BASILDON
TABLE TENNIS CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

In 2018, Basildon Table Tennis Club held its first championships for the first time in many years. All club members were invited to compete in the two events that were held, the drawn doubles (6 September) and the handicap singles (13 September). Both were devised in a way to give everyone an opportunity of winning and taking home a coveted trophy.

Drawn Doubles – Thursday 6 September 2018

Report

An impressive 27 entrants turned up for the drawn doubles event. Only 1 player didn't attend on the night, so Ian Wall played in 2 pairings to make up the odd number. The random draw made by Jenne Siebolt produced some interesting pairings but no stand-out favourites.

Group A was made up of 4 teams, with matches played to best-of-3. In Group A, Colin Clements & James Spencer took 1st position by impressively winning all their matches. Tony Ayliffe & Dave Humphries took 2nd position by picking up 2 wins. Star player Liam Squirrell and his partner Jan Boatwright were unfortunate not to pick up a win, losing two of their matches in 3 close games.

Group B was also made up of 4 teams, with matches played to best-of-3. This group saw Garry Hartgrove & Tina Hutchinson run out clear winners by being victorious in all 3 of their matches. In a bit of a surprise, the fancied pairing of Charles Yeung & Chris Heyman only managed 3rd position.

Group C was made up for 3 teams, with matches played to best-of-5. Interestingly, this group saw each team win 1 match and lose 1, meaning positions were decided by games difference. Had the pairing of Ian Wall & James Howard not managed to nick a game off Trevor Ward & Lindsay Johnson-Farge when they were 0-2 and match point down, the positions would have been decided by points difference!

Group D was made up for 3 teams, with matches played to best-of-5. The strong pairing of Paul Brown & Jenne Seibolt cruised through this group as expected, with Alan Wood & Pauline Davie securing 2nd position by picking up a good win against Ian Wall & newcomer James Green.

In the plate event, Charles & Chris made up for their previous disappointment in the group stage by storming through the draw and defeating the team of Bill & Andy in the final (4-11, 11-9, 11-7, 11-5).

In the main draw, Colin & James continued their winning run with a victory over Malcolm & John in the quarter-final (5-11, 11-8, 11-7). This set up a semi-final match against Ian & James H, after they won comfortably in their quarter-final match against Alan & Pauline (11-4, 11-4). In the bottom half of the draw, Harry & Richard beat Gary & Tina in 3 close games

(14-12, 9-11, 11-7) to set up a highly anticipated semi-final against Paul & Jenne, after they won their quarter-final match against Tony & Dave (11-5, 11-8).

In the first semi-final, the scratch pairing of Ian & young newcomer James Howard played superbly to put an end to the winning run of Colin & James (11-7, 11-6, 12-10). James was particularly impressive with his consistency and good serves. In the other semi-final, Harry & Richard battled their way to an excellent victory over Paul & Jenne, with every game being decided by only a 2-point difference (11-9, 11-9, 10-12, 12-10).

The final then, was a rematch between the Group C teams of Ian & James against Harry & Richard. In the group stage Ian & James ran out surprisingly comfortable winners (3-0) but since then, Harry had upped his game and started playing the more attacking table tennis he is capable of. In a fitting fashion, the final proved to be the best match of the night. Both teams played well as the match swung back and forth. Harry and Ian were hitting winners for their team whilst Richard and James backed them up with consistent returns. The match went into a 5th and final game, with little separating the teams. Ian & James brought up the first match point at 10-9 but were unable to convert. 10-10 in the 5th! At this stage, Harry received a slice of luck, as his push shot clipped the net cord, taking their team to 11-10. And then in an epic fashion, they won the rally of the night to secure a championship victory (11-4, 5-11, 11-8, 10-12, 12-10).

That concluded a thoroughly enjoyable night's table tennis. The trophies were awarded and thanks were given to the organiser and all those who helped in setting up the event on the night.

Photos

Plate event runners-up: Andy Roff & Bill Platt

Plate event winners: Chris Heyman & Charles Yeung

Championship runners-up: James Howard & Ian Wall

Championship winners: Richard Riebold & Harry Keys

Group results

Group A			
	Wins	**Position**	**Results**
Colin Clements / James Spencer	3	1st	Colin/James bt. Tony/Dave, 2-0 Dave/Sarah bt. Liam/Jan, 2-1 Colin/James bt. Liam/Jan, 2-1 Tony/Dave bt. Dave/Sarah, 2-1 Colin/James bt. Dave/Sarah, 2-1 Tony/Dave bt. Liam/Jan, 2-0
Tony Ayliffe / Dave Humphries	2	2nd	
Liam Squirrell / Jan Boatwright	0	4th	
Dave Kirston / Sarah Ball	1	3rd	

Group B			
	Wins	**Position**	**Results**
Malcolm Henstock / John Cooper	2	2nd	Malcolm/John bt. Bill/Andy, 2-1 Garry/Tina bt. Charles/Chris, 2-1 Garry/Tina bt. Malcolm/John, 2-0 Charles/Chris bt. Bill/Andy, 2-1 Malcolm/John bt. Charles/Chris, 2-0 Garry/Tina bt. Bill/Andy, 2-0
Bill Platt / Andy Roff	0	4th	
Garry Hartgrove / Tina Hutchinson	3	1st	
Charles Yeung / Chris Heyman	1	3rd	

Group C			
	Wins	**Position**	**Results**
Harry Keys / Richard Riebold	1	2nd	Ian/James H bt. Harry/Richard, 3-0 Trevor/Lindsay bt. Ian/James H, 3-1 Harry/Richard bt. Trevor/Lindsay, 3-0
Ian Wall / James Howard	1	1st	
Trevor Ward / Lindsay Johnson	1	3rd	

Group D			
	Wins	**Position**	**Results**
Ian Wall / James Green	0	3rd	Paul/Jenne bt. Ian/James G, 3-0 Paul/Jenne bt. Alan/Pauline, 3-0 Alan/Pauline bt. Ian/James G, 3-1
Paul Brown / Jenne Seibolt	2	1st	
Alan Wood / Pauline Davie	1	2nd	

Main draw

Quarter-Final		Semi-Final		Final	
Colin/James	**2**				
Malcolm/John	1				
		Colin/James	0		
		Ian/James H	**3**		
Ian/James H	**2**				
Alan/Pauline	0				
				Ian/James H	2
				Harry/Richard	**3**
Gary/Tina	1				
Harry/Richard	**2**				
		Harry/Richard	**3**		
		Paul/Jenne	1		
Paul/Jenne	**2**				
Tony/Dave	0				

Plate event

Quarter-Final		Semi-Final		Final	
Dave K/Sarah					
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		Dave K/Sarah	1		
		Bill/Andy	**3**		
Ian/James G	0				
Bill/Andy	**2**				
				Bill/Andy	1
				Charles/Chris	**3**
Trevor/Lindsay	**2**				
Liam/Jan	1				
		Trevor/Lindsay	0		
		Charles/Chris	**3**		
BYE					
Charles/Chris					