

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

James Berry made the **Open Singles Championship** his own with a hat-trick of victories since the club started up again after Covid. This year he defeated Pawel Szumlanski 11-4, 7-11, 11-7, 11-9 in the semi finals and then had a three straight success over Karen Smith in the final 11-5, 11-7, 11-7.

Karen had beaten Reza Kiani in the other semi final 11-7, 11-4, 8-11, 14-12 and repeated that success in the final of the **Veteran's Singles**, this time 12-10, 11-6, 11-7.

Martin Pember reached both handicap event finals with, of the two, the **Handicap Doubles** up first in which he played alongside Shirley Pickering who was a very late entry on the play-off night as she came in to make sure there was an even number. Receiving one point per game they overcame Steve Bessant and Dean Jordan 18-21, 21-16, 21-16.

Martin then faced Andy Searle in the **Handicap Singles**, always a difficult opponent to beat and, despite giving away 7 points per game, Andy was able to wear Martin down as it were to the tune of 19-21, 21-18, 21-16.

Other events finished previously.

Ladies Singles: Karen Smith beat Shirley Pickering.

Junior Singles: Khaalid Patel beat Dillon Kearney.

Cadet Singles: Aiden Cheng beat Anshh Dhagia.

Many thanks to all those who entered and for the handful who came to finals night. A great shame more did not attend as it is an ideal way of meeting each other in a social setting as well as being able to watch some excellent table tennis.

John Bownes.