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Cippenham Scoops Four at the ETTA Annual Volunteer and Coach Awards

The Fab Four!



(l-r): Jacquie Lovell—Volunteer Coordinator of the Year; Graham Trimming—PremierClub Volunteer of the Year; Stephanie Mitchell—Young Volunteer of the Year; Jan Chapman—Female Coach of the Year

Cippenham Table Tennis Club scooped an unprecedented four awards when the English Table Tennis Association presented its annual Volunteer and Coach of the Year awards at Lilleshall National Sports Centre on 15 September.

Winning titles on the table and awards off it are nothing new. Seven such national volunteering and coaching awards have come before over the past decade but to clinch four in one evening was remarkable and emphasises the standing that the Club enjoys nationally and the amount of great work that the Club's incredible band of volunteers puts in day in day out and how it has been sustained over the years. Club Chairman, Graham Trimming, himself one of the recipients, said "it is fantastic for the Club and individuals to be recognized in this way. Each of the volunteers at the Club, and there are a great many of

them, gives his or her time without any thought that there may be rewards to follow. They offer their services solely to help the Club deliver its range of services in the best way it can. However, when awards like this do come along, it is very special".

Graham, the founder of Cippenham TTC back in 1973, was awarded the PremierClub Volunteer of the Year for his all-round contribution. Graham has been Secretary ever since 1973 and is now also Chairman, Press Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Development Coordinator and much else besides. The citation read by ETTA National Development Manager Diccon Gray at the presentation focussed on the quality as well as quantity of his work. He follows Jan Chapman and Jacquie Lovell as recipients of this award in the past three years.

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Anniversary Party
Tuesday 2 October 2007, 7pm
Celebrate 11 years at the Centre
Annual awards to players and volunteers



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Second GP For Steve



Steve Smith and Graham Trimming

Steve Smith is now a regular participant in all events at the Club since moving to the area a few months ago. He has won two of the last three Grand Prix. Consistency is the factor in Steve's success as he finished second or third in all of the five sessions he entered in GP9. The six events, which attracted record levels of participation, were won by Graham Trimming, Paul Baker, Eddie Mitchell, Steve Bucks and Simon Barnes (twice).

Grand Prix 9	Pts
1. Steve Smith	290
2. Paul Baker	240
2. Graham Trimming	240
4. Simon Barnes	220
5. Jack McCandless	140
6. Tim Kiteley	110
7. Edward Mitchell	100
7. Steve Buck	100
9. Neil Bird	80
10. Filippo Rotunno	70

Tournament Season Opens

Cippenham's first tournament of the season on 23 September, the Senior 2-Star Open, drew a good sized entry of about seventy players, one big surprise and the youngest winner yet.

Patrick Thomas, at fifteen, became the youngest winner of the Cippenham Senior Open although he did win the Double Group Open last season and has won many junior titles at the Club. The boy from Blaenavon in Wales is a regular visitor to Cippenham and a major factor in why so many of the Club's titles disappear down the M4 and into the principality.

Thomas plays the modern fast attacking style and is so quick that most older players find it hard to keep up with his pace. In fact the third seed dropped only one game all day, and that was in his final preliminary round group match against Patrick Hui. After that it was all plain sailing as he despatched Paul Massey, Graham Outrim, Peter Ives, Lee Middleton and then, in the final, the old war horse Fred Dove. Dove is a different sort of player from a different generation. He has mastered his long pimpled backhand rubber so well in the past few seasons that he has rocketed up the national veterans' rankings and won a

few events at Cippenham along the way.

The biggest upset happened at the top of the draw. Lee Middleton had been drawing attention to himself by winning his group and then despatching the veteran Paul Beck in the next round. Then he really surfaced by eliminating top seed Yasir Mauthoor 3-1 in round two. He then also ended the run of Nat Richardson before falling a victim to Patrick Thomas in the semi-final. Not bad for a player with no senior points on the national ranking list.

None of the local players provided any highlights. John Barclay and Paul Baker both made it out of the groups but no further.

The women's event was won by Lindsey Armstrong, a product of the Cippenham coaching scheme. Lindsey was too strong for Feifei Pei in a final dominated by fast counter-attacking rallies.

Men's Singles:

Patrick Thomas (WAL) bt Fred Dove (E) 8,9,3

Women's Singles:

Lindsey Armstrong (MI) bt Fiefei Pei (Sy) 8,8,9

Men's Consolation:

Patrick Hui (Sy) bt Daniel Lucking (Ha) 8,12,-11,7

Women's Consolation:

Jodie Sparrey (MI) bt Jasmine Ould (K) -8,8,10,-10,9

The Fab Four (Contd.)

Those two remarkable ladies also featured again this year. Jacquie won the award for Volunteer Coordinator of the Year. The recruitment, training, retention and rewarding of volunteers is fundamental to any amateur sports club. Jacquie has been the Club's Social Officer ever since the purpose-built Cippenham Table Tennis Centre opened in 1996. Her friendly personality, plus her ability to organize and get the best out of other people, made her a natural choice for Volunteer Coordinator when this role was introduced at Cippenham several years ago. Jacquie also combines this with her roles as the Club's Welfare Officer, Child Protection Officer and Minutes Secretary.

Jan Chapman's award was Female Coach of the Year. Jan has for many years supported Ken Phillips, Cippenham's highly successful Head Coach, both at the Club up to three times a

week and in some schools. She has assisted the progress made by several of the Club's top junior players with her one to one coaching. In addition to this, Jan has been a committee member for the Maidenhead Association for more than twenty years and Chairman for the last seven.

Stephanie Mitchell completed the quartet of those honoured when she won the Young Volunteer of the Year. This award is open for nominees up to twenty-five years of age, yet Steph is only fifteen and has to juggle her table tennis commitments around the burdens of school homework. Steph was nominated by Cippenham because she is an ever willing helper. She is often to be found assisting in the servery at weekend events and these can be extremely busy times as over a hundred people need to be fed and watered.

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Disappointing Start to British League Season

All three Cippenham teams made disappointing starts to the new British League season, especially as the first and second teams had the benefit of hosting their weekend at Cippenham. A mere four points were collected between the teams although all teams were under strength because of injury. Lee Dredge and Steve Buck should both be fit to take their places in the first and second teams respectively in December and that will mean that the third team will also be stronger as it will not have to provide reserves for the two higher teams.

There were highlights from the weekend. Martin Adams (pictured) was once again magnificent as he led the first team, winning seven of his eight matches in Division 1 South. His only loss came 11-9 in the fifth against Fusion's Simon Phillipz. Martin is the most natural timer of the ball in the Cippenham ranks and always appears to have more time than other players to produce his two-winged attack with devastating accuracy. His best display of the weekend was a 3-1 demolition of Cameroon international Marco Essomba in the match against DHS London Progress II. Martin was backed up well by Mark Butler, despite only winning three matches. Mark's two wins against York Gardens on Sunday morning were the key factors in the first team's only point of the weekend in a 4-4 draw. However, Mark was extremely unlucky not to also beat James Sprackling in the match against London Progress. He led 10-8 in the fifth game but could not clinch the final point that would have earned his team a draw instead of a 3-5 loss. Rob Lemon's haul from the weekend was a solitary win while Paul Baker and Gemma Chapman shared the number four spot without success. The other results were defeats 3-5 against DML Woolwell and 1-7 to Fusion.

In the second team it was Mark Jackson that proved the most successful player. He won four of his matches as Cippenham beat Oxford Fireplace Centre II 6-2 but lost the other matches against DHS London Progress III 1-7, Polska 1-7 and OLOP

IMPACT 2-6. The latter match provided another highlight. David Hayes, after having spent a year in France playing full-time, was asked to lead the second team playing in Division 1 South and Midlands—the same level as the first team. By his own omission, David had a disappointing weekend, winning only three times. However, one of these victories provided the



most entertaining match of the weekend. David showed his prowess against one of the best defensive players in the country, David Barr. Barr had already dispatched Danny Baxter 3-0 rather simply but David rose to the challenge and after a ferocious display of attacking power, swept the former England international away

11-4. Steve Munson also won three times while Danny played only on Sunday, winning once and Phil Clarkson was winless on Saturday.

The third team, playing at Southall, gained a solitary point on Sunday with a 4-4 draw with OLOP IMPACT II. The architect of this performance was Paul Elliott who won both his matches and finished with four out of eight for the weekend. The other wins came from Phil Clarkson and Paul Baker. New boy Steve Smith missed out in this match but had marked his debut on Saturday morning with two wins in a match that was lost 3-5 against Ellenborough II. Steve won three times altogether over the weekend while Gemma Chapman, Paul, Phil and Jonathan Evans played one day only and each won one out of four. The other results were both 2-6 against SHE Britannia Ipswich and TTK Greenhouse II.

Nets and Edges

New tables purchased

The Club has purchased a set of nine new Joola tables via our sponsorship and equipment agreement with Bribar. At the moment, these tables will only be used for major events unless the 14 remaining older Donic tables are insufficient for coaching and training sessions.

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1 South							
Brighton I	4	4	0	0	20	12	8
DML Woolwell I	4	3	0	1	18	14	6
Generation 2 I	4	1	2	1	17	15	4
DHS London Progress II	4	1	2	1	16	16	4
Fusion I	4	1	1	2	17	15	3
York Gardens I	4	1	1	2	15	17	3
Byng Hall I	4	1	1	2	14	18	3
Cippenham I	4	0	1	3	11	21	1

Division 1 South & Midlands

Urban Progress II	4	4	0	0	27	5	8
OLOP IMPACT I	4	3	1	0	22	10	7
Westfield I	4	3	1	0	21	11	7
DHS London Progress III	4	2	0	2	19	13	4
Cippenham II	4	1	0	3	11	21	2
Polska I	4	1	0	3	11	21	2
Bedford Modern I	4	1	0	3	9	23	2
Oxford Fireplace Ctr II	4	0	0	4	8	24	0

Division 3 South

Table not yet available

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham I				
Martin Adams	4	8	7	88
Mark Butler	4	8	3	38
Rob Lemon	4	8	1	13
Paul Baker	2	4	0	0
Gemma Chapman	2	4	0	0
Cippenham II				
Mark Jackson	4	8	4	50
David Hayes	4	8	3	38
Steve Munson	4	8	3	38
Danny Baxter	2	4	1	25
Phil Clarkson	2	4	0	0
Cippenham III				
Paul Elliott	4	8	4	50
Steve Smith	4	8	3	38
Gemma Chapman	2	4	1	25
Paul Baker	2	4	1	25
Phil Clarkson	2	4	1	25
Jonathan Evans	2	4	1	25

Results:

Cippenham I	Cippenham III
3-4 DML Woolwell I	3-5 Ellenborough II
1-7 Fusion I	2-6 TTK Greenhouse II
4-4 York Gardens I	4-4 OLOP IMPACT II
3-5 London Progress II	3-5 Ellenborough II
Cippenham II	
1-7 DHS London Progress III	
2-6 Polska I	
2-6 OLOP IMPACT I	
6-2 Oxford Fireplace Centre II	

Only 1 team in WBL

Contrary to the report in last month's Newsletter, the Club will operate only one team in the Women's British League this season.

4 teams in NJL

Three boys' and one girls' teams have been entered into the National Junior League.

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Weekend Diary October/November

October

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

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



Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Dec 1/2 Southern Region Junior & Cadet Trials
Dec 8/9 British League Divisions 1S & 1S&M
Dec 15 County Championships Veterans' Div
Dec 16 County Championships Junior Div 1B
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 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
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

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		
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		

Events away from Cippenham

Oct 13/14 Junior British League (1) (Loughborough)
Oct 27/28 Veterans' British League (1) (Hereford)
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)

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