

Suffolk Senior Table Tennis Championships 2019/2020

Sunday 9th February saw this season's County Senior Championships held at Stowupland Sports Centre with nearly all of the top ranked Men and Women from the County competing for honours, as well as an outstanding crop of improving juniors.

In contrast to the previous 2 years the final did not involve either of the top 2 seeds - Kian Burgess or James Davies Stokes; Kian going out in the quarter final to Luke Davies Stokes and James succumbing to the eventual winner Ben Avery in the semi-final. Ben had previously knocked out number 3 seed Andrew Warner in an extraordinary quarter final and went on to defeat number 4 seed Richard Hutchinson in the final.

The womens' singles was a little more conventional with Alice Flatman retaining her crown, this year defeating second seed Clair Westlake in the final.

Alice and Clair also went on to win the womens' doubles and the mens' doubles went to number one seeds Kian and James who retained their trophy, despite some very stiff opposition from Luke Davies Stokes and Henry Shaw in their semi-final.

The mixed doubles saw number 1 seeds Alice and James defeated by new pairing Susan Allen and Kian Burgess in the semi-final, who then nearly pulled off a surprise victory, but just lost out to number 2 seeds Clair Westlake and Andy Warner 11-9 in the deciding leg.

The restricted singles (open to both sexes excluding the top 10 County players) produced many fantastic matches. Number 1 seed Charles Fulcher fell at the quarter final stage, defeated 15-13 in the decider by Isaac Kingham, who then lost in the semi to eventual winner Alice – again in the deciding leg. Alice then defeated Luke in the final – again in the deciding leg! It was turning into a long day.

In the Handicap Singles all players were given a rating according to ability and played 1 single game up to 31. Youth prevailed in this event and 2 juniors, both starting off 14, contested the final with Isaac Kingham eventually defeating Henry Shaw.

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 - Ben Avery defeated Richard Hutchinson
13-11, 14-12, 12-10

Womens Singles - Alice Flatman defeated Clair Westlake
7-11, 11-1, 13-11, 11-6

Mens Doubles - Kian Burgess / James Davies Stokes
defeated
Andrew Warner / Richard
Hutchinson
11-8, 11-4, 11-8

Womens Doubles - Alice Flatman / Clair Westlake
defeated
Isobel McGerty / Lucy Needham
11-3, 11-5, 11-4

Mixed Doubles - Clair Westlake / Andrew
Warner defeated
Susan Allen / Kian Burgess
12-10, 4-11, 11-8, 10-12, 11-9

Restricted singles - Alice Flatman defeated Luke Davies-Stokes
11-9, 11-3, 10-12, 4-11, 11-8

Handicap singles – Isaac Kingham defeated Henry Shaw
31-25