**MAIDSTONE AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

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**Press Release**

The Maidstone Table Tennis League closed championships were held 28th / 29 January 2017 at the Cornwallis Academy. The weekend was very much dominated by 13 year old William McCarthy and veteran Richard Beckham who both won 4 golds and 1 silver medal each. Unseeded 13 year old William McCarthy was the big surprise in the Mens Singles beating 5th seed Wayne Youngs in the group stage and then beating 4th seed Will Wrapson before finally falling to top seed Peter Ives in the semi-final. Richard Beckham much as expected reached and won the Men’s Singles and Mixed Doubles but also overcame some vast handicap differences to reach and win the Open Handicap single final beating McCarthy 21-18, 21-16 having given the youngster an 8 point start. Surprise winners of the Men’s Doubles were Coxheaths, Miro Danadzhiev & Petar Tancevski beating Peter Ives & Wayne Youngs in the final match of the weekend.

A new initiative this year to try to encourage new players into the league was a taster tournament for Non League members. With entries from Larkfield, The Village Hotel and East Peckham, 16 players enjoyed the tournament conditions, playing alongside but not against league regulars. The villagers Justin Walters beat Paul Fenning in the singles final.

Our thanks to the Cornwallis Academy for their excellent facilities and to their staff for their help over the weekend.

Men’s Singles semi-final – Richard Beckham beat Martin Ball 11-8, 11-7, 11-4

Men’s Singles semi-final – Peter Ives beat William McCarthy 7-11, 11-6, 11-7, 11-9

Men’s Singles – Richard Beckham beat Peter Ives 7-11, 11-4, 11-7, 7-11, 16-14

Ladies Singles – Claire Blackman beat Gillian Skilbeck 7-11, 12-14, 11-8, 11-8, 11-3

Mens Doubles - Miro Danadzhiev / Petar Tancevski beat Peter Ives / Wayne Youngs 12-10, 11-8, 8-11, 6-11, 11-7

Ladies Doubles – Julie Parker / Anna Vihrogonova beat Gillian Skilbeck / Janie Cooper 11-4, 11-7, 11-5

Mixed Doubles – Richard Beckham / Anna Vihrogonova beat Shev McDonald / Julie Parker 9-11, 11-2, 11-7, 11-7

Veteran Men’s Singles – Peter Ives beat Chris Knight 7-11, 11-9, 11-9, 11-7

O’50 Singles – Peter Ives beat Richard Beckham 11-8, 7-11, 11-7, 11-8

O’60 Singles – David Clapperton Beat Mick Sheppard W.O.

O’70 Singles – Dennis McConkey beat Keith Ball 11-8, 10-12, 5-11, 11-8, 11-5

Veteran Ladies Singles – Claire Blackman beat Julie Parker 7-11, 18-16, 14-12, 11-9

Veteran Men’s Doubles – Peter Ives / Chris Knight beat Martin Ball / Malcolm Skates 11-9, 9-11, 11-5, 11-4

Veteran Ladies Doubles – Julie Parker / Julie Hall beat Una Salt / Janie Cooper 6-11, 11-3, 11-6, 13-11

Veteran Mixed Doubles – Malcolm Skates / Julie Hall beat Shev McDonald / Julie Parker 11-6, 11-3, 11-3

Junior Boys Singles – William McCarthy beat Patrick Jeffrey 11-5, 11-3, 11-8

Cadet Boys Singles – William McCarthy beat Haydn Vaughan 11-3, 11-6, 11-3

U21 Boys Singles (Jenny Phillips) William McCarthy beat Sam Woodcock 11-2, 11-4, 11-3

U21 Girls Singles (Jenny Phillips) Kirsty Blundell beat Brooke Palmer 4-11, 13-11, 11-4, 5-11, 11-7

Men’s Singles Class 1 – Chris Drury beat Wayne Youngs 11-5, 11-7, 11-8

Men’s Singles Class 2 – Ken Hewett beat Mark Steeden 6-11, 15-13, 12-10, 13-11

Men’s Singles Class 3 – Asim Yusuf beat Barrie Incleden 13-11, 11-9, 11-5

Division 2 Singles – Rob Hart beat Paul Godson 7-11, 13-11, 11-8, 11-7

Division 3 Singles – Keith Ball beat Patrick Jeffrey 11-9, 3-11, 11-7, 11-5

Division 4 Singles – Brooke Palmer beat Steve Lakin 11-3, 9-11, 11-8, 13-11

Open Handicap Singles – Richard Beckham beat William McCarthy (0-8) 21-18, 21-16

U25 Handicap Singles – William McCarthy beat Haydn Vaughan (0-12) 21-14, 21-16

25–49 Handicap Singles - Miro Danadzhiev beat Mark Steeden (0-9) 21-18, 21-18

O’50 Handicap Singles – Richard Beckham beat Julie Parker (0-12) 21-17, 18-21, 21-19

Non League taster tournament

Non league Singles – Justin Walters beat Paul Fenning 6-11, 11-7, 9-11, 17-15, 11-9

Non League Singles Class 1 – Billy Revel beat Joe Boyle 11-9, 12-10, 10-12, 11-8

Non League Doubles – Marion Jones / Justin Walters beat Dylan Wright / Jo Boyle 11-6, 11-9, 8-11, 11-4

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