

A smaller than usual entry for this seasons Suffolk Veteran County Closed Table Tennis Championships never the less saw plenty of good matches and a few seeding upsets during the day.

In the over 40's group section The top four seeds all won their group except for Andrew Doshier who went down to Ian Brown in four ends though both players went rrough to the knockout stage, in group four Dave Fiddeman acounted for Martin Tomes 3-1 to come second in another seeding upset.

In the handicap singles of one game and first to 31 both Richard Hutchinson and Andrew Warner were both given -2 handicaps get both managed to get to the final, Warner in his first match came through by the tighterst of margins saving two match points against Steve Holland to win 31/30. In the first semi Richard Hutchinson overcame Jack Perkins with a -2 against + 20 to win a close match 31 / 28, while Andrew Warner beat Ian Brown from -2 against +9 against Ian Brown.

In the final both players started from 0-0 but is was Warner that won comforatbly 31 - 15

The top two seeds came through in the final of the doubles and a tough four ender went the way of top seeds Richard Hutchinson and Andrew Warner over Ian Brown and Steve Holland.

Lowestoft players Steve Holland and Ian Brown seeded one and two in the Restricted singles both came through to the final, Holland with 3-0 win over Dave Fiddeman, while Brown did likewise over Nigel Page, A thrilling final edged and flowed with Brown winning from 2-1 down at 11-6 in the final set.

Ian Brown who made a number of semi finals on the day added to his Restricted win with a win over ever green Jack Perkins in the combined over 60's and 70's singles in straight sets.

In the over 50's Dave Fiddeman came though against Martin Tomes whom he beat a number of times on the day, then went out to Ian Brown, in the semi finals top seed Andrew Warner accounted for Steve Holland 3-0 while Andrew Doshier avenged his earlier defeat against Ian Brown also 3-0

The final was a good match in which both players contributed with Warner saving a game point in the fourth end to win 3-1 over Doshier.

In the knock out stage of the over 40's singles first round Ian Brown enjoyed another seeding upset to beat Steve Holland this time 13-11 in the final set, while Richard Hutchinson scraped home against Andrew Doshier having trailed 3-6 and 6-8 in the ffith end to win 11-9, Andrew Warner beat Dave Fiddeman while Paul Broxton beat Nigel Page 3-1.

Both Hutchinson and Warner came through in straight sets over Paul Broxton and Ian Brown respectively in their semi final matches

So to the main event final and it lived up to its billing as both players were playing great table tennis, Hutchinson edged the first 11-9 and led 6-3 before Warner replied to take the second 11-8 and a slight lead for Warner was eclipsed by Hutchinson as he took the third, but back came Warner to level it at 2-2, Warner made the better start 3-0 in the decider but gritty defense and bold attack from Hutchinson saw a reply as it went point for point until Hutchinson pulled away at the end though he had to survive great resilience from Warner before emerging as the winner in what was one of the best finals, both Hutchinson and Warner made the finals of every event they entered on the day winning three events and being runner up in another one.

Scores from the dome

Over 40's singles

Quarter finals

Andrew Warner beat Dave Fiddeman 9 5 3
Ian Brown beat Steve Holland -9 7 9 -8 11
Paul Broxton beat Nigel Page 8 -4 5 4
Richard Hutchinson beat Andrew Doshier 9 -8 5 -4 9

Semi finals

Andrew Warner beat Ian Brown 8 9 9
Richard Hutchinson beat Paul Broxton 6 10 4

Final

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

Over 50's singles

Final

Andrew Warner beat Andrew Doshier 8 7 -5 11

Over 60's / 70's singles

Final

Ian Brown beat Jack Perkins 4 5 4

Restricted singles

Final

Ian brown beat Steve Holland -2 3 -13 7 6

Handicap singles

Final

Andrew Warner beat Richard Hutchinson 31 / 15

Doubles

Final

Andrew Warner / Richard Hutchinson beat Ian Brown / Steve Holland 6 -8 10 8