defeated, amongst others, Bucks girls champion Rebecca Eldridge.

Mike Rhodes repeated his win over Maurice Isaacs in the final of the Veterans Singles, while the Tweenie Singles (for those between junior and veterans age groups) was won by Gareth Lovell over his wife Jacquie, who had earlier eliminated hot favourite Steve Joel. The Restricted Singles, for players outside the top division of local leagues, provided a good win for Jeremy Bateman over Clive Dawson.



Jacquie Lovell who won the Ladies Singles and Championship Doubles

All in all a good day's table tennis was enjoyed by the thirty-seven participants with play commencing at 10 am and continuing for eleven and a half hours. The initial rounds of all the singles events were played in groups. Next year we must revert to separate Championships and Handicap Tournament!

Club Championship Results:

Mens Singles:

S Joel bt M Rhodes -17, 16, 10

Womens Singles:

J Lovell bt J Dickens 7, 14

Championship Doubles:

S Joel & J Lovell bt M Rhodes & G Trimming 18, -17, 14

Veterans Singles:

M Rhodes bt M Isaacs 13, 12

Tweenie Singles:

G Lovell bt J Lovell -20, 21, 18

Boys Singles:

J Hougard bt B Beveridge 10, 19

Girls Singles:

J Dickens bt R Eldridge 11, 14

Cadet Singles:

J Hougard bt B Beveridge 11, 15

Under-12 Singles:

J Ferguson bt F Parnell 17, 11

Restricted Singles:

J Bateman bt C Dawson 11, -15, 17

Junior Doubles:

E Atkinson & J Ferguson bt B Beveridge & S Hall 13, 17

Handicap Singles:

J Ferguson bt J Dickens 14, 19

Junior Handicap Singles:

E Human bt C Smart 13, 20

Handicap Doubles:

S Davies & J Dickens bt J Branfield & M Rhodes 4, 20

Junior Handicap Doubles:

E Human & C Smart bt G Chapman & S Parnell 18, 16

Top 'n' Tall Doubles:

A Dickens & S Joel bt J Branfield & C Perry -14, 20, 12

Parents Handicap Singles:

J Chapman bt R Smart -8, 18, 20

Parents Handicap Doubles:

J Chapman & R Smart bt M Chapman & E Cockrell 9, 15



The essence of the Top'n'Tail Handicap Doubles. Highest ranked Steve Joel partners Andrew Dickens to a memorable win

Photos by Graham Trimming

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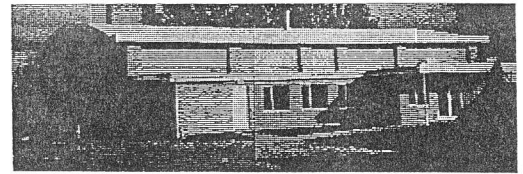
1997 Weekend Diary

April

Sat 5th 10.00am National Junior & Cadet Masters
Sun 6th 9.30am National Junior & Cadet Masters
Sat 12th 9.00am Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open
Sun 13th 9.00am Berkshire Closed Championships
Sun 20th 12.30pm Slough Woolwich Junior League

May

Sun 25th 11.00am Eastern Region delegates visit



Another award for Gareth

Gareth Herbert won yet another award in his short career when, last month, he was voted Slough Council's Most Promising Sportsman for 1996. This is the second award Gareth has won at the event. Ken Phillips was also nominated - for Service to Sport. Well done to both Gareth and Ken!

Past winners from the Club:

1987 Service to Sport - Graham Trimming
1992 Junior Sportsman of the Year - Gareth Herbert
1994 Sports Coach of the Year - Ken Phillips
1996 Most Promising Sportsman - Gareth Herbert

1997 Weekday Diary

Mon 5.30 Advanced Coaching
7.30 Excellence Coaching

Tues 5.00 Beginners' Coaching
7.15 League Matches
7.30 Practice Tables

Wed Closed until June 4th

Thurs 5.00 Beginners' Coaching
7.15 League Matches
7.30 Practice Tables

Bar Opening Times

Tuesday and Thursday

9pm - 11pm



Coach to the World's?

If you are interested in joining a party from Slough for a visit to the World Championships on Saturday 3rd May then give Katie Dickens a call on 01628 666004. Katie is canvassing interest for a coach party to leave Cippenham at 6.00 a.m. and spend the whole day until 6.00 p.m. in Manchester at the World's.

Key Events To Watch Out For!

English Junior and Cadet Masters - 5/6 April

See Gareth Herbert, Martin Rule and Jesper Hougaard competing against England's other leading junior and cadet players in this show-piece event of the annual calendar. A must for spectators!

Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open - 12th April

See the third open tournament of the season at Cippenham.

Berkshire Closed - 13th April

Who will win the Berkshire county titles at the Centre on the 13th?

Slough Woolwich Junior League - 20th April

Please note the change of date for the final WJL session and Tunes Cup Final. Rescheduled from 6th April because of the English Junior and Cadet Masters.

Slough Masters Tournament - 6th May

Commencing 7.30 pm, see the Slough League's top eight players battle away for the coveted Slough Masters title and £240 prize money. Note the change of date from April 29th to avoid a clash with the World Championships.

The schedule for 3rd May is:

10:00 Men's & Women's Doubles, rounds 5 & 6
12:30 Mixed Doubles, quarter-finals
13:30 Men's & Women's Singles, rounds 6 & 7
21:30 Mixed Doubles, semi-finals

Summer League

Forms are available at the Centre for members who would like to participate in the Slough and/or Maidenhead summer leagues. Please ensure your form is returned to Graham Trimming by April 30th.

Annual General Meeting date

Members should note that the date of this year's Annual General Meeting has been set as Wednesday 28th May. It will take place in the lounge at the Centre.

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