

## **Closed Championships 2018- report**

### **Dull admin stuff**

The first part of the 2018 Closed Championships (U-11/13/15) was held at LGS on Saturday 10 March 2018.

A total of 45 players took part (compared to 47 last year).

Play took place initially in groups, progressing to further/knockout stages and finals.

Many thanks to those who helped in the smooth running of this event: Vaughan Allington, Charlie Bateman, and Tim Cawston.

The second part took place over the weekend of 17-18 March at Knighton Park. 30 players entered on the Saturday (29 on the equivalent day last year) with 57 matches scheduled (57 last year). On the Sunday 32 players entered (37 last year) with 66 matches scheduled (75 last year).

Many thanks to all those who participated (particularly for braving the elements to get to the venue on the Sunday morning), be it playing or umpiring.

Thanks also to Knighton Park for the use of the premises (and to John Bowness for helping set up the room on the Saturday, and Shirley and Rod Pickering for helping tidy up afterwards on the Sunday).

### **The actual play**

At the first session, Alec Wyness (KP) and Freya Wynne (Barwell George Ward) fought through a round-robin group to contest the final, which Alec won in 5.

In the U-13 final, newcomer Michael Durrant (KP) beat Edward Brown (Electricity).

The losing semi-finalists were James Walker and Bevan Wale (both BGW).

Oscar Bentley (KP) beat Uzayr Shaikh (Abbots Road) in the final of the U-15 event.

The losing semi-finalists were Oliver Simms (Wizards) and Hugh Duffield (KP).

At the second session, Ian Knight beat Wizards teammate Eiz Eddin Al-Katrib 11-9 in the 5th to win the U-100 title. Brajesh Patel (KP) won two events, beating Dan Andrews (Wizards) in the U-150 and Malik (KP) narrowly in the U-200 respectively. Ross Adams (Abbots Road) beat Harry White (Electricity) to win the U-250, while Les Baker also enjoyed double success, beating Sam Henderson (Electricity) twice to take the U-300 and U-400 titles (the latter very narrowly).

Sam Henderson was however victorious in the Handicap Doubles, teaming up with Dan Andrews to beat Harry White and Rod Pickering (KP) in a close three-ender.

On Sunday, Sufyaana Dhanji (Wizards) emerged top of a round-robin of the three girls, and was also runner-up to clubmate Kelsey Andrews in the Ladies event. Jack Rogers (KP) retained the Boys title, beating Brajesh Patel and, paired with team-mate Reza Kiani won the Open Doubles (beating the Electricity pairing of Harry White and Sam Henderson).

Reza also beat Les Baker twice to win the Men's and Veterans titles.

Les added to Saturday's titles with a win over Chris Brewer (Electricity) in the O-50s;

Chris beat defending champion Clive Stretton (Syston) to lift the O-60s title.

Adam Pettitt (Electricity) successfully defended his Intermediates title, beating Brajesh Patel.

Brajesh beat James Morley (Holwell) in another close final to win the Handicap Singles title.

**There follows a list of all the winners and runners-up of the various events:**

**1. SATURDAY 10 MARCH**

U-11            Alec Wyness bt. Freya Wynne; 13-15, 11-7, 11-8, 9-11, 11-3  
U-13            Michael Durrant bt. Edward Brown; 11-5, 11-8, 11-9  
U-15            Oscar Bentley bt. Uzayr Shaikh; 11-7, 10-12, 11-3, 11-3

**2. SATURDAY 17 MARCH**

U-100           Ian Knight bt. Eiz Eddin Al-Katrib; 11-8, 11-8, 4-11, 9-11, 11-9  
U-150           Brajesh Patel bt. Dan Andrews; 11-7, 11-6, 11-4  
U-200           Brajesh Patel bt. Zia Malik; 11-1, 13-15, 5-11, 11-7, 11-8  
U-250           Ross Adams bt. Harry White; 11-9, 8-11, 11-9, 11-9  
U-300           Les Baker bt. Sam Henderson; 11-4, 9-11, 11-4, 11-7  
U-400           Les Baker bt. Sam Henderson; 7-11, 11-9, 3-11, 14-12, 11-9  
Handicap       Sam Henderson &       bt. Harry White &; 14-21, 21-19, 22-20  
Doubles        Dan Andrews            Rod Pickering (+5)

**3. SUNDAY 18 MARCH**

Boys            Jack Rogers bt. Brajesh Patel; 11-6, 11-8, 11-8  
Girls            1. Sufyaana Dhanji; 2. Demi Hainsworth; 3. Shannon Graves  
Inter           Adam Pettitt bt. Brajesh Patel; 11-8, 11-7, 11-7  
Ladies          Kelsey Andrews bt. Sufyaana Dhanji; 13-11, 11-8, 9-11, 4-11, 11-8  
Men            Reza Kiani bt. Les Baker; 11-4, 11-4, 11-6  
Vets            Reza Kiani bt. Les Baker; 11-9, 11-2, 11-6  
O-50           Les Baker bt. Chris Brewer; 11-7, 9-11, 11-2, 11-7  
O-60           Chris Brewer bt. Clive Stretton; 11-1, 11-9, 9-11, 9-11, 11-3  
Handicap       Brajesh Patel (+8) bt. James Morley; 16-21, 21-8, 21-18  
Doubles        Reza Kiani        bt. Sam Henderson; 11-6, 7-11, 9-11, 11-5, 11-7  
                     & Jack Rogers    & Harry White

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