



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Titles for Tony, Steve, Paul and Greg

New Members to the Fore in Club Championships

The Club Championships has been running over the past few weeks using the format introduced last year, played in a less formal way during Thursday evening practice sessions. New and old members alike have joined in events that have overall been well subscribed and, in fact, two of the new champions are also new members.

Tony Stead, an RAF employee brought along to the Club by his doubles partner Steve Buck, and one of the newest members of Cippenham Table Tennis Club, quickly made his mark with wins in both of the events open to all age groups.

In the Open Singles, which attracted a whopping twenty-seven entries, Tony was seeded at one and the only game he lost in winning the title was in the preliminary round group against Grzegorz Strojny. He then went on to beat Gavin Williams, Elroy Hull and Steve Smith, the latter 11-9, 11-9, 11-9 in the semi-final, to set up another meeting with "Greg" in the final. Greg's path

had been more difficult in overcoming Jack McCandless, Terry Boxall 11-8 in the fifth and deciding game and then Sue Hayes in the semi-final. Sue had earlier beaten Armando Borges, surprise winner over second seed Graham Trimming in the second round.

The previous week, thirteen pairs teamed up for the Open Doubles and it was the RAF pair of Tony Stead and Steve Buck that prevailed. They brought down Greg and Terry in one semi-final while Graham and Steve did likewise to Jack and Elroy.

Seven players competed for the Veterans' Singles and the winner was Paul Elliott. He beat Elroy in the semi-final and then Terry in the final, while a smaller entry of only three for the Tweenies' Singles, an event for players "between" junior and veteran status, saw Greg take the gold medal and Tony Andrews silver.

The last event, the Junior Singles, takes place in 1 May.



OS: Greg Strojny; Tony Stead



VS: Terry Boxall; Paul Elliott



OD: Graham Trimming; Steve Smith; Steve Buck; Tony Stead



TS: Greg Strojny; Tony Andrews

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Huge Entry for Cadet Open as Al-Sibassi Defies the Seedings

It's unusual for an unseeded player to lose his first match and go on to win an event but that is exactly what happened on 13 April for Ayman Al-Sibassi in the Cadet Boys' Singles at the Cippenham Cadet and Under-13 2-Star Open Championships. The eventual champion, from Surrey, lost a fantastic scrap with Ross MacNiven 10-12, 11-7, 11-7, 9-11, 9-11 in the first match of the preliminary round group and then only just got the better of Simon Ha 11-7 in the deciding game to clinch second place in that group. Defeat here would have placed Al-Sibassi in the consolation event.

After those early scares it just got easier for Al-Sibassi. In the competition proper he saw off challenges from Joshua Robinson 3-0, Rafi Conn-Kowlessar 3-1 and then Foluso Thomas 3-0 to arrive at the semi-final stage in the spot vacated by the absent top seed. In that semi-final it was another storming 3-0 win over Mikael Papantoniou who had played his part in the upsets by eliminating third seed Thomas Dantzig in the quarters. This set up a final encounter with second seed Michael Ho who, until that time, had only dropped one game in his majestic route to the final. That all changed when Al-Sibassi got the better of two of the three games that went to deuce points and also won the first 11-8 to clinch the title 3-1.

Ho's path to the semi-final was matched by Dritan Sadiku as the two seeded players in the bottom half of the draw met with little resistance en route.

Ho's disappointment at losing the Cadet Boys' final was tempered by his having already won the Under-13 event in the morning. The top seed started the day's proceedings in which all of the four main events were won by players from Surrey. Ho was not troubled until Reece Placid took one game off him in their quarter-final and then third seed Brandon Crouchman also got one in the semi-final. The final was different, however. Ho needed all his nerve to come back from 2-1 down against fourth seed Rafi Conn-Kowlessar. The only shock of the

event was the defeat of second seed Ross MacNiven by Jack Thomas in the quarters but then he lost 3-0 to Conn-Kowlessar in their semi-final.

Lucy Lou was the star of the girls' events. In the morning she won a round robin for the Under-13 title, relegating Tracey Simpson into second spot and then in the afternoon she got through her group, despite a loss to Rachel West, to book a semi-final place against Majeda Yasmin, a match that Lou won comfortably 3-0. In the final, though, she had to give second best to top seed Feifei Pei whose only tough match was a 3-2 win in the preliminary round group against Chantal Wilson.

A full entry of about 120 was received and a handful of entries had to be turned away. That being so, it was disappointing that quite a number of players, including one large group from TTK Greenhouse, failed to appear without prior warning. The event was well organized by Sue Hayes, refereed by Graham Trimming and, because of the number of scratchings, finished well ahead of schedule. The disappointment was the lack of any Cippenham players in the draw.

Daryll Windsor

It with great sadness that we report the passing of Daryll Windsor. Only in his early forties, and leaving behind two young children, Daryll died suddenly from septicaemia. Our condolences go to his family.

Daryll played 21 times for Cippenham in season 1982-3, 17 in the Slough League and four times for our team in British League Division 3 East.

Another Honour for Graham

It does not get any better than this. Awarded the ETTA *PremierClub* Volunteer of the Year in September, honoured as the first ever Life Member of Cippenham Table Tennis Club in October and now, in April, comes the news that Club founder, Chairman and General Secretary Graham Trimming is to be further honoured at the ETTA Annual General Meeting with a Vice-Presidency.

Graham was surprised to receive the letter from the ETTA and said "it had never even occurred to me that I could be considered for such an honour. It is a great shock"

Final Results:

Cadet Boys' Singles:

Ayman Al-Sibassi (Sy) bt Michael Ho (Sy) 8,14,-10,11

Cadet Girls' Singles:

Feifei Pei (Sy) bt Lucy Lou (Sy) 5,9,7

Under-13 Boys' Singles:

Michael Ho (Sy) bt Rafi Conn-Kowlessar (Mi) -4,9,-6,4,5

Under-13 Girls' Singles:

1. Lucy Lou (Sy), 2. Tracey Simpson (Mi)

Cadet Boys' Consolation:

Joshua James (Mi) bt Omar Lofty (Mi) 4,9,4

Cadet Girls' Consolation:

Chantal Wilson (Mi) bt Tracey Simpson (Mi) 9,5,-8,11

Under-13 Boys' Consolation:

Erick Fuentes (Mi) bt Mehul Modha (Mi) 8,-9,4,8

Come to the AGM

Wednesday 28 May

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Slough League Finishes Season with the Masters, Slough Closed and Handicap Final

Slough Closed Championships

Doubles Title for Steve and Sue



The Slough League has taken Cippenham's lead and, for the first time in about sixty years, held it's Closed Championships on weekdays evenings, one event at a time. It is the first time in four years that the "Closed" has been held and it has been successful with eighteen players producing a keenly fought Veterans' Singles and eight pairs battling it out for the Open Doubles. The Open Singles takes place 7 May.

It was in the doubles event, played the last Tuesday in April at Burnham, that Cippenham tasted some success. The unseeded pair of Steve Smith and Sue Hayes managed to win their group, toppling second seeds Filippo Rotunno and Derek Sudlow. Then in the semi-final they dispatched the pairing of Bassam Mocharaffie and Mary Stafford to set up another meeting with Rotunno and Sudlow in the final. The latter pair had seen off top seeds Dave Hyder and Elroy Hull in their semi. By now combining well and playing some good table tennis, Steve and Sue romped home 3-0.

In the Veterans' Singles, also played at Burnham the previous week, the furthest any Cippenham player got was the quarter-final. At that stage Neil Bird went out to finalist Gerald Finesilver while Graham Trimming succumbed to the eventual champion Chris Haines.



Slough Masters

Neil reaches the Final

The 25th Slough Masters, an annual event for the top eight players in the League who have qualified by virtue of their performances over the season, provided some satisfaction for Neil Bird, who reached the final, but overall another win for the League champions Chalfont.

Steve Smith and Graham Trimming were first round losers to Chris Haines and Dave Hyder respectively while Neil Bird got the better of Terry Boxall and then held off a five-game challenge from Hyder in the semi. However, the final proved to be a round too far and Chris Haines prevailed.



Section 2 Handicap Final

Scoundrels make the numbers count



Scoundrels: Tariq Kasmiri; Georgia Veneer; Ray Burbidge

With Amar Abid-Ali away and Paul Chandler crying off injured on the day, Cippenham Rascals proved no match for Cippenham Scoundrels in the final of the Section 2 Handicap Competition. Scoundrels took advantage of their numerical superiority against a two-man Rascals and won 8-2. Ray Burbidge and supervet Georgia Veneer were unbeaten for the winners.

Cippenham Outlaws—Graham Trimming, Steve Smith and Neil Bird received their League runners-up trophies at the Slough League presentations on Masters evening.

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Weekend Diary May/June/Jul

May

Sat 10	Southern Region junior training
Sun 11	Southern Region junior training
Sat 17	British League Division 1 Promotion Play-offs
Sun 18	British League Division 1 Promotion Play-offs
Sat 24	English National Junior Masters
Sun 25	English National Junior Masters
Sat 31	Ability training

June

Sat 7	Southern Region junior training
Sun 8	Southern Region junior training
Sat 14	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival
Sun 15	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival
Sun 29	Umpires' course

July

Sun 6	Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2-Star Open
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Jun 21/22 Women's British League (2) (Doncaster)

Weekday Diary

Mon	7:15	Advanced Coaching
Tues	7:30	Practice Tables
	7:40	Grand Prix
Wed	7:30	Squad Training
Thurs	5:15	Beginners' Coaching
	7:15	Slough League matches (out of season)
	7:30	Practice Tables

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2007-08

	Full	Conc'n
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£15.00	£7.50
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£25.00	n/a
Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.50	£0.75
Family Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£2.50	n/a
Slough League Registration	£15.00	£7.50
National Junior League registration	n/a	£12.00
Practice Fees	*£3.50	*£1.75
Slough League Match Fees	£3.50	£1.75
Coaching Fees (per session)	**£5.00	**£2.50
Coaching Fees (per term - 1st group)		£30.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 2nd group)		£20.00
* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members		
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Annual General Meeting of Cippenham Table Tennis Club

will take place at

Cippenham Table Tennis Centre

on Wednesday 28 May 2008, 8 pm

All members are invited to attend

Agenda:

To receive the annual report

To receive the Financial Report

To elect Officers, Management Committee members
and Auditor

*If you would like to play a part in the management of
the Club why not come along and volunteer for one of
the positions on the Committee.*

Annual General Meeting of

Slough & District Table Tennis League

will take place at

United Reformed Church, Burnham

on Tuesday 27 May 2008, 7:45 pm

All registered players are invited to attend

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