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Life Membership for Graham; Outstanding Contribution Award for Malcolm, ETTA Merit Awards for Sue and Jan; Players of the Year awards for Georgie and Rachel

Surprises at Awards Evening



Life Member: Graham Trimming



Outstanding Contribution Award: Malcolm Makarian

One of the traditions at Cippenham Table Tennis Club is the annual presentation of awards to the Club's players of the year and its volunteers. Always in October, the awards ceremony is timed to celebrate of the opening of the purpose-built Cippenham Table Tennis Centre in October 1996.

The highlight of the evening is always the presentation of the Karen Mitchell Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to the Club. Officers are excluded from nomination for this, the objective being to recognize an ordinary member who has contributed from outside of the Management Committee. This year the popular winner was Malcolm Makarian. Malcolm

spends a lot of time at Cippenham both during the week and at weekends. During Tuesday and Thursday open practice sessions he is usually on hand to help integrate newcomers who might otherwise feel uneasy of their first visit and also gives one to one coaching to adult beginners. At weekend events he is an ever helpful umpire and general helper and recently became one of the Club's latest crop of ETTA-qualified Tournament Organizers.

The awards of players of the year went to opposite ends of the age spectrum. The Junior Player of the Year was Rachel Farquhar who really came to national prominence during season 2006-7. Rachel won the national un-

der-15 trials but then went better at the National Cadet Championships when she reached the semi-final stage of both the singles and doubles events beating higher ranked players en route.

Georgia Veneer is 85 years young and is not surprisingly the Club's oldest player. The fact that she is still playing at that age is remarkable but her feat of gaining a bronze medal at the European Veterans' Championships in the Over-85 Women's Doubles, barely four months after undergoing extensive knee surgery, made her the obvious choice this year as the Club's Senior Player of the Year.

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Graham's Grand Prix



(l-r) Steve Smith; Graham Trimming;
Anthony Gardner

Graham Trimming won the latest Grand Prix series with a record number of points (420) beating off the challenge of Steve Smith (quite literally, their final match went to deuce in the fifth!) who played a session less.

Anthony Gardner had a storming win over Gerald Finesilver in the final week to claim third spot.

Graham won three of the six week;y events, Steve won one and Steve Buck and Kryxstof Zemelka won the single events they entered.

Grand Prix 10	Pts
1. Graham Trimming	420
2. Steve Smith	310
3. Anthony Gardner	175
4. David Akehurst	150
5. Terry Boxall	140
6. Steve Buck	100
6. Kryxstof Zemelka	100
8. Paul Chandler	85
9. Eric McLeod	85
10. John Lloyd	70
10. Paul Baker	70
10. Tim Kiteley	70

Awards Evening (cont'd)



ETTA Merit Awards: Sue Hayes and Jan Chapman

The evening finished on a high for Club Chairman Graham Trimming. Graham was the founder of the Club thirty-four years ago and has been its General Secretary ever since. His list of other titles is a long one and includes Development Coordinator, Membership Secretary, Press Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster as well as being the organizer and referee for many of the Club's weekend events. Graham was the surprised recipient of the first Honorary Life Membership ever bestowed by the Club.

There were two other surprised recipients of awards during an evening packed with sentiment. Sue Hayes and Jan Chapman were both presented with the ETTA's Maurice Goldstein Merit Award. Ten years of devoted service to table tennis are the minimum prerequisites for this award and both ladies have more than qualified.

Sue started on the South Coast and was a leading light in the Hastings League before moving to Slough in 1997. As a qualified 4-Star (senior) coach Sue has the top qualification available and is an assessor and tutor of coaches as well. She has, ever since moving to the area, been one of the front line coaches at Cippenham and is also the Club's Deputy Chairman and has held other offices in prior years.

Jan has been on the Maidenhead Association Management Committee for more than twenty years and Chairman for the last seven. She is also one of the front line coaches at Cippenham on up to four evenings each week and also coaches in local schools.



Players of the Year: Georgia Veneer and Rachel Farquhar

Vets Outgunned

Our team found the going tough at Hereford in the first weekend of the Veterans' British League after being placed in one of two equal First Divisions. Not a point was gained and only three individual wins were registered.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1A							
Bribar Nomads 1	5	4	0	1	22	8	8
Thornton Sports	5	3	1	1	18	12	7
PSP Westinsure	5	3	1	1	17	13	7
Graham Spicer 1	5	3	0	2	18	12	6
South Essex	5	1	0	4	12	18	2
Cippenham	5	0	0	5	3	27	0
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Charlie Childs	3	6	2	33			
Roger Hookey	3	6	1	17			
Mike Rhodes	5	10	0	0			
Paul Baker	4	8	0	0			
Results:							
1-5 Thornton Sports							
1-5 PSP Westinsure							
1-5 Bribar Nomads 1							
0-6 South Essex							
0-6 Graham Spicer 1							

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Innovative Team Open is a Success

The Club's innovative Team 2-Star Open Championship was a huge success on 21 October, with a maximum entry of twenty-four teams, some surprise results and a lot of good and competitive table tennis.

Whilst all the Club's other events follow the traditional individual singles format, the Team Open, now in its second year, is different. Pairs of players team up and progress through the draw as a combination, with the result of the matches depending on the results of both players. A further departure from the normal knock-out system introduces a format in which all teams compete throughout the day and finishing positions from 1 to 24 are established.

The team of the day was undoubtedly the youngsters from Barnet. Zak Zilesnick and Reece Tan performed beyond anybody's expectations. Neither player had any senior ranking points prior to the event but they ended up beating players ranked high

in the national list. It did not start too well for Barnet; they were beaten in the preliminary round group by a St. Michael and All Angels side that benefited from the experience of their number one player Jerome Jonah.

The flexibility in the format allowed Barnet one more chance. First they had to beat London Progress and this qualified them for a go at a group winner to claim a place in the top eight. Blaenafon stood in their way. Barnet could so easily have faltered at this stage but came through a close match 2-1. Another close match followed against Solent Sharks in stage 4. Zilesnick beat Roger Hookey 12-10 in the fifth and Tan followed this up with an 11-8 in the fifth win against Mike Rhodes to set up a semi-final meeting with second seeds The Baldies and this produced more close finishes.

However, that was the end of the road for the gallant Barnet youngsters. A terrific final saw the Gloucestershire duo of Dave Harvey and Daniel

Top positions:

1. Dan and Dave (Dave Harvey; Daniel Kolesnik)
2. Barnet (Zak Zilesnick; Reece Tan)
3. The Baldies (Yasir Mauthoor; Fred Dove)
4. Brighton (Jack Boulton; Evan Sharp)

Kolesnik, playing as Dan and Dave, win 2-1. Harvey beat Zilesnick 3-0 but Barnet responded as Tan beat Kolesnik in the fifth. It was another nail biter of a set that decided the final and eventually the spoils went to Dan Kolesnik as he beat Zilesnick 11-6 in the fifth.

Compared to Barnet, Dan and Dave had a far easier passage to the final.

Of the Cippenham players, Solent Sharks, after losing out to Barnet in the quarter-final finished fifth, while David Hayes and Phil Clarkson were top of the middle eight in ninth place and Club Devils, Paul Elliott and Terry Boxall, were top of the bottom eight in seventeenth place.

Solid Start for Junior Teams

Both Cippenham teams in the Junior British League made solid starts to the new campaign when the first weekend of matches took place in Loughborough. The boys' team lie second in Division 2A while the girls' team are fourth in Division 1.

The boys' team found a new star in Ruihao Zhang. The Hampshire player, signed to bolster a team containing also local players Eddie Mitchell and Andrew Linz, won eight of his ten matches as Cippenham took six points out of a possible ten with two wins, two draws and one defeat. Andrew won five matches and Eddie four.

Cippenham's two victories were by emphatic 5-1 margins over Crusaders (Lincoln) and Uxbridge (Burton). Four of Andrew's five victories occurred in these two matches with Eddie also bagging a brace against bottom team Crusaders and Ruihao doing likewise against Uxbridge. The two 3-3 draws came against Halton and Byng Hall. Ruihao took maximums in these two matches while Andrew beat Liam Tildsley of Widnes-based Halton and

Eddie beat Harry Lumb in the match against Kent-based Byng Hall. The one loss was suffered 5-1 against Bridge the Gorge.

The girls' team have four points from a win and two draws. Rachel Farquhar continued her excellent form from the previous season as the Cippenham Junior Player of the Year won six of her ten matches. Rachel Pilgrim won five while Catherine Hayes won one and was awarded a walkover.

It was the match against Southampton team Waterside B that yielded the maximum points. Rachel F and Rachel P starred by each winning both of their matches. Against the Waterside A team it was an all-round team performance with a win from each of the three girls that secured a point in a 3-3 draw and against Redland Bats it was a similar story except that Catherine's victory came by way of default. The two Rachels won one apiece in the 4-2 loss to Ballina while a solitary win for Rachel F over Megan Sparrey was all Cippenham had to show in the 5-1 defeat by St. Andrews.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boys' Division 2B							
Bridge the Gorge	5	5	0	0	24	6	10
Cippenham	5	2	2	1	17	13	6
Halton	5	2	2	1	16	14	6
Uxbridge	5	2	1	2	14	16	5
Byng Hall	5	0	2	3	9	21	2
Crusaders A	5	0	1	4	10	20	1
Girls' Division 1							
Ballina	5	4	1	0	23	7	9
Waterside A	5	3	2	0	21	9	8
St. Andrews A	5	2	1	2	17	13	5
Cippenham	5	1	2	2	13	17	4
Waterside B	5	1	0	4	8	22	2
Redland Bats	5	0	2	3	8	22	2
Players' Averages:							
	M		P		W		Av
Boys							
Ruihao Zhang	5		10		8		80
Andrew Linz	5		10		5		50
Eddie Mitchell	5		10		4		40
Girls							
Rachel Farquhar	5		10		6		60
Rachel Pilgrim	5		10		5		50
Catherine Hayes	5		9		1		11
Results:							
Boys				Girls			
5-1 Crusaders A				4-2 Waterside B			
5-1 Uxbridge				3-3 Waterside A			
3-3 Halton				3-3 Redland Bats			
3-3 Byng Hall				2-4 Ballina			
1-5 Bridge the Gorge				1-5 St. Andrews A			

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Weekend Diary November/December

November

Sat 3	National Junior League Southern Region
Sat 10	County Championships Senior Premier Div
Sun 11	County Championships Senior Premier Div
Sat 17	Buckinghamshire Junior Closed
Sun 18	Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open
Sat 24	Southern Region Junior Training
Sun 25	Level 1 Certificate in Coaching

December

Sat 1	Southern Region Junior & Cadet Trials
Sun 2	Southern Region Junior & Cadet Trials
Sat 8	British League Divisions 1S and 1S&M
Sun 9	British League Divisions 1S and 1S&M
Sat 15	County Championships Veterans' Division
Sun 16	County Championships Junior Division 1B



Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Jan 6	British League Divisions 1S & 1S&M
Jan 12/13	Cippenham Young Players' New Year Fest
Jan 19	County Championships Junior Div 2D
Jan 20	Workshops: Safeguarding and Protecting Children; Emergency Life Support
Jan 26	National Junior League Southern Region
Feb 2/3	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Feb 10	Cippenham Group to Group 2-Star Open
Feb 16/17	British League Divisions 1S & 1S&M
Feb 23	County Championships Cadet Premier Div
Feb 24	Level 1 Certificate in Coaching
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

Events away from Cippenham

Dec 8/9	British League Div 3 South (Chichester)
Jan 6	British League Div 3 South (Southall)
Jan 26/26	Veterans' British League (2) (Doncaster)
Feb 9/10	Junior British League (2)
Feb 16/17	British League Div 3 South (Southall)
Mar 1/2	Women's British League (1) (Bristol)
May 3/4	Women's British League (2)

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
	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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