

Many of Suffolk's top players took part in Sunday's Suffolk County Closed Veteran Table Tennis Championships at the Britannia Table Tennis Club in Ipswich.

Six titles were on offer and the handicap singles was first up, it was one game and first player to 31 points, in some early rounds Andrew Doshier +3 just overcame Ian Brown +9, and Richard Hutchinson -1 overcame Andrew Warner -1 31-24, in the final between Richard Hutchinson and Tony West, it was Hutchinson who made the better start and he got to 22-21 up before West reeled off 10 points on the spin to take the title,

In the Restricted singles event any of a handful of players were in with a chance, and comeback player Terry May seeded four took his chance with victory in the semi final 3-1 over top seed Dave Fiddeman, and faced Martin Tomes a 3-1 victor over Nigel Page in the other semi final, The final went right down to the wire as May led 1-0 and 2-1 in sets and in the decider it was May that just made it over the line 11-9.

The doubles was routine for Andrew Warner and Richard Hutchinson as they swept away the competition and finished the job with a 3-0 victory over Tony West and Gary Cattermole in the final.

The over 60's was a round robin event of four players as Andrew Holmes and Ian Brown both beat Terry May and Jack Perkins to play off for the title, the first two sets were shared, before Brown won this title for the umpteenth time 3-1

In the over 50's singles Andrew Warner overcame Andrew Holmes 3-0 in the first semi final whilst Andrew Doshier beat Steve Holland 3-1, in the other one, the final was won by Warner 3-0

The over 40's singles event saw groups played first to decide who would go through to the quarter final draw,

All top eight seeds came through to the quarter finals and in all cases the higher seed came through 3-0 with Andrew Warner, Andrew Doshier, Tony West and Richard Hutchinson beating Andrew Holmes, Ian Brown, Steve Holland and Gary Cattermole respectively,

Both semi finals were exciting and in the first one Andrew Doshier was somewhat unlucky not to take the match to a fifth set going down 3-1 to Andrew Warner, the other semi also went to four sets as Richard Hutchinson overcame Tony West.

The final was a feast of top table tennis as Andrew Warner started off like an express train restricting Richard Hutchinson to just nine points in the first two games, a slight lead in the third set for Warner evaporated as Hutchinson dug in and started to find his range and a crucial point at 9-9 went the way of Hutchinson which saw him take the leg, from then on it was like two heavyweights going blow for blow as they hit each others with their best shots, Hutchinson using his combination bat well to block with the pimples and loop with sponge side and Warner looking to find the opening to attack off both wings, in the fourth end it was level at 7-7 before Hutchinson rallied to take the set and the final set again saw players neck and neck until Hutchinson pulled away to take the set 11-8 and again become Suffolk County Closed Veteran over 40's singles Table Tennis Champion in possibly the best final ever

Scores from the Britannia TTC

Men's singles Over 40's

Quarter finals

Andrew Warner	beat	Andrew Holmes	1 8 7
Andrew Doshier	beat	Ian Brown	4 10 9
Tony West	beat	Steve Holland	3 8 3
Richard Hutchinson	beat	Gary Cattermole	6 5 4

Semi finals

Andrew Warner	beat	Andrew Doshier	6 -8 5 6
Richard Hutchinson	beat	Tony West	7 10 -7 4

Final

Richard Hutchinson beat Andrew Warner -2 -7 9 7 8

Men's Singles Over 50's

Final

Andrew Warner beat Andrew Doshier 3 8 9

Men's Singles Over 60's

Final

Ian Brown beat Andrew Holmes 4 - 7 8

Restricted Singles

Final

Terry May beat Martin Tomes 6 -7 6 -6 9

Handicap Singles

Final

Tony West +2 beat Richard Hutchinson -1 31 - 22

Doubles

Final

Richard Hutchinson and Andrew Warner beat Tony West and Gary Cattermole 9 4 8