

Closed Championships 2019- report

Dull admin stuff

The first part of the 2019 Closed Championships (U-11/13/15) was held at Leicester Grammar School on Saturday 2 March 2019.

A total of 41 players took part (45 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: especially Vaughan Allington, Charlie Bateman, and Tim Cawston.

The second part took place over the weekend of 9-10 March at Knighton Park TTC.

31 players entered on the Saturday (30 on the equivalent day last year) with 64 matches scheduled (57 last year).

On the Sunday 44 players entered (32 last year) with 94 matches scheduled (66 last year).

Many thanks to all those who participated, be it playing or umpiring ('Oscars' for

umpiring were awarded to Shirley Pickering, Abraham Lam, and Clive Stretton).

Thanks also to LGS/Knighton Park TTC for the use of the premises, and to Shirley Pickering for helping me with the running of the event at KP.

The actual play

At the first session, Jacob Cadman (KP) and Kai Bhakta (Winstanley Wizards) fought through a round-robin group to contest the final, which Jacob won in 4.

In the U-13 final, Corey Lancaster (KP) beat Alec Wyness (KP). The losing semi-finalists were Matt Halliday (Barwell George Ward) and Liam Lint (KP).

Oscar Bentley (KP) beat Ollie Wynne (BGW) in the final of the U-15 event. The losing semi-finalists were Nathan Joseph (WW) and Jay Suchak (KP).

At the second session, Eiz Eddin Al-Katrib (Abbots Road) beat Alex Bousbaine (KP) to win the U-100 title but lost to Justin Ho (Unicorn) in the final of the U-150. Oscar Bentley (KP) beat Yogi (Desford) in the U-200 while teammate Osman Bawa lost the finals of both the U-250 and U-300: the winners of those events being Adam Pettitt (Elec) and Jacques Vander (Unicorn), the latter 11-9 in the 5th, respectively. Reza Kiani (KP) beat clubmate James Berry to win the U-400 title.

James Lancaster (Arnesby) and Bryan Moylan (Elec) were victorious in the Handicap Doubles, beating Harry White (Elec) and Tony Monteiro (Syston Casuals).

On Sunday, Roma Morjaria (KP) beat Freya Wynne in the Girls; Jack Rogers (KP) beat Oscar Bentley (KP) in the Boys before adding the Men's title by defeating David Grundy (Elec); Grundy and Andy Lebutt (Elec) won a nailbiting Doubles final 12-10 in the 5th against Rogers and partner Reza Kiani (KP).

Adam Pettitt (Elec) beat Jacques Vander (Unicorn) in 5 to win the Intermediates before beating Kelsey Andrews (WW) in the Handicap Singles.

Karen Smith (KP) beat clubmates Shirley Pickering and Reza Kiani to win the Ladies and Veterans titles; she also beat Chris Brewer (Elec) 14-12 in the 5th to win the O-50 event. Chris was involved in another epic, beating Clive Stretton (Syston) to win the O-60 event.

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

1. SATURDAY 2 MARCH

U-11 Jacob Cadman bt. Kai Bhakta; 11-1, 11-13, 11-6, 11-1
U-13 Corey Lancaster bt. Alec Wyness; 9-11, 11-7, 11-8, 11-6
U-15 Oscar Bentley bt. Ollie Wynne; 11-7, 11-8, 11-8

2. SATURDAY 9 MARCH

U-100 Eiz Eddin Al-Katrib bt. Alex Bousbaine; 11-7, 11-3, 11-8
U-150 Justin Ho bt. Eiz Eddin Al-Katrib; 11-1, 11-5, 8-11, 11-0
U-200 Oscar Bentley bt. Arun Yogi; 11-6, 11-7, 11-8
U-250 Adam Pettitt bt. Osman Bawa; 11-9, 12-10, 5-11, 11-7
U-300 Jacques Vander bt. Osman Bawa; 8-11, 11-8, 11-8, 8-11, 11-9
U-400 Reza Kiani bt. James Berry; 17-15, 11-8, 11-8
Handicap James Lancaster & bt. Harry White &; 21-14, 21-15
Doubles Bryan Moylan (+2) Tony Monteiro

3. SUNDAY 10 MARCH

Boys Jack Rogers bt. Oscar Bentley; 11-6, 11-4, 11-4
Girls Roma Morjaria bt. Freya Wynne; 11-7, 11-4, 13-11
Inter Adam Pettitt bt. Jacques Vander; 6-11, 13-15, 11-2, 11-9, 11-8
Ladies Karen Smith bt. Shirley Pickering; 11-1, 11-2, 11-5
Men Jack Rogers bt. David Grundy; 11-6, 7-11, 11-5, 11-2
Vets Karen Smith bt. Reza Kiani; 11-5, 11-9, 11-9
O-50 Karen Smith bt. Chris Brewer; 12-10, 9-11, 6-11, 11-5, 14-12
O-60 Chris Brewer bt. Clive Stretton; 9-11, 11-7, 11-13, 11-7, 15-13
Handicap Adam Pettitt bt. Kelsey Andrews (+13); 21-16, 21-18
Doubles David Grundy bt. Reza Kiani; 11-8, 3-11, 12-14, 11-9, 12-10
 & Andy Lebutt & Jack Rogers

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