

WEMBLEY & HARROW LEAGUE SCRAPBOOK

This presentation introduces some items from the League archives, or, more precisely, late League President Michael Close's scrapbook. There is a selection of newspaper articles and contemporary photographs going back to the 1940s.

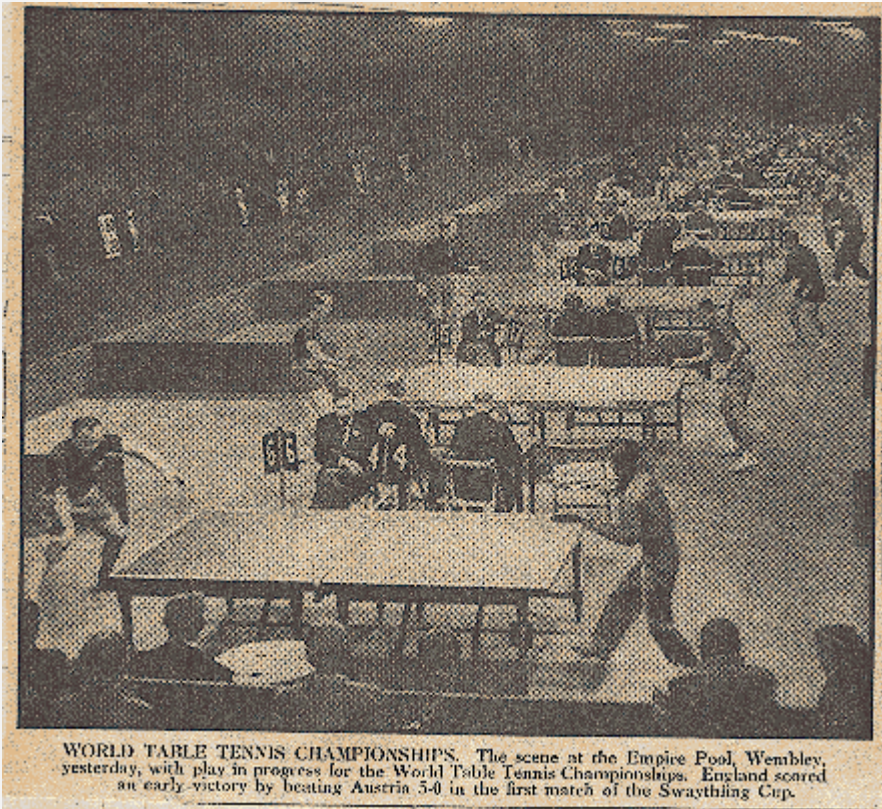
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Wembley & Harrow Table Tennis—Final Positions

Division 1						Division 2					
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Herga	16	15	0	129	15 32						
Wembley Inst.	16	13	3	98	51 26						
Forward	16	11	5	95	48 22						
Wem. Inst. 'A'	16	11	5	78	66 22						
Gezko	16	8	8	72	73 16						
Eastwood	16	6	11	53	91 10						
Wem. Inst. 'B'	16	4	12	48	85 8						
Elmwood	16	3	13	53	91 6						
L.N.E.R.	16	1	15	83	111 2						
Division 3						Ladies' Division					
P	W	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
L.M.S.R.	16	16	0	101	43 32						
Kodak	16	13	3	86	48 28						
Wem. and Sud.	16	11	5	84	60 22						
Bonhonte	16	10	6	84	60 20						
N. Harrow	16	8	8	69	55 18						
Wem. Inst. 'C'	16	5	11	62	82 10						
Hezys 'A'	16	3	11	50	89 10						
B.O.C.	16	4	12	45	99 8						
Hamilton	16	—	18	31	112 —						
Division 4						Division 5					
P	W	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Elms	18	18	0	120	23 30						
Y.M.C.A.	18	16	2	123	30 30						
N. Harrow 'A'	18	11	7	101	61 22						
St. Joseph's	18	11	7	88	76 22						
Trurok	18	9	9	72	90 18						
Preston	18	8	10	71	91 16						
Herga 'B'	18	7	11	72	90 14						
Wem. Inst. 'D'	18	6	12	68	94 12						
Metro. Ry.	18	3	15	43	119 8						
Gezko 'A'	18	2	16	30	123 4						
Division 6						Division 7					
P	W	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
N. Harrow 'B'	18	16	2	127	35 32						
Y.M.C.A. 'A'	18	15	3	101	61 30						
B.T.H.	18	14	4	107	55 28						
Wem. Police	18	9	9	83	82 13						
Forward 'A'	18	8	10	78	84 16						
L.M.S.R. 'A'	18	6	12	73	80 12						
B.O.C. 'A'	18	6	12	60	102 12						
Griffin	18	6	12	66	108 12						
Bonhonte 'A'	18	5	13	72	90 10						
Claxo	18	5	13	56	106 10						
Division 8						Division 9					
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Eastwood 'A'	18	18	0	128	59 36						
Kenton	18	18	0	120	42 32						
Kodak 'A'	18	18	0	97	65 28						
Harrow and Wem. Inst.	18	11	7	91	71 22						
Hamilton 'A'	18	8	10	72	83 16						
Elms 'A'	18	7	11	70	92 14						
Stranmore	18	6	12	59	103 12						
'57' Club	18	6	12	72	80 16						
Y.M.C.A. 'B'	18	3	15	56	106 8						
Parkfield	18	3	15	50	112 8						
Division 10						Division 11					
P	W	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Canon Croft	18	18	0	118	46 36						
Canbury	18	15	3	127	35 30						
Heather P.C.A.	18	13	5	92	70 28						
Hamilton 'B'	18	12	6	87	65 24						
N. Harrow 'C'	18	9	9	89	74 18						
Preston 'A'	18	8	10	73	80 16						
Kodak 'B'	18	8	10	62	100 12						
Eastwood 'B'	18	4	14	71	91 8						
H.B.T.	18	4	14	50	112 8						
Metro. Ry. 'A'	18	0	18	33	120 —						

A cutting from the local paper showing the final League tables for the seven men's and one ladies' divisions in 1947-48.





WORLD TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS. The scene at the Empire Pool, Wembley, yesterday, with play in progress for the World Table Tennis Championships. England scored an early victory by beating Austria 5-0 in the first match of the Swaythling Cup.

Action from the World Championships held at the Empire Pool (now the Wembley Arena) in 1954.



Some of the winners at the League Closed Championships held at Kodak in 1955. *Back row, left to right: J Parker and S Jacobson (men's doubles), Miss J Lewsey and Miss L Murray (ladies' doubles), L Landry (junior boys' singles); Front row: Miss M Chipperfield (ladies' singles), M Close (men's singles).*





How the local paper reported the League Closed Championships in 1956.





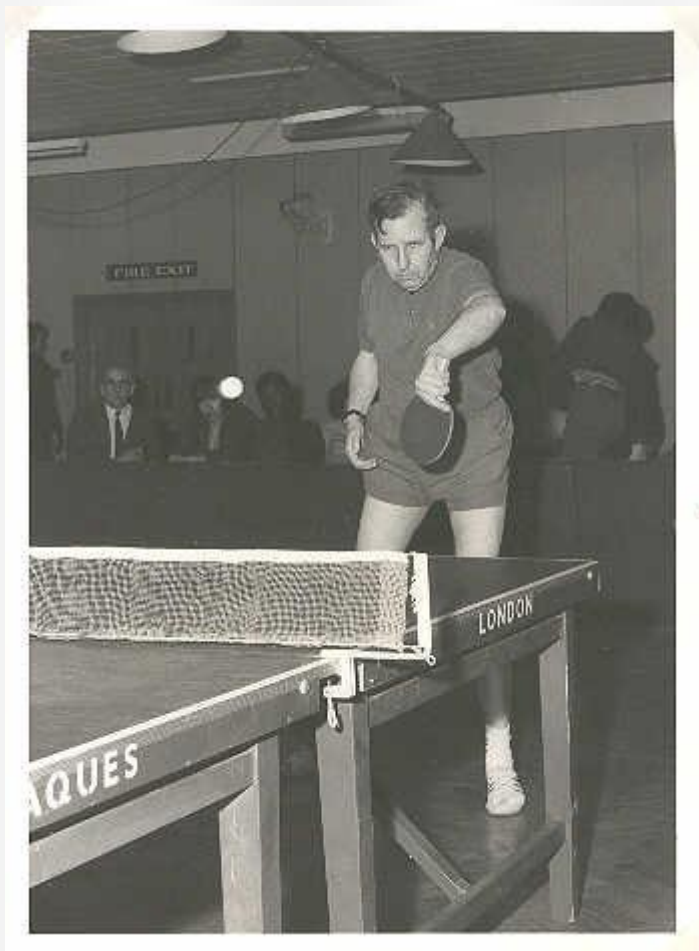
The Elvin Cup winners for Wembley and Sudbury in 1956: Tony Hill, Michael Close and Lawrie Landry.



And the same team won in 1957!

Michael Close in action

Michael Close, former Chairman of the League, also holds the record for the number of senior titles won at the Closed Championships, as well as many other team titles. Here are some archive photographs from Michael's playing days.



Practicing at the Herga club in 1954





With Tony Hill (centre) and Ralph Lewis (right), the double-winning Wembley & Sudbury team of 1960/61



Michael Close (centre), winning captain.



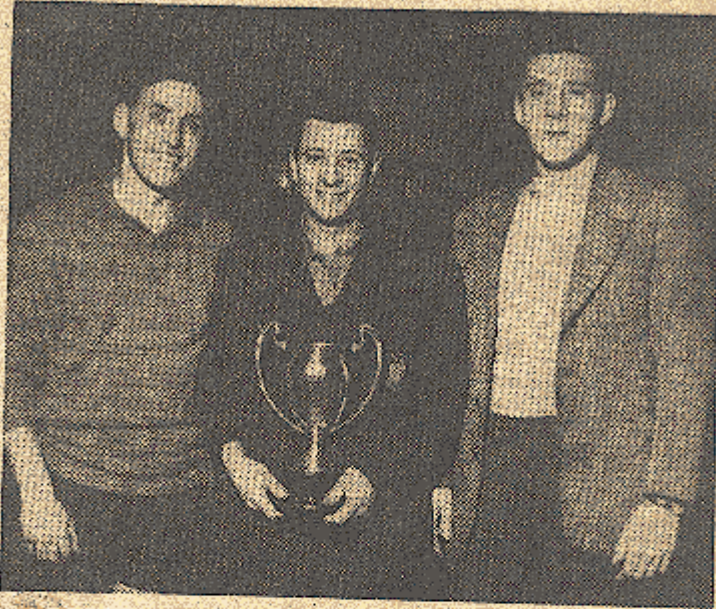
1958-1963



Winners from the Closed Championships 1958: Back row: L Landry (men's doubles), E Howarth (boys' singles), M Close (men's doubles and mixed doubles); Front row: Miss J Lewsey (ladies' doubles), Mrs M Seilly (ladies' singles), A Rhodes (men's singles), Miss L Murray (ladies' doubles and mixed doubles).



Institute take title from the holders



The successful Wembley Institute team with the Elvin Cup—(left to right) S. Jacobson, A. Hyans and J. Gaillard.

TWO of the Wembley and Harrow Table Tennis League knock-out team competition finals were won by Hengroup at Kodak canteen, Wealdstone, last week, and the senior trophy went to Wembley Institute who beat Wembley and Sudbury.

Wembley and Sudbury were the 1957 and 1958 winners and are this year's league champions. Despite a fine determined effort by Michael Close, the Wembley and Sudbury captain, who was undefeated throughout the competition, the team found the all-round strength of the Institute too good for them.

The Institute were twice trailing 3-1 and 4-3, but fought back magnificently. Mrs. A. E. Meyer, a vice-President of the League, presented prizes to the two teams.

In the Harry Finch Trophy final, Hengroup second team, after losing the first four games, recovered their form and beat Board of Trade III 5-4.

Hengroup double

At the same time the Hengroup first team were making it a double for the club by winning the Elvin Junior Cup in a runaway victory against Alerton and Hester Park II. The score was 5-0. Hengroup were with: Mervyn Street

who was playing for Middlesex the same evening.

The two trophies were presented to Hengroup by Mrs. E. M. Milderhall, a vice-President and wife of the League chairman.

Results—senior cup (Wembley Institute names first): S. Jacobson beat R. Lewis 21-17, 21-8; lost to M. Close 20-22, 19-21; beat A. Hill 21-13, 21-16. A. Hyans beat Lewis 21-12, 21-14; lost to Close 15-21, 14-21; beat Hill 21-17, 15-21, 14-21. Gaillard beat Lewis 21-15, 16-21, 21-11; lost to Close 15-21, 17-21; lost to Hill 21-15, 17-21, 11-21.

Easy victory

Junior Cup (Hengroup names first): G. Cowtan beat D. Logan 21-19, 23-21; beat J. Higgs 21-10, 21-12. R. Candler beat B. Wadling 21-13, 21-19; beat Higgs 23-21, 21-17. J. Price beat Logan 21-18, 21-12.

Harry Finch Trophy (Hengroup names first): A. Tonkin lost to E. Corbett 14-21, 18-21; lost to E. Carter 21-19, 12-21, 12-21; beat E. Simmons 18-21, 23-21, 21-15. A. Wheeler beat T. Cochet 21-15, 15-21, 21-8; lost to E. Carter 17-21, 19-21; beat E. Simmons 21-10, 21-14. F. Durrant beat Corbett 21-17, 21-14; beat Carter 21-17, 11-21, 21-11; lost to Simmons 15-21, 19-21.

A report on the Elvin Cup Final, 1959





The front page from the programme of a challenge match in May 1959. The Wembley Lions won 9-0.



A 'Close finish' in Wembley Table Tennis closed championships

Alan Rhodes beaten in exciting final

MICHAEL CLOSE of Summit-close, Edgware, pulled off one of the biggest surprises in the Wembley and Harrow Table Tennis Closed championships, held at Kodak Hall, Wealdstone, on Thursday, when he won the men's singles crown. He recorded an exciting victory over international Alan Rhodes, nine times winner of the title.

Recently elected chairman of the League, Close gave one of his best displays to defeat Rhodes, who again started favourite for the championship. It was a sensational final, with Rhodes, after leading 20-18 in the deciding leg, dropping the last four points and the championship.

It is the fourth time that Close has won the title, but the first time that he has beaten Rhodes in the competition. On the three previous times that Close was successful Rhodes did not take part.

It was the 13th year in succession that Close has reached the semi-final stages of the men's singles.

The only other major surprise in the tournament was the fact that the much fancied partnership of Rhodes and Alma Taft were beaten in the semi-final stages of the mixed doubles. Triumphant were Mrs. J. Redfern and H. Collins, who beat Miss I. Ogus and K. Khalifah. The latter were leading 18-16 in the third game when they suddenly lost five points in a row and the match.

There was a most exciting game in the final of the men's doubles when A. Byams and K. Khalifah changed ends 10-3 up in the deciding third game against Close and A. Hill. They then drew ahead 14-3 only to find themselves at 20-17 a few minutes later. However, they won the next two points and retained their title.

One of the most amusing incidents of the evening was in the ladies' doubles. Miss Taft served and in doing so dropped

her bat. But she made a quick recovery, retrieving her bat before it was her turn to play. It must have so upset her opponents that she and her partner Mrs. Redfern won the point. But all four girls were struck with a fit of the giggles and play was held up three or four minutes before it could resume. Finding their prize, Miss Ogus and Miss Taft went on to win the event.

Probably the most disappointed man of the whole evening was L. A. Vilches, who, age 61, was in the final of the senior men's singles (for the over 40). Unfortunately his opponent did not appeal, so Mr. Vilches was robbed of the chance of a game.

A feature of the evening was the defensive play of Close, particularly in the semi-final of the men's singles against Howard Collins. Close put his defensive chop shot just over the net to prevent Collins from bringing his devastating looped top spin drive into play. This difficult and rather spectacular looped shot was produced on a number of occasions during the evening, in particular by Rhodes, Collins and somewhat more surprisingly by Miss Ogus.

Other points which stood out during the tournament were the tremendous forehand driving by Mrs. Redfern, some fine forehand play by Tony Hill in the men's doubles and the excellent performance of Miss Ogus in the mixed. Not only did she hit many splendid winners off forehand and backhand but at times was able to return the best shots that Collins and Mrs. Redfern could produce.



Table tennis

EQUALITY OF SEXES APPROVED

TO provide more fixtures and a more consistent standard of play for members of it, the Ladies Division of the Wembley and Harrow Table Tennis League has been abolished.

The present ladies' division will become Division 13 of the League. This was decided at the annual general meeting of the League held last week at the Herts Club, Courtyard Avenue, Harrow.

There would otherwise have been only seven teams in the ladies' division and the decision was taken so that the ladies may have a guarantee of a fuller season of fixtures and play to a more consistent standard. Until now some have played both in the ladies' division and the higher men's divisions.

Mr. M. Close, chairman of the League, presided at the meeting attended by 50 representatives of the 48 clubs.

Improved

The Management Committee report said that membership had remained constant over the last year; that success in extra-League competitions had improved; and that the junior coaching scheme developed well.

Mr. N. K. Reeve, treasurer, said that finances continued free of difficulty.

Certificates and trophies were presented by Mr. A. V. Meyers, a vice-president.

Officers elected: Mr. A. F. Anon, President; Mr. N. K. Reeve, chairman; Mr. M. Close, vice-chairman; Mrs. N. K. Reeve, general secretary and treasurer; Miss A. Newell, assistant secretary; Mr. A. L. Kaye, record secretary and handbook secretary; Mr. G. Walsh, Wilmet Cup secretary; Mr. D. G. White, T. M. Rose Bowl secretary; Mr. L. Brown, representative match secretary (seniors); Mr. A. Channing, representative match secretary (juniors) and Elvin Cups and Harry Finch Trophy secretary; Miss L. Murrow, minutes secretary; Mr. K. Dewick, Wembley "closed" championship secretary; Mrs. M. Clegg, magazine secretary; Mr. D. Richardson, Press Officer; Mr. H. J. Worham, auditor.

In 1964, the decision was taken to end the separate Ladies' divisions.



YOUNGSTERS SPARK CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS FIREWORKS

THE youngsters provided all the fireworks at the Wembley and Harrow table tennis league's closed championships at Kodak last Thursday and it was left to the seniors to provide the guide.

Pride of place in excitement must go to Marian Henderson and Kay Fry and to Neil Santon and Clive Green for their play in the girls and boys singles finals.

Marian of the West End Primer club had a wonderful match against Kay Fry (Northwood C.A. Club) with the counter hitting of the two girls being truly magnificent.

The first game went to Marian 26-24, the second to Kay 21-15 and then Marian's hitting, as sparkling as was the red shirt she was wearing, completely devastated Kay and Marian was an easy winner in the third game 21-6.

In the boys singles final Neil Santon was the favourite for he has been the league's leading junior boy player this season in the Middlesex County Inter League championships, but young Clive Green was not overawed by this fact and after losing the first game easily at 21-10, he was back in the match taking the second 22-20.

With both boys hitting and counter hitting whenever they could, Clive led 19-16 in the final, only for Neil to be back at 19-19, then 20-21 and 21-21, and then taking a chance Clive hit two wonderful forehand drives to run out the winner by 22-21.

Superlative stuff!

Another good performance was that of Jean Williams (Northwood C.A.) who won all three events in which she appeared. In the ladies singles final she retained her title beating once again Mary Symes of the Vincentians Club by 21-15, 17-21, 22-20.

In the ladies doubles Jean was partnered by Eve Britten also of the Northwood C.A. Club. In this particular match, Eve seemed unusually subdued, hitting only occasionally to score winners and the attacking shots seemed to flow only from Marian Henderson's racket.

Marian, partnered by Margaret Sally (Sudbury Court) played extremely well, but the 'old partnership' of Williams and Britten triumphed in the end and they retained their title by 19-11, 21-14, 21-15.

Jean again appeared in the mixed doubles final, partnered by Fred Walker. They beat Alan Thomas and Margaret Sally of the Land Registry and Sudbury Court clubs respectively, 21-15, 15-21, 21-16.

This was a match of extreme caution, with only Alan Thomas 'chancing his arm' with attacking

shots and although he did score many winners with his backhand drive, Jean and Fred were always in front in the third game and did not look like losing at any stage.

COUNTERHITTING

In the mens doubles even, the brothers David and Stuart Sealstone (Vehicle and General Club) played intelligently to beat Michael Close (B.O.T.) and Neil Santon (Wembley Postal). In a match which produced some fine winning drives and some good counterhitting, the Sealstones played better together and won in two straight games 21-17, 21-16.

The mens singles final saw J. Weller (Aston and Heather Park Club) oppose P. France (North Harrow Club). In this particular event, France appeared to have more match experience than his younger opponent and although Weller played well, France was not to be denied and ran out the winner by 21-18, 22-20.

As predicted the mens veteran singles final was played between Michael Close and Alan Thomas. This was an interesting final from a technical point of view between two players of years of experience. Time and again Thomas wrong footed Close to score well deserved points, but Michael was always there to pass Alan with finishing drives and Michael had the last laugh, winning in two straight games, 21-17, 21-19.

The final game of the evening was the mens singles final in which Close once again appeared at the table playing against the League's No. 1 player, Eric Coster (Vehicle and General Club).

Although Coster was expected to win easily, this was not so, for Close played cleverly alternating 'chops' and long range defence in order not to speed up the game which would have been fatal for him and deservedly took the first game 21-19.

Picking himself up from the shock of losing the first game, Coster then attack his his way back into the match, took the second game 21-14 and the third 21-12 to retain the title which he won last year.

The League's president's wife Mrs. Emily Amor was at the finals to present the trophies and awards and Mr. Amor attended later in the evening.

Other League V.I.P.'s present were vice president Agnes and Bert Meyers, Harold Lawton and the referee of the championships was K. L. Dewick.

The report on the Closed Championships 1970.

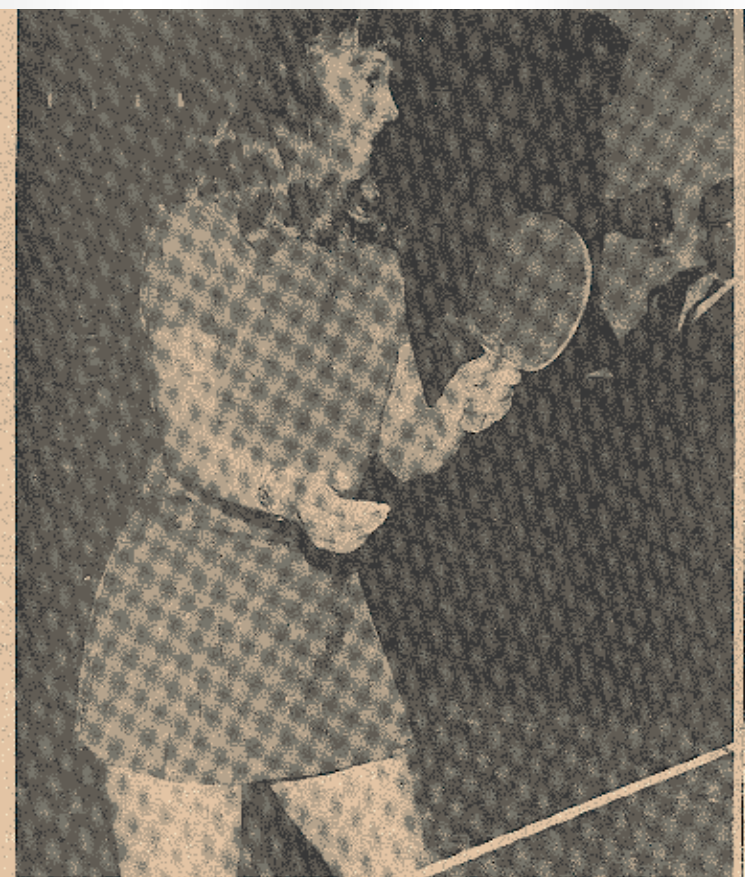




The Wembley and Harrow League's president's wife, Mrs. Emily Amor with the mens doubles winners David (left) and Stuart Seaholme.

The Seaholme brothers won their second of many men's doubles titles at the Closed Championships in 1970.





MARIAN HENDERSON of West End, Pinner, sparkles on her way to yet another girls singles title in the Wembley and Harrow League's championship at Kodak last week.

Marian Henderson retained her junior girls' title at the Closed Championships in 1970, but never subsequently won any senior titles.

1971-1980



Veteran Close takes three

Long time campaigner Michael Close (Board of Trade) proved that the pupils have yet to beat the master when he won three titles in last week's Wembley and Harrow table tennis league close championships at Kodak.

Close — an ETTA coach, league vice-chairman and one of their leading representative players — triumphed in the men's singles, veteran singles and mixed doubles.

The men's singles final proved a dull climax to the evening, with Close and opponent R. Lahiri (Berkeley) each primarily concerned with defence.

After fully 28 minutes Close won the match 21-14, 21-17, thanks mainly to the fact that Lahiri occasionally and unsuccessfully tried to force the pace with attacking shots.

FOUND FORM

Earlier Close had partnered Kodak's Mary Clegg to a 16-21, 21-16, 21-10 mixed doubles win over Peter Leekie (West End) and Eve Britton (Glaxo).

The eventual champions lost the first game with Mary completely out of touch, but as she grew less tentative they found convincing form.

Soon after, the indomitable Close again came face to face with Leekie for the final of the veterans' event. Leekie's main hope was his tricky back-hand flick, but Close dominated this and the match to win 21-9, 21-10.

Most successful woman competitor of the championships — ultimately — was Vincentian Mary Symes, with wins in the women's singles and doubles.

REVERSED

Mary must feel that fortune smiled very sweetly on her in the singles event, for in the qualifying groups she had lost to Mary Clegg but found herself in the semi-finals as a 'lucky loser'.

Here she reversed her defeat by Mrs. Clegg to earn a match against Hatch End's Margaret Hoorns — the former Margaret Fry, an ex-England international and Gloucestershire and Middlesex county player who was making her debut in the championships.

Margaret, true to her form throughout the rounds, lost the first game when after building an early lead she failed to defend adequately against her opponent's powerful hitting.

But for once she was unable to come through in the last two games, for Mary maintained her pressure to take the title 21-18, 21-8.

A similar determined recovery helped Mary and partner Beryl Butler (Eagle Star) — the league's leading women players — towards the

doubles crown in what was the most exciting final of its evening.

After losing the first game 15-21 against the Clegg/Britton duo — formerly rivals in the mixed doubles — they stormed back to decisively win the next two games 21-11, 21-10.

The boys' singles final produced a real bold encounter when Kenton's 6 ft. 2½ in. Dickie Phillips met clubmate Graham Payne — who stands 5 ft. 6 in.

Payne appeared overcome by the size of his problem against an in-form opponent who earlier in the week had recorded men's singles wins over Cecil Burman and Eric Snook, both also of Kenton.

Phillips glided to a commanding 21-15, 21-14 win.

PROMISE

Laura Scalbrow (Harrow Youth) confirmed her great promise with a confident, aggressive win by 21-5, 21-4 over Fiona Stanton (Harrow World G.S.) in the girls' singles final.

Laura, a league junior representative player, should go far with her modern, hit-whenever possible style of game.

Another comprehensive win came in the mixed singles event — for players from division six and below — when Chris Hervey (Northwood LTC) beat out-of-touch Peter Dainton (Wembley CC) 21-14, 21-6.

The one final not to be contested came, disappointingly, in the men's doubles event. The HMSO pair of Tony Jarvis and R. Sydney received a walkover with their Vehicle & General opponents David and Susan Seanoine unable to appear — Susan broke a leg playing rugby the week before.

Prizes were presented by league President Mr. Arthur Amor and his wife, accompanied by chairman Mr. N. K. Reeve.

BY ONE

During the week, the league's second team beat the Central League 5-4 in a Middlesex inter-league championship match. Details (Wembley and Harrow names first):

D. Seanoine beat K. Arnold 21-15, 17-21, 21-15, lost to P. Kirby 11-21, 17-21, C. Burman beat to Kirby 11-21, 6-21, lost to P. Murphy 15-21, 21-17, 14-21. M. Close lost to M. Hoorns 21-14, 16-21, 19-21, beat Arnold 21-14, 15-21, 21-15. Mrs. M. Clegg beat Mrs. G. Cochrane 21-18, 18-21. Mrs. M. Hoorns beat Mrs. E. Symes 21-14, 21-18. Mrs. Clegg/Mrs. Hoorns beat Miss Colecutt/Miss Squires 21-14, 21-21.

Closed Championships report 1971



FOCUS ON Table Tennis

Battling to change the ping-pong image

THE CHINESE might be the dominant force behind one of the world's fastest ball games — but not for much longer if local table tennis coaches can help it.

For every Saturday morning at the Leisure Centre they are busy training the next generation of champions.

For the past two years the Wembley and Harrow League has won the Middlesex Junior Championship with the help of players coached at the club.

Every Saturday, just before 9 am, 40 youngsters aged between nine and 18 troop down to the centre. They range from complete beginners to experienced players.

The three-hour sessions have been running since the Leisure Centre opened about ten years ago, but the coaching itself has been going for over 20. It began at the school in Grant Road, Wealdstone.

Founder of the club is Michael Close, chairman of the Wembley and Harrow Table Tennis League and coach for Middlesex.

Although he still coaches at the club when he can, direct responsibility for its running lies with another coach, Brian Tysoc.

In all nine coaches give their time voluntarily to the youngsters to develop their talent and in turn help the game progress. Table tennis is trying hard to rid its ping-pong image.

The club will accept any junior as long as they can hold a bat and demonstrate some ball control.

The first half-hour is spent knocking up, followed by two hours of coaching, leaving the

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last half-hour free to compete for a position on the club's ladder.

When the juniors first join they are taught basic ball control, stance and how to hold the bat.

It is impressed on the youngsters that table tennis is a game of movement and because of this, fitness training is fitted in when possible.

Youngsters practise in pairs. Each table is numbered so that the best players are on number one with the beginners on table nine.

As they improve they move up to the next table.

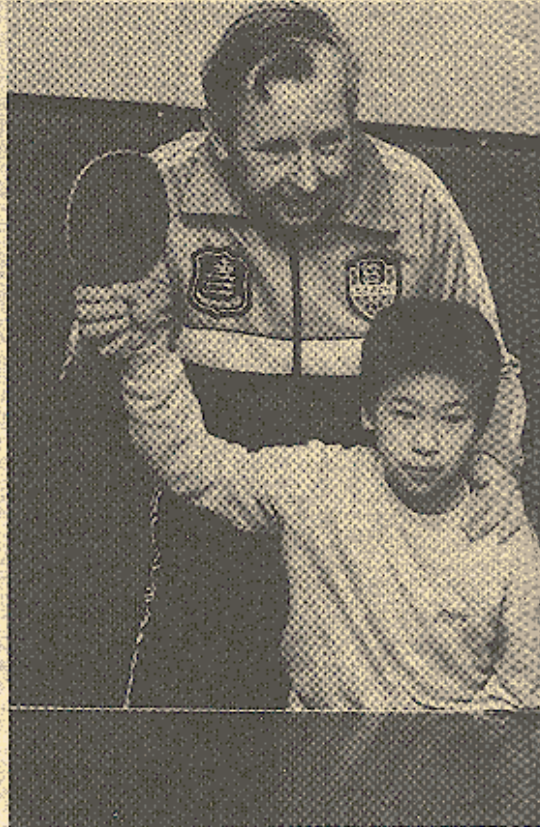
The youngsters are able to take proficiency badges — bronze, silver and gold — at the club. Those on the top four tables all have their bronze and some have silver and gold.

The club has nine girls who are members. "There are more opportunities for girls," said Mr Close, "because they are needed to play for the clubs and there are fewer ladies who play than men."

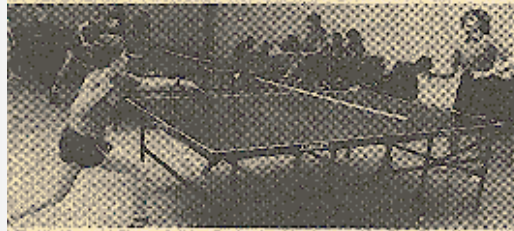
Certainly 16-year-old Hayley Smea is doing well with a silver to her credit and ranked sixth among Middlesex girl juniors. Hayley has been playing for Canon's Community Centre for the past three years.

"Table tennis is a great sport. You need lots of skill and it keeps you fit," said Hayley.

Next week Focus on belting



© Chairman of the Wembley and Harrow Table Tennis League, Michael Close, coaching the club's only Chinese member, 10-year-old Alphonse Lee.



© Boys and girls in action at the Saturday morning sessions.

Where to play

LESSONS at the Leisure Centre, Saturday mornings 9 am to 12 noon, £16 for a 13-week term. Contact Brian Tysoc on 868 7046.

Vale Farm Sports Centre in Watford Road, Sudbury, has table tennis facilities but no lessons. Tables can be booked over the phone by members — non-members must book

at the desk. Further details on 908 2528.

Willesden Sports Centre in Donnington Road, has eight tables, bookable on a daily basis.

Charteris Sports Centre, Charteris Road, Kilburn, has two tables available if requested. No arrangements for lessons. Further details on 625 6451.

Coaching at the Harrow Leisure Centre, soon after opening in 1975.





Elvin Cup finalists 1980: Back row: H Meadows, J McCance, D Seaholme, M Close, S Seaholme, J Corrall; Front row: Olypmus Youth Shield finalists 1980: S Lee, K Brothwood, D Rosenbaum, A Marcus, D Hughes, Miss L Phelps.





P. Wells (Salvatorian College) returns a forehand during boys under 18 championship. Wells defeated P. Tanna in the final to take the event.

OVER one hundred and fifty competitors took part in the Harrow Youth Table Tennis Championships at Harrow Leisure Centre on Sunday. With 12 tables in action for most of the afternoon competition was thick and fast.

In all seven championships were crowned. The championships, mixed, ranged from Under 14 years old to under 21.

There were a number of exciting and close matches during the event, none more tight than in the boys under 16 championship where the brothers Cawley fought out a long duel.

Marathon

In the end K. Cawley (Salvatorian College) edged

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through when he defeated brother J. Cawley 21-16, 20-22, 34-32 in a third round marathon. K. Cawley had less trouble in the final where he defeated Paul Martin (Harrow Youth Table Tennis Club) 21-14, 21-18.

Two separate sets of sisters fought out the finals of the Girls under 14 and under 16 events.

Grateful

In the under 14 championship Rachel Knight (Mount View) beat Katie Hickman (HYTTC) 21-12, 21-6 while in the under 16 final, sister Eyvonne defeated Emma Hickman 21-12, 21-8.

Tournament organiser Peter Norton said he was pleased with the way things went. "I was very grateful to

the people who umpired during the tournament. A very busy afternoon went very smoothly," he added.

Results

Full final results: **BOYS** under 14; R. Close (HYTTC) beat D. Goode (HYTTC) 22-20, 21-23, 21-19; under 16; K. Cawley (Salvatorian College) beat P. Martin (HYTTC) 21-14, 21-18; U18; P. Wells (Salvatorian College) beat P. Tanna (Pinner Sixth Form College) 21-10, 22-20; Mens U21; J. McCance (HYTTC) beat D. Weston (Harrow Weald Sixth Form College) 21-5, 21-15.

Girls: Under 14; R. Knight (Mountview) beat K. Kickman (HYTTC) 21-12, 21-16; under 16; E. Knight (Mountview) beat E. Hickman (HYTTC) 21-12, 21-8; under 19; C. Wright (HYTTC) beat S. Mortimer (Harrow Weald Sixth Form College) 19-21, 21-19, 21-13.

Action from the Harrow Youth Championships, 1980.

