

Leicestershire's Over 60's team made it 2 years in a row to top their division, they were promoted last year into Division 1A and were strengthened this season by the addition of Chris Rogers.

Chris was playing alongside Richard Hayes, Chris Brewer, Tony Smith captain and Karen Smith. Karen achieved 100% in singles wins, plus the mixed doubles with Chris and Tony. Chris also was on 100% singles wins, and men's doubles he was player of the match for all 7 matches.

Many congratulations to the team

They will now be in the Premier division of the Over 60's for next season let's hope it is 3 years running they top the division.

The County Senior 1st team played their 2 weekends of matches at Milton Keynes and Draycott.

The 1st weekend team comprised of Jared Patel, Chris Rogers (capt) Luke Greenfield, Jack Rogers, Karen Smith and Erin Thompson.

The 2nd weekend was at Draycott in March with additions to the team of Loughborough's Abhishek Sudhakar and Knighton Park's Anna Wereszczaka which proved to enhance the team with them not dropping a match, this left them in 6th out of 8, retaining their Premier division status.

The County 2nd Senior team was this year run by Adam Pettitt alongside him were Luke Greenfield, Jack Rogers, James Berry, Jess Birbeck and Mahek Narnolia and Kelsey Andrews rescuing the team with her appearance and debut to the 2nd team

A mixed bag of results with the team winning some hard fought battles and finishing in 3rd position

The Counties Veterans 1st team of Captain Chris Rogers, Dave Gannon, Abraham Conteh and Karen Smith were in for a tough set of matches in the Premier division, their 1st weekend at Ashford saw the

team without a win and all to play for in the remaining matches. These were held at Draycott in January and there was disappointment for the team who had been 16 years in the Premier division and could only win 1 of their remaining matches, meaning relegation for the team, however a technical error on the part of another team who then had 2 points deducted saw Leicestershire retain their position in the Premier Division.

Our Junior team of Roma Morjaria, Catherine Lv, Kalan Bhakta, Kai Bhakta (debut) Dillon Kearney (debut) had been promoted from last season. They found the going tough but put up some creditable fights writes captain Jane Rogers.

The Cadets team with Shirley Pickering guiding the youngster, played all 5 of their match over 1 weekend at Knighton Park TTC.

Kai Bhakta, Faisal Mullar, Khaaled Patel, Aiden Chen (debut) Catherine Lv, and Sabreen Chenia (Debut) were the team, with 2 wins and a draw they finished mid table.

The County have again entered 6 teams for the next County Championships season.

Thanks to all the team captains for their time and effort.

The Phil Reid handicap tournament annually held at Knighton Park had 29 entries this season, Pawel Szumlanski was the winner over Russell Pettitt who had to give 4 points away to Pawel. Thanks to Mike Smith and supporting him Andy Wright.

The Junior County Championships were held at Knighton Park TTC ably run by Mike Smith and Shirley Pickering

Winners were Under 11 Charles Rowell RU Rex Pooley

13 Adam Kocsis RU Arthur Jeffers

15 Kai Bhakta RU Faisal Mulla

17 Kalan Bhakta

Girls 11 Amy Cansdale RU Nila Whitehead

13 Catherine LV

17 Roma Morjaria RU Sarah Brown

All 8 age groups represented Leicestershire in the Schools Individual Championship, Roma being the outstanding player to win through her group to the play offs

Players representing their age group were Amy Cansdale, Catherine Lv, Isabella Knight, Charles Rowell, Hudson Reid, Kai Bhakta and Kalan Bhakta

Schools Team event saw 2 under 11 teams play in the Regional stage at Blackburn, St John the Baptist, Leicester and St Peters, Market Bosworth, both teams finishing in 2nd place.

The Inter Regional Qualification tournament saw Catherine Lv and Kai Bahkta selected to represent the Region at Aldersley.

Knighton Park entered teams in the National Junior and Cadets team events.

Knighton Park's senior players put a team in the Senior British league and as always have to start at the bottom and work their way up with James Berry(capt), Reza Kiani, Virgil Abban and Oscar Bentley putting in some excellent results and finishing in 2nd place with Oscar finishing level top of the averages.

Coaching across the County seems to have fully recovered from Covid and goes from strength to strength.

Another successful year for the Leicester Junior League thanks to Peter Wilson, Tim Cawston and Mike Smith, 4 sessions were held over the season at the Leicester Grammar School.

David Morley's Special Olympic's group keeps ticking along with a regular group of players.

Table Tennis England's Maurice Goldstein Awards were presented to Tim Cawston and John Greening for their dedicated work.

Alec Downes from Knighton Park was awarded a Pride of Table Tennis certificate for all his hard work.

Leicester League review

51 team entered the Senior League for 22/23. Not all divisions had a full compliment of teams but everyone managed to get in a good seasons play

30 teams were in the Junior League where there was also competitions for the u 11,u 13, u 15 as part of the Closed Championships. Handicap and age/sex events were also played.

The Leicester League entered teams in the English League Cup Competition (ELCC)

The Ladies J M Rose Bowl team was headed by Karen Smith, Anna Weresczaka and Jess Birbeck with 4 teams in their group and 8 in the division they battled themselves into the playoff stage where they came up against defending champions Norwich and had to settle for a silver medals.

The junior events were held on the Sunday and in the boys team Kai Bhakta and Dillon Kearney were playing in the Carter Cup with some very tough matches and high quality players, they both played well and have gained valuable experience from it.

The Girls contest is the Bromfield Trophy and representing Leicester were Roma Morjaria, Catherine Lv and Eppie Southern, they won through to the play offs and finished as bronze medalist.

The Presentation evening held in May and also the AGM have all returned.

The Elbow Tankard (summer league) will take place from June onwards

Loughborough League review

Their Handicap Cup competition was won by Draycott Dragons.

Principle top players of the divisions were, Div 1 Daniel Broner, Div 2 Millie Noble, Div 3 Saif Vithodawala and Div 4 Archie Rayner.

Swifts played Student G for a nail biting finish to their season Swifts winning on the night.

Hinckley League review

Hinckley completed their full season with 17 teams in 2 divisions, an increase of 2 from last year. Market Bosworth A won Division 1 and Queens TTC were the winners of Division 2.

Adam Pettitt won their Senior Championships.

There is a healthy junior coaching taking place at Sport in Desford, Market Bosworth and George Ward.

We very much appreciate Regent Sport and Knighton Park TTC for hosting our meetings. Another successful year for Leicestershire Table tennis

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