

Suffolk Senior Table Tennis Championships 2021/2022

Having missed most of the 20/21 season due to Covid outbreaks, Sunday 7th March saw the resumption of the County Senior Championships held at Stowupland Sports Centre for 21/22 season. We had 25 entrants competing over 7 events with a spread of ages between 12 and 77.

In the Mens singles, the current crop of outstanding youngsters filled 5 of the 8 quarter final places, with one of those, Luke Davies-Stokes going on to defeat James Skilleter in the final. James had previously knocked out number one seed Kian Burgess in a tight semi-final.

The womens' singles was contested within a round robin tournament which saw reigning champion Alice Flatman retain her crown with an unbeaten display. Isobel McGerty narrowly defeated Clair Westlake in a great match to claim the runners-up position.

Alice and Clair went on to retain the womens' doubles title and the mens' doubles went to number one seeds Kian and Dan Shelley.

A very even mixed doubles event saw number 1 seeds Luke Davies-Stokes and Isobel McGerty justify their seeding defeating strong pairs Alice / Paul Broxton and Clair / Alex Attew.

The restricted singles (open to both sexes excluding the top 10 County players) produced a final between Alexander Graham and Ian Brown. At over 6 times Alexander's age, Ian fought valiantly, but could not contain the youngster who went on to win in 4 close legs.

In the Handicap Singles all players were given a rating according to ability and played 1 single game up to 31. Alexander starting on 14, had a great run through to the final where he finally succumbed to the experience and trickery of James Skilleter who started on 10.

Full credit to all the entrants, who behaved with great sportsmanship throughout, and contributed to a fantastic days table tennis.

Summary of finals results

Mens Singles -	Luke Davies-Stokes defeated James Skilleter 11-4, 11-8, 11-9
Womens Singles -	Round robin event - Alice Flatman victorious, Isobel McGerty runner up
Mens Doubles -	Kian Burgess / Dan Shelley defeated James Skilleter / Dan Taylor 11-6, 11-4, 11-1

Womens Doubles - Alice Flatman / Clair Westlake
defeated
Isobel McGerty / Sylvia Kenyon
11-9, 11-6, 11-9

Mixed Doubles - Luke Davies-Stokes / Isobel McGerty
defeated
Clair Westlake / Alex Attew
11-8, 8-11, 12-10, 16-14

Restricted singles - Alexander Graham defeated Ian Brown
10-12, 11-8, 11-9, 11-9

Handicap singles – James Skilleter (10) defeated Alexander Graham (14)
31-26