

12-year-old Champion at Sutton Closed Champs

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Singles and Doubles finalist: 12-year-old Liam Grant

The Sutton & District Table Tennis League closed championships were played at Graham Spicer TTC, New Malden. A new open singles champion emerged and he is only twelve years old. Wallington Crusaders have an excellent group of young players competing locally and it was young Liam Grant who won a dramatic final against another Crusaders junior, 15-year-old George Harris, 4-11, 12-10, 11-7, 11-7.

With Crusaders dominating Division 1 of the league it was fitting that they provided both pairs in the open doubles final which was eventually won by the narrowest of margins with the unseeded pairing of Dean Rose and George Harris beating the favourites Michael Loveder and Liam Grant 9-11, 11-7, 9-11, 11-8, 11-9 in another dramatic final.

Michael Loveder (Crusaders) also reached the veterans final (over 40s) but he could not quite contain Richard Parke (Graham Spicer), on his home territory, who won through 11-13, 11-8, 11-7, 11-8. The Super Veterans final (over 60s) was an all Graham Spicer affair with last year's winner, Banstead's John Fannin, holding on to his title by beating Joel Clancey 7-11, 11-5, 11-8, 11-7.

Paul Rowley (Deckers) retained his Division 2 singles title winning a superb final against Richard Walker (Graham Spicer) 11-9, 9-11, 12-10, 14-12. Richard Walker however went on to win the Handicap Singles final 36-23 against Stuart Allin (Ballards).

Young Guy Webster (Crusaders) took two titles. He won the Division 3 singles 11-8, 11-6, 11-8 against Tunde Fasoyiro (Ballards) and in yet another nailbiting final won the consolation singles beating Oscar Williamson (Crusaders) 7-11, 7-11, 11-3, 11-7, 11-9.

The Division 4 singles went to David Robinson (Ewell Cedars) beating Tony Stephens (Woodmansterne) 11-7 11-7, 8-11, 11-5.

Thanks go to Alan Lewell (Rosehill TTC) for organising the day so efficiently.



Finalist George Harris

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