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Outlaws wrest back title after two years' gap

SLOUGH TITLE RECLAIMED



Cippenham TTC has reclaimed the Slough and District League championship after a gap of two years. This was the twenty-third time that the Club has won the league since first doing so in 1978.

For club stalwart Graham Trimming it was the sixth time that he had participated in this particular success and it was not a new experience either for Paul Baker. However, for the remaining Cippenham Outlaws team members Steve Smith, Neil Bird and Tony Stead it was a first.

Outlaws dominated the championship race from the outset and went through the season winning every match, including three crucial results against nearest challengers Chalfont Argonauts. Such was Outlaws' dominance that their five players topped the league's averages with Paul, Tony and new Slough Masters champion Steve leading the way.

When Outlaws also won the Dilger Cup team handicap competition they became only the fourth team to win the league and cup double since the latter was introduced way back in 1950.

Burnham Lions prevented a Cippenham clean sweep by taking the League Division Two title but Cippenham Scoundrels used their handicap advantage well to claim the Division Two Handicap Competition.

See inside for report and pictures from the Slough Masters, Dilger Cup final and Division 2 Handicap final



Outlaws (l-r): Graham Trimming; Neil Bird; Steve Smith; Paul Baker with the Jackman Cup—the solid silver league championship trophy dating from 1931

Final League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Cippenham Outlaws	12	12	0	0	102	18	102
Chalfont Argonauts	12	7	1	4	60	60	60
Cippenham Buccaneers	12	4	1	7	55	65	55
Burnham Nomads	12	4	1	7	49	71	49
Burnham Leopards	12	1	1	10	34	86	34
Division 2							
Burnham Lions	8	6	1	1	58	22	58
Burnham Pumas	8	5	0	3	53	27	53
Cippenham Rascals	8	3	2	3	45	35	45
Chalfont Bohemians	8	4	1	3	38	42	38
Cippenham Scoundrels	8	0	0	8	6	74	6

Division 2 Handicap Competition:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cippenham Scoundrels	4	3	0	1	25	15	25
Burnham Lions	4	2	0	2	23	17	23
Cippenham Rascals	4	3	0	1	23	17	23
Chalfont Bohemians	4	1	0	3	17	23	17
Burnham Pumas	4	1	0	3	12	28	12

Games: Burnham Lions: 55:41; Rascals: 53:47

Semi-Final: Scoundrels 7; Chalfont Bohemians 3

Semi-Final: Rascals 3; Burnham Lions 3

Final: Scoundrels 5; Burnham Lions 5 (Scoundrels won on doubles tie-break)

Players' Averages (league only):

	M	P	W	Av
Outlaws				
Paul Baker	7	19	18	95
Tony Stead	5	14	13	93
Steve Smith	8	23	21	91
Neil Bird	4	11	9	82
Graham Trimming	9	26	21	81
Steve Smith snr	2	6	3	50
Armando Borges	1	3	1	33
Buccaneers				
Sue Hayes	1	3	2	67
Ricky Hardcastle	10	29	18	62
Gavin Williams	7	20	12	60
Tony Andrews	7	20	9	45
Salman Tanveer	2	6	2	33
Terry Boxall	6	18	4	22
Anthony Gardner	1	3	0	0
Rascals				
Duncan Calvert	2	6	6	100
Vinny Kapoor	7	20	15	75
Armando Borges	6	18	11	61
Ollie Valdez	3	8	3	38
John Lloyd	3	8	2	25
Paul Chandler	3	9	1	11
Scoundrels				
Rob Evans	5	15	2	13
Ray Burbidge	3	9	1	11
Rajesh Taneja	4	12	1	8
Tariq Kashmiri	7	21	1	5
Georgia Veneer	5	15	0	0



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Outlaws' double completed by Dilger Cup



Outlaws: Steve Smith; Neil Bird; Graham Trimming with the Dilger Cup

Cippenham Outlaws completed the Slough league and cup double by winning the Dilger Cup team handicap competition. After beating Burnham Pumas and Cippenham Buccaneers in previous rounds, Outlaws again had to give away points in the final against Division Two outfit Burnham Lions. With home advantage and Division One standard player Derek Husbands in their team, Lions might have thought that their 145 points handicap advantage would prove enough. Outlaws had other ideas.

Is in previous rounds, especially the semi-final in which he brought back the 60 point handicap single-handedly, Steve Smith was the rock around which Outlaws built their success. Steve started with an 11-points gain over Husbands, a player that Graham Trimming later lost points against. However, Graham more than made up for that with the best result of the evening when his trouncing (44-8)

More end of season Slough League round-up

Steve's the Master

An inspired Steve Smith, playing better as the evening went on, emotionally dedicated his Slough Masters title to his sister Catherine who lost her fight against cancer a couple of months ago at the tender age of 23. However, Steve nearly did not make it to the final. He appeared down and out as he saved two match points in the fourth game of his semi-final against Paul Baker and then had to save yet another in the fifth before winning through 13-11. It was almost worse as Steve trailed Bas Mocharrafie 1-0 and 10-8 in the first round before finding the inspiration to win the match 3-1. Once in the final there only ever looked one winner despite the fact that Chris Haines took the third game to lengthen the match.

Steve was one of six Cippenham players who qualified although Gavin Williams failed to show and was replaced by Mocharrafie. His Buccaneers team mates Ricky Hardcastle and Tony Andrews fought out a hard duel in the first round before Ricky just scraped it in five. Ricky, displaying unusual nervousness, then went out to Haines in the semi. The other Cippenham participant was Graham Trimming who lost out to Paul 3-1 in the first round.

On the adjacent table Cippenham Scoundrels were taking on Burnham Lions in the final of the Division Two Handicap Competition. Scoundrels received starts in each set, as befits the bottom team in the league taking on the divisional champions. Rob Evans played the starring role, evidence



of the progress he has made during his first season. Rob won his three with something to spare even though Derek Husbands did take one game. Tariq Kashmiri added to the scoreline by defeating Neville Stanton and, in retrospect, it was deuce game wins by Tariq in that match and Rob over Husbands that secured the win. The team receiving the start is not expected to win deuce games but this information had not been relayed to Scoundrels! Importantly, Rob and Rajesh Taneja won the doubles set and that was the tie-break to decide the match after it had finished 5-5.



Scoundrels (l-r): Rajesh Taneja; Rob Evans; Tariq Kashmiri; Ray Burbidge

of Keith Bucknell included two 11-0 games. This was immediately followed by Steve taking a massive 30 points out of Neville Stanton.

Slight mishaps occurred along the way with Neil dropping a game each to Bucknell and Stanton and one game going awry in the doubles, but apart from those a steady accumulation of points saw Outlaws in the lead by 12 points with the last set beckoning.

The last set, featuring Neil against Husbands was always going to be a tester. Husbands won the first two

games 11-6, 11-7 and suddenly the Outlaws' lead had reduced to three points. The third game went neck and neck until the last few points that Neil won to clinch the game 11-7. From looking like losers, a matter of half a minute and great efforts from Neil saw the match turn on its head with Outlaws likely winners. Neil needed just five points from the last game, he started like a steam train, Husbands buckled under the pressure, and an 11-1 win produced a final result of 410-393 that slightly flattered Outlaws.

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All the news from the Club Championships

Colin rolls back the years



Colin Wilson & Steve Buck

Colin Wilson rolled back the years to win the Open Singles at the Club Championships. A former England international and England ranked number ten, Colin had not played competitively for about fifteen years and recently joined Cippenham where he is coaching his two children. Class is permanent, so they say, and it was evident in Colin's play as he brushed aside all his opponents without dropping a game.

Colin posed the seeding committee a bit of a headache. How would he be playing after all this time away from the sport? Should he be seeded one or not at all? In the end the number one position was plumped for and it proved to be a wise decision. After getting through a tough group that included Liam McTiernan, Ricky Hardcastle and Malcolm Makarian, Colin then beat Gavin Williams in the quarter-final, Jonathan Evans in the semi and second seed Steve Buck in the final.

Fourth seed Rafique Sarhadi made his allotted semi-final position but third seed Eddie Mitchell met his match against Jonathan Evans in the group stage. Eddie got through the group in second place but was then outplayed by Tony Stead in the next round. The defending champion then lost to his RAF colleague Steve Buck in the quarters. Jonathan, meanwhile, beat new Slough Masters champion Steve Smith to make it into the semi where he lost to Colin.

An encouraging total of 24 players, probably the strongest field ever to compete in the Club Championships, contested the event.

Youngsters to the fore



Back: Steve Smith & Phil Prady; front: Liam McTiernan & Eddie Mitchell

The youngsters came to the fore as Liam McTiernan and Edward Mitchell won a fast hitting, entertaining Open Doubles final against Phil Prady and Steve Smith 3-0. The winners' toughest match had come in the first round group when they came back from 2-1 down to beat Terry Osborne and Graham Trimming 11-9 in the fifth.

Eight pairs contested the event which completed the Club Championships for the season. Chairman Graham Trimming and Events Officer Steve Smith presented medals to the winners and runners-up in the three events played over the past weeks.

Terry's title after count-back



Graham Trimming & Terry Osborne

Terry Osborne emerged the winner of the Veterans' Singles event at the Club Championships after a games count-back between the top three players.

A round robin of six players had culminated in four wins out of five each for Terry, Graham Trimming and Elroy Hull. Graham had beaten Terry 3-1 in the middle of the evening but then lost 3-1 to Elroy.

In the final deciding match Terry beat Elroy 3-0 to take the title, place Graham in runners-up spot and relegate Elroy to third place.

Competition hots up for Series titles

Competition is hotting up for the £1,580 prize money on offer for the inaugural Cippenham Series. Two days of competition at Cippenham Table Tennis Centre over the weekend resulted in three closely contested events and one little short of a run-away. With four of the five senior events having been completed there are two main contenders and a third outsider for the Men's Singles Series title while the Women's Singles has virtually been won already by Kent's Jurate Brazaityte.

Two of the three junior tournaments have also been concluded and the fight for the overall Girls' Singles title could hardly be closer with only four points separating the top three positions. The top positions in the Boys' Singles are more widely spread yet there are still four potential winners.

Cippenham Series		
Series 4—Results		
Event	Winner	Runner-up
MS	Abdul Wuraola (Sy)	Neil Wright (WAL)
WS	Jurate Brazaityte (K)	Julie Furber (WAL)
JBS	Reece Tan (Mi)	Zhang Da Shuai (Sx)
JGS	Sal' Shirwaiker (IND)	Charl' Spencer (WAL)
MC	Fred Dove (E)	Matthew Carter (Np)
WC	Jasmin Ould (K)	Claire Ford (WAL)
JBC	A F-Thompson (Mi)	Mark Scutts (Sx)
JGC	Jessica Pace (MLT)	Majada Jasmin (Mi)

The Series 4 tournament had an international flavour about it. The winners of both junior girls' events, main and consolation, were overseas visitors from India and Malta respectively.

Series 5 and 6 take place in May—read next month's newsletter for the final points tables.

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Weekend Diary May/June

May

Sat 2	Cippenham Series 5—Cadet & U13 Open
Sun 3	Cippenham Series 5—Junior 3 Open
Sat 9	ETTA National Junior Masters
Sun 10	ETTA National Junior Masters
Sun 17	UKCC Level 1 coach education course
Sat 23	Cippenham Series 6—Veterans' 3 Open
Sun 24	Cippenham Series 6—Senior 5 Open

June

Sat 6	Gareth Herbert coaching weekend
Sun 7	Gareth Herbert coaching weekend
Sat 13	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival
Sun 14	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival



Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Jul 11/12	Gareth Herbert coaching weekend
Aug 8/9	Gareth Herbert coaching weekend

Weekday Diary

Mon	7:15	Advanced Coaching
Tues	7:15	Local league matches (out of season)
	7:30	Practice Tables
	7:40	Grand Prix
Wed	7:30	Squad Training
Thurs	5:15	Beginners' Coaching
	7:15	Local league matches (out of season)
	7:30	Practice Tables
Fri	7:00	Open practice evening

Nets and Edges

Gavin's first senior international Gold

Gavin Evans won his first senior international gold medal at the Luxembourg Open. Playing with Danny Reed as England 2 they cruised through the rounds to beat Belarus 3-2 in the final - and it was Gavin that won the final singles to secure the victory.

Jan appointed Community Coach

Our own Jan Chapman is the successful candidate for the newly created post of Community Coach in the Wexham and Slough area. Jan started in her new role at the end of April and will be responsible for delivering coaching in a number of local schools and for linking her pupils into the Cippenham coaching set-up. Jan is the ideal person for this role and we wish her well.

Three teams again in British League

The Club has once again entered three team in the British League. Competition commences in September.

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2008-09

	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
Maidenhead 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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