**Leamington Closed TT championships**

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**The first day of the Leamington Closed Championships took place at St Nicholas Leisure Centre in Warwick on Sunday. Several events were played to their conclusion but most Finals will be staged at Kenilworth Wardens Cricket Club on Saturday (tomorrow).**

**There were 13 groups in the Men’s Singles. St Georges provided 4 winners, Gary Jackson, Mark Jackson, Laurence Sweeney and Ron Vose; Lillington Free Church also provided 4 winners, 3 of them juniors in the shape of Timmy Cooper, Lee Dorning and Sam Weaving who were joined by club number one Deepak Chandrababu; Colebridge supplied two, namely Vikas Bakshi and Jamie Fellows; Rugby ‘s Ryan Lines and Ryan Stockham featured and the line-up was completed by Nilton Green of County Council.**

**The Semi-finals, which will be contested on Saturday, will see Ryan Lines, victor over Chandrababu in 4 in the Quarters, take on Laurence Sweeney who defeated Cooper in 4 in his quarter. Mark Jackson, winner over Vose in the quarters will face Ryan Stockham who overcame reigning champion Dorning in 5 in to reach this stage.**

**The Ladies Final is between Colebridge’s champion Kate Hughes and Free Church junior Olivia Fletcher. Both won their semis in straight games, Hughes beating Rugby junior Milly Bradshaw and Fletcher defeating County junior team –mate Lisa Rinnhofer.**

**In the Men’s doubles Mark Jackson and Sweeney took their semi-final against Cooper and Dorning 11-7 in the 5th and will face Lines and Stockham in the final after this duo beat the unseeded Free Church pairing of Mark Bolshaw and Dave Ramsey 10,7,6.**

**The Women’s doubles was played out with Hughes and Rinnhofer sealing the crown against mother and daughter Tracey and Olivia Fletcher. In the mixed doubles semis, champions Hughes and Stockham had a scare when Emma Kilpatrick and Lee Dorning, both FC, took them to 11-8 in the 5th. Lines and Bradshaw will provide the opposition in the Final after a similarly narrow victory, 7 in the 5th, against the Rinnhofers.**

**The Youths Singles Final is between Dorning and Sweeney. The former squeezed past Cooper 11-9 in the 5th in his semi and the latter accounted for Weaving in 4.**

**Four Free Church players reached the semi-final of the junior boys, Cooper taking Weaving in 4 and Dorning holding off the challenge of James Robertson. Again the Final will be played on Day 2. The Junior Girls Final is between Olivia Fletcher and Lisa Rinnhofer, who survived a thrilling 5 setter against Kilpatrick in her group. In the under 15 boys groups Josh Yarrow of Free Church put up stout resistance against Jack Green but the greater experience of his club-mate proved a difficult hurdle and he went down in 4. Green will face Ricardo Bolanos, both of FC, on Finals night. The under 15 girls final will see another Free Church pair when Emily Beasley takes on Milly Green.**

**In the under 13 boys Yarrow was a surprise finalist after he defeated Rugby’s Daniel Burgess but he fell in straight games to Bolanos.**

**The under 13 girls event was played as a round robin with Milly Green coming first and Eleanor Fletcher second, another dup from the Free Church stable.**

**The under 11 events were all Free Church affairs. The boys played in a round robin with Eduardo Bolanos taking first place and Ben Holding the runner-up. Eleanor Fletcher defeated Erin Darwen in the girls final.**

**If Church dominated the junior events St Georges put their stamp on the veterans. Mark Jackson defeated Vose in the Veterans Final, Vose will take on Rinnhofer in the over 50s final and Will Fletcher beat Colebridge’s John Overton in the over 70s. The one title which won’t go their way will be the over 60s in which Phoenix’s Paul Calloway faces County Council stalwart Phil Paine.**

**The Parent/child doubles attracted a good entry and the final will see Nilton and Jack Green face Tom and Jeff Harris of Free Church. The Harris pairing beat Daryl and Dan Burgess of Rugby in their semi, who had earlier defeated the seeded Rinnhofers.**

**There were 64 entries in the handicap. It was another all Free Church Final with Josh Yarrow pipping Eduardo Bolanos.**

**The grade 5 singles was played on the day with Eduardo Bolanos defeating Nicholas Ho. Jackson and Sweeney reached the grade 1 final, Jack Green and Tom Harris appear in the grade 2 event, Bradshaw and Lisa Rinnhofer contest grade 3 and Dan Burgess faces Ged Kuprys in the grade 4. Burgess and Kuprys enjoyed unbeaten campaigns in Division B but never played each other.**