

Chipping Sodbury Rapidplay – Sunday Oct 21st 2018

It was a lovely Sunny Autumn day on Sunday, and in between rounds all players, parents and spectators were able to relax in the serene setting of the walled garden within the Old Grammar school grounds.

This good start was slightly halted by a bit of a late kick off for round one, but our excellent arbiter team of Geoff Gammon and Chris Lamming soon got things on track, and we even finished slightly early !

Thank you to the players and parents for helping out so much with the clearing up process at the end, it was much appreciated :)

It was again encouraging to see many competitors coming to play from further afield, and out of county. This included Gary Loyden from Swindon, Steve Pollyn from Wimbourne, Tristram De Piro from Cheltenham, Gwyn Havard and Richard Livermore from across the Severn Bridge, several juniors from Somerset, and now a regular part of the family Tony Shaw from Stourbridge.

Now to the competition, in the **Open Section** we had only 11 players but it was a strong and competitive field, including Lewis Martin, I.M James T Sherwin and Gareth Morris.

Lewis Martin finished on top with an excellent 5.5/6

Lewis is a tough nut to crack... anybody out there want to take him on in April 2019 ?

Gareth Morris was 2nd with a fine score of 4.5

James T Sherwin, Igor Doklestic and Tan Wei Hao shared 3rd place with 3.5

The overall junior prize was awarded in this section, with 12 year old **Toby Kan** scoring an impressive 3/6. This was Toby's very first Open section ! Bristol Juniors flying their flag again ! Well done Toby :)

In the **Major Section** we had 15 players, including juniors **Aron Saunders**, **Matthew Timbrell** and **Fedor Turetskiy** making their debut in the Major.

Andrew Munn stormed it with 5.5/6

Stephen Williams, Steve Pollyn and Tim Jones shared 3rd place with 4/5.

Tim Jones took the U130 grading prize..

In the **Minor Section** there were a surprising low number of entrants. However, several new juniors playing which was great to see, as well as several experienced Bristol League players.

In his first venture at our rapidplay **Gabriel Keech** took top honours with a fine score of 4.5/6. Gabriel is 9 years old and travelled up from Frome to play Well done Gabriel :)

In 2nd place was **Richard Livermore** and **Grant Daly** on 4/5.

Richard was storming it on 4/4, but then the delicious hand-made chocolate cake set in (supplied by **Taniya Kumar**) !

Richard then found it hard to stay awake for the last two rounds. Back rank mates and all !

Overall, I think it was a well run rapidplay, and thank you to the players for a nice relaxed atmosphere.

Hopefully we will see you all again in April 2019. Date to be announced.