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It's the biggest Grand Prix yet as Cippenham buzzes on Tuesday evenings

Gerald Wins from the Front

Tuesday evening practice sessions at the Club are booming right now. The reason for this is the popular weekly Grand Prix competition, a series of events in which points are awarded for finishing positions each week, with the winner the player accumulating the most points over a six week period.

The eighth Grand Prix finished on 7 August and it was the closest finish and best supported yet. A record number of thirty-six players took part and in the end it was Gerald Finesilver, the winner of the first session at the beginning of July who was never headed and declared the overall winner.

A top four emerged over the weeks and going into the last session any one of three players could still have won the series. Steve Smith knew that he had to win the final stage if he was to have any chance of the title but even so Gerald would have to finish no higher than fourth on the night. Alan Farral could win also if he finished second or better and Gerald was third or lower. In the end Alan's hopes were dashed when he lost in the third-fourth play-off to Gerald after the latter had been beaten by Steve in the semi-final and Alan had lost at the same stage to Graham Trimming.



Grand Prix 8 trophy winners (l-r): Steve Smith; Gerald Finesilver; Alan Farral

Those results confirmed Gerald as the overall champion with the other places determined by the result of the final match between Steve and Graham. Graham led 8-6 in the fifth and deciding game but in the end Steve became the sixth different winner in the six weeks to clinch second spot for himself and give Alan third ahead of Graham.

The six weekly events were won by Gerald Finesilver, Paul Elliott, Alan Farral, Paul Baker, Graham Trimming and Steve Smith.

The ninth Grand Prix is now progressing and players are treating it as the ideal way to get ready for the forthcoming season.

Grand Prix 8 Final	Pts
1. Gerald Finesilver	320
2. Steve Smith	310
3. Alan Farral	290
4. Graham Trimming	255
5. Paul Baker	100
5. Paul Elliott	100
5. Peter Gajdus	100
8. Sue Hayes	85
9. Elroy Hull	80
9. Anthony Gardner	80

After the first three weeks of Grand Prix 9 the leading positions are:

Grand Prix 9 Current	Pts
1. Paul Baker	170
2. Steve Smith	140
2. Jack McCandless	140
4. Graham Trimming	115
5. Edward Mitchell	100



British League at Cippenham

Saturday/Sunday 8/9 September

Divisions 1 South and 1 South & Midlands

Come and support Cippenham's teams



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All Signed Up!



Have you seen our new roadside signage? The brand new sign was erected during the second half of August and has already resulted in several newcomers to the Club's Tuesday and Thursday sessions. The situation, at the traffic lights at the intersection of Cippenham Lane and Telford Drive, gives great views of the sign when waiting in two directions at those lights. The Club is indebted to Martin Adams for his efforts in sourcing and arranging for the erection of this sign.

There will be only one division but after the first eleven weeks of the season it will then be split into two sections. So, starting September 24, all eleven teams will play each other before the Christmas break. Then the top seven will play each other again to determine the league champions. The other four will play each other again to determine the winners of section two and will then play a handicapped event between themselves with semi-finals and finals just as last season's Division Two did.

There will also be the usual Dilger Cup team handicap competition.

Appointments Made

At a recent Committee meeting all of the positions left unfilled at the AGM were filled and many other appointments made. The main officials are:

Graham Trimming: Chairman, Treasurer and Fixtures Secretary;
Filippo Rotunno: General Secretary, Press Secretary and Handbook Sec;
Elroy Hull: Competitions Secretary and Inter-League Secretary;
Chris Dickens: Vice Chairman and Minutes Secretary;
Dave Swift: Slough Closed Organizer and Bucks CTTA Representative.

Gold for Matt



Photo: ETTA

Cippenham member Matt Ware bagged two gold medals in the recent Molndals BTK (Gothenburg) Open, taking the boys' U17 and boys' U20 titles. In the U20's he came from an unseeded position: in the quarter-finals he beat third seed Robin Petersson 12-10 in the fifth and then in the semis he played Niclas Aberg winning 3-1. In the final he met the top seed and last year's men's winner at the K2 Grand Prix, Kalle Relfson. The final was a thrilling five set match which Matt took 11-9 in the fifth to take the title alongside his U17 title.

Matt, who is currently training in Sweden at the Molndals BTK Club, has been working hard over the last ten weeks with intensive training and working with a top Swedish tri-athlete on his fitness. It's clear to see that the hard work is paying off with these international results.

Nets and Edges

2 More TOs

Congratulations to Terry Boxall and Malcolm Makarian who, following the completion of their test papers, are now qualified Tournament Organizers at Level 2. They join Catherine Hayes, Sue Hayes, Steve Smith, Graham Trimming and Geoff Ware who all qualified at the time of the course in July.

Young People's Centre

Rob Lemon and Ross Saxby answered an SOS call at short notice to give an exhibition at Slough Young People's Centre on Friday 17 August. Thanks, lads and to Sue Hayes for making the hasty arrangements.

Slough League News

Cippenham will again be running five teams in the Slough League this season although the constitution of the teams has changed a bit from last year.

Each team has its own captain but overall Slough League Captain is John Lloyd while Graham Trimming is acting as Teams' Secretary.

The teams are:

Outlaws:

Neil Bird (capt.); Choi Lee; Steve Smith; Graham Trimming

Buccaneers:

Tim Kiteley (capt.); Terry Boxall; Peter Gajdus; John Lloyd

Rascals:

Amar Abid-Ali (capt.); Armando Borges; Paul Chandler; Ollie Valdez

Vagabonds:

Graham Young (capt.); Tarmeet Grewal; Vibhash Mishra; Andrew Young

Scoundrels:

Ray Burbidge (capt.); Salman Tanveer; Usman Tanveer; Georgia Veneer

The League will have a different feel to it this season. Numbers have been steadily dwindling for many years, in common with most other local leagues in the country, and this year have reached a low point of only 11. Seven teams applied for Division One and only four for Division Two. Therefore, the League's Management Committee have come up with a novel solution.

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Eight Teams in British Leagues

Cippenham Table Tennis Club has entered eight teams in the various British leagues for the new season. The reduction of one from last year's entry of nine arises from the demise of the second girls' team.

Senior British League

There is a new regulation in the British League this season: teams from the same club operating at the same level do not have to declare their top four players in team I, they can mix and match with team II so long as players only appear in one of those teams during the season. It was a Cippenham initiative and means that some of the top four in our ranking list can play in the team designated as Cippenham II operating in Division 1 South & Midlands because that is the same level as our designated first team playing in Division 1 South.

Although not finally decided it is likely that Martin, Mark B, Lee and one other will play as the first team and David, Danny, Rob and Mark J as the second team. In truth, are players are fairly well condensed in their ranking points quota apart from Martin who is some distance ahead.

This season we will be without the services of Rob Hansell, who is working in the USA for the year, and some of the players who appeared for the third team last season, but welcome to the squad Steve Munson, Gemma Chapman, three youngsters in Eddie Mitchell, Matthew Tucker and Jonathan Evans plus Steve Smith who has become a familiar face around the Club in recent months.

Team captains are Martin Adams, Mark Jackson and Phil Clarkson while Paul Baker is Teams' Secretary and overall Captain.

Players (ranking points):

The following are the probable ranking positions:

1. Martin Adams (4034)
2. David Hayes (3658)
3. Mark Butler (3570)
4. Danny Baxter (3468)
5. Lee Dredge (3426)
6. Rob Lemon (3428)
7. Mark Jackson (3321)
8. Steve Buck (3312)
9. Steve Munson (3207)

10. Gemma Chapman (3512W)
11. Phil Clarkson (2349)
12. Paul Baker (2847)
13. Paul Elliott (1615)
14. Eddie Mitchell (510)
15. Matthew Tucker (743)
16. Jonathan Evans (0)
17. Steve Smith (722)
18. Graham Trimming (1986)

Dates:

1. 8/9 September
2. 8/9 December
3. 6 January
4. 16/17 February

Divisions:

Team I: Division 1 South
Team II: Division 1 South & Midlands
Team III: Division 3 South

Venues:

Team I: at Cippenham except December weekend at Okehampton, Devon
Team II: always at Cippenham
Team III: at London Progress Tournament Centre, Southall except December weekend at Chichester

Women's British League

There has been a problem nationally with the dates for the WBL with one date proving unpopular. The latest ETTA calendar shows the date that was supposed to be the second weekend now becoming the first and the final weekend will now be in May. As a consequence the entry date for this competition has been extended.

Gemma Chapman and Sue Hayes are acting as Secretary and Captain for the first and second teams respectively.

Players (ranking points):

1. Lesley Keast (3820)
2. Gemma Chapman (3512)
3. TBA
4. Sue Hayes (2838)
5. Caroline Linz (2470)
6. Rachel Farquhar (807)
7. Catherine Hayes (587)

Dates:

1. 1/2 March
2. 3/4 May

Divisions:

Team I: TBA
Team II: TBA

Venues:

1. Bristol
2. TBA

Junior British League

This season there will be only one boys' team and one girls' team.

Ken Phillips is again acting as Secretary for both teams and as captain for the boys' team. The girls' team will be captained by Jan Chapman.

Players (ranking points):

Boys:

1. Edward Mitchell (1401)
2. Ruihao Zhang (1295)
3. Andrew Linz (1219)

Girls:

1. Rachel Pilgrim (1609)
2. Rachel Farquhar (1572)
3. Catherine Hayes (987)

Dates:

1. 13/14 October
2. 9/10 February

Venues:

1. TBA
2. TBA

Veterans' British League

The VBL has been revamped this season with a Premier Division, two sections of Division 1 and two sections of Division 2. Cippenham have been placed in one of the Division 1 sections after having played in Division 2 last time around.

Paul Baker is fit again and is added to the team that kept the Club's flag flying so well, in adversity, last season.

Graham Trimming is acting as Secretary and Mike Rhodes as Captain.

Players (ranking points):

1. Mike Rhodes (3165)
2. Roger Hookey (3146)
3. Charlie Childs (3056)
4. Paul Baker (3082)

Dates:

1. 27/28 October
2. 26/27 January

Venues:

1. Hereford
2. The Dome, Doncaster

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Weekend Diary September/October

September

Sat 8th British League Divisions 1 South & 1 S&M
 Sun 9th British League Divisions 1 South & 1 S&M
 Sat 15th Bucks Junior Trials
 Sun 23rd Cippenham Senior 2-Star Open
 Sat 29th National Junior League Southern Region

October

Sun 21 Cippenham Team 2-Star Open
 Sat 27 County Championships Junior Premier Div
 Sun 28 County Championships Junior Premier Div



Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Nov 3 National Junior League Southern Region
 Nov 10/11 County Championships Senior Premier Div
 Nov 17 Buckinghamshire Junior Closed
 Nov 18 Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open
 Dec 8/9 British League Div 1 South & Midlands
 Jan 6 British League Divisions 1S & 1S&M
 Jan 12/13 Cippenham Young Players' New Year Fest
 Jan 26 National Junior League Southern Region
 Feb 10 Cippenham Group to Group 2-Star Open
 Feb 16/17 British League Divisions 1S & 1S&M
 Mar 2 Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open
 Mar 29 National Junior League Southern Region
 Apr 13 Cippenham Cadet & U13 2-Star Open
 May 17/18 British League Div 1 Promotion Play-offs
 Jun 14/15 Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
 Jul 6 Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2* Open

Your Membership Form for 2007-8 is now due

The membership year runs from 1 September to 31 August

Thanks to the many who have already submitted theirs

If you have not yet done so, then please send your form to Graham, with the correct fees, as soon as possible.

Thanks.

Weekday Diary

Mon 7:00 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
 7:30 Practice Tables

Events away from Cippenham

Oct 13/14 Junior British League (1)
 Oct 27/28 Veterans' British League (1) (Hereford)
 Dec 8/9 British League Div 1S (2) (Okehampton)
 Jan 26/26 Veterans' British League (2) (Doncaster)
 Feb 9/10 Junior British League (2)
 Mar 1/2 Women's British League (1) (Bristol)
 May 3/4 Women's British League (2)

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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