**Table-tennis**

**Short Report**

**10th May, 2019**

**Three strong performances from Leamington Veterans A team have put them in pole position to secure the runners-up spot in the Midlands Veterans Division 1. They defeated Nottingham B and Stafford 7-3 and their relegation threatened B team 8-2. Mark Jackson of St Georges was in outstanding form maintaining a 100% record in singles and doubles in all three matches. He was given great support by Alan Cotton of Wellesbourne, Simon Griew of County Council and another from the St Georges stable in Earl Sweeney.**

**Leamington B have done their best to stave off relegation with a 6-4 win over Stafford and a draw with Nuneaton A. Damon Fenton of St Georges won two against Stafford as did County Council’s Pat McCabe. Whitnash’s Kevin Ariss chipped in with one and partnered Fenton to the vital doubles. Fenton claimed his three in the Nuneaton draw and also won two in the defeat to Leamington A to give his B side a squeak of avoiding the drop.**

**Two youngsters from Lillington Free Church table-tennis club played in tournaments over the weekend and both returned with trophies. On Saturday Mia Chan representing the Croft School in Stratford, travelled to Edge Grove School in Hertfordshire to compete in the Independent Prep Schools National finals. Playing in the under 11 girls singles Chan won all 5 of her group matches against Jessica Clayton, Isabella White, Martina Guzman, Daisy Beer and Libby Graham. In the semi-final she defeated Charlotte O’Neill before suffering an unsurprising loss to England number 1 Sienna Jetha of Hertfordshire and settling for a deserved runners-up medal.**

**Chris Ho went to the Burton 1-Star on Sunday. In the morning he competed in the Cadet Boys singles winning his three group matches against Danny Verral (Leicestershire), Nathan Jago (Lancashire) and Ben Babbage. After receiving a bye in the quarter-finals, he beat Jay Price in straight games to earn a final spot against Nottingham’s Fred Jones. After a close match, Ho conceded in 5.**

**In the afternoon Ho played in his own under 13 age group. He won his group with fine performances against Shropshire’s Dominic Evans, Cheshire’s Ben Keeley, Jamie Woodford and Dominic Withers. Again the quarter-finals provided him with a bye which meant a semi-final against Toby Harwood who was dispatched in straight games. His Final opponent was his cadet conqueror Jones but Ho exacted revenge winning 3-0 to win the champion’s trophy.**