

RUNNING

Baker rises to occasion at Wargrave

FIFTEEN Burnham Joggers completed the Wargrave 10 km road race on Sunday, with mixed success.

The race is included in the club's championship competition, with Colin Baker first back in 30th position, in a time of 38 minutes 4 seconds.

Keith Scudamore was the next home in 45th place, finishing in 38.55 to win the over-60 event, a little ahead of Bruce Cooke, (63) in 40.15, and Matt Biglin (76) in 41.04.

Other men finishers were John Irwin 43.20, James Spurr 45.45, Peter Riley 47.17, Tim Smallwood 48.18 and John East 57.33.

Penny MacPhail was first woman home for Burnham and fifth lady overall with 44.06, with Clair Pusey 194th in 45.55, Alison Allen 230th in 47.15, Ita Kelly 49.45, Mary Lord 63.22, and Barbara Cadman 66.50.

There was a record field of 554 finishers.

SWIMMING

Relay great effort from Marlins

MAIDENHEAD Marlins' juniors finished a very creditable third in round one of the Milton Keynes and District Junior League Division 1 at Luton, recording three first places.

Jonathon Naish won the 50metre freestyle, before teaming up with Alex Claydon, Mathew Taylor and Marcus Fantham to win the 11 and under freestyle relay.

The other victory came from the 10 and under girls medley relay team of Bethany Redwood-Pain, Megan Keats, Laura Jennings and Rosie Hunt.

Second places were taken by Sam Straughan in the 10 years freestyle and butterfly, Suzanna Fredericks in the 11 years backstroke, Ellie Straughan in the 12 years breaststroke, Hannah Heales in the 11 years breaststroke, and Alex Claydon in the 11 years freestyle.

McCreadie's triple gold in long course

JUST three swimmers from the Maidenhead Marlins squad were among the 600 plus competitors at the British masters long course championships in Swansea last week.

Duncan McCreadie had a very successful weekend, winning three coveted titles in the 200m individual medley, the 200m and 800m freestyle.

However, a shock defeat in the 400m freestyle meant McCreadie had to settle for the silver.

David Brown took full advantage of his recent arrival in the over 35 age group, setting club records in all his three events.

Brown won the silver medal in the 200m individual medley, placed fifth in the 100m freestyle, and seventh in the 50m butterfly.

Ann Chance was only able to attend the first day, but had a solid swim in the 1500m freestyle and was placed seventh.

DISABLED SPORTS

Wamdsad triumph

Club sweeps the board against athletes from across the south

WAMDSAD staged another hugely successful annual sports day at their Braywick headquarters on Saturday.

Sponsored by the Michael Shanly Group, the event attracted 130 competitors from clubs as far away as Southampton, Gosport and Winchester, with more travelling from Farnborough, Wokingham, Wycombe, Chalfont, Aylesbury and Kingston.

There were 23 events in all, ranging from archery and air weapons to track and field, and a lot more in-between, with each competitor allowed to enter up to 13 events.

The highest number of entries in any one event was more than 100 in the skittles, while 90 entered into the various throwing events.

Mick Mitcham, sports manager at Wamdsad and organiser of the games said: "I must say a very big thank-you to all the girls who helped from Newlands School."

"Every year they come and assist in running all the track and field events, plus others when needed."

"Without them we could not run so many events. Thank you"

At the end of the day, the club handed out 225 medals and two trophies.

The first major piece of silverware went to the club with most points on all track and field events, which was Wamdsad with 35 points.

Second was Farnborough with 29 points, and third Southampton with 24 points.

The second trophy of the day went to the club with the highest number of points overall, which was again Wamdsad, who retained the cup for the fifth year running on 111 points. Second were Aylesbury, with 94, and third Farnborough, with 62.

Overall the 30 competitors from Wamdsad collected 69 medals. In the juniors' six-year-old wheelchair user, Josh Hewlett of Wamdsad - in his first ever games - collected four medals, while Anthony Hornby, also of Wamdsad collected the highest number of junior medals with eight.

In the seniors, with a total of seven medals, the overall individual winner was yet again a Wamdsad member, Richard Barton.



STEADY: Stuart Anderson plots his path. Ref:81849/1



IN A SPIN: Helen Bigg competes in the discus. Ref:81849/3

TABLE TENNIS

Evans above, Gavin's tops

CIPPENHAM Table Tennis Club's 10-years-old protégé Gavin Evans proved again at the weekend how far in advance he is of his contemporaries.

Evans became the first player to win three age groups at the same national championships when he retained his England under 10 and under 11 titles, and added the under 12 crown.

Even in the top under 13 age group, Evans almost toppled top seed and eventual winner Paul Drinkhall (Cleveland), before losing out 11-9 in the deciding fifth game. Drinkhall is considered to be one of the best of his age in Europe, and Evans is three years his junior.

Competing with brother Myles, Evans took a fourth title in the under 12 boys' doubles.

Myles, seeded second, fell at the semi-final stage of the under 12 singles, as did another Cippenham youngster Chris Wittchell in the under 11 age group.

The girls from Cippenham also performed well, with Katie Rule reaching the final of the under 11 girls' singles, before losing to Sabine Winter, an English girl who lives and trains in Germany.

Rachel Farquhar also reached the final of the under 10 girls' singles, before losing to top seed Martha Jarvis (Cornwall).

■ Cippenham's David Hayes scooped the under 16 boys' singles title at the hugely successful Cippenham Young Players' Summer

Festival last week. The two-day event, which attracted 160 players at five age levels, brought the best out of Hayes, who, despite being top seed, had enormous competition from the rest of the field, including several highly ranked England teammates from Cippenham. However, it was Surrey's Chris Bush who came through a congested field to reach the final, having beaten Hayes' clubmates Gavin Evans and James Milton on the way.

In the top half of the draw, Hayes beat the other Evans brother, Myles in the semi-final, while a fifth Cippenham player Ashley Shaw also reached the quarters, by virtue of a good win over fifth seed Michael Harvey.

In the under 14 boys' singles, top seed Myles Evans was beaten by Edward Brown of Essex. Evans had six match points altogether, including two in the fourth game, and then led 10-6 in the decider.

However, he committed the cardinal sin of serving off the table at 10-9 and the greater consistency of Brown eventually won the day.

Cippenham's other big success was Melanie Farquhar, who beat club colleague Sylvana Bielec 11-8 in the fifth game of a titanic under 14 girls' singles event.

Bielec had beaten another Cippenham player, Catherine Hayes, in one semi, while Farquhar was successful against Frances Potjeyd (Somerset) in the other.

Potjeyd did better in the under

16 event and reached the final by reversing her earlier defeat at the hands of Farquhar, but then lost to Devon's Sally Smith in the final.

Three younger events (under 11, under 12 and under 13) were played on the Saturday but failed to produce a title for the home players.

Katie Rule came closest, reaching the final of the under 11 girls' singles, before losing to Haylee Potts.

Paradoxically, Rule went on to beat the same player the following day in the final of the under 14 Consolation.

Essex took three of the titles, thanks to Billy Deville (under 13 boys) and Rachel Jamieson, who won the under 13 and under 12 girls' titles. The other Saturday winners were William Maybanks (Herts) in the under 12 boys and David McBeath (Hants) in the under 11 boys.

Local interest continued in the consolation events, as Rachel Farquhar won the under 12 girls, while Stephanie Mitchell and Alex Polding reached the finals of the under 13 girls and under 12 boys singles respectively.

Results:

U16 Boys' Singles: David Hayes (Cippenham) bt Chris Bush (Surrey) 11-4, 5-11, 11-3, 11-6

U16 Girls' Singles: Sally Smith (Devon) bt Frances Potjeyd (Somerset) 11-9, 11-3, 11-2

U14 Boys' Singles: Edward Brown (Essex) bt Myles Evans (Bucks) 9-11, 12-10, 6-11, 12-10, 12-10

U14 Girls' Singles: Melanie Farquhar (Reading) bt Sylvana Bielec (Cippenham) 11-6, 14-12, 9-11, 10-12, 11-8

U13 Boys' Singles: Billy Deville (Essex) bt Matthew Ware (Dorset) 11-6, 11-6, 12-10

U13 Girls' Singles: Rachel Jamieson (Essex) bt Jessica Macken (Essex) 11-6, 11-13, 11-4, 11-4

U12 Boys' Singles: William Maybanks (Herts) bt Billy Deville (Essex) 6-11, 11-13, 11-9, 11-8, 11-3

U12 Girls' Singles: Rachel Jamieson (Essex) bt Jessica Macken (Essex) 12-10, 11-4, 11-6

U11 Boys' Singles: David McBeath (Hants) bt Adam Draper (Wales) 8-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-5

U11 Girls' Singles: Haylee Potts (Herts) bt Katie Rule (Cippenham) 11-9, 11-6, 7-11, 7-11, 11-9

U16 Boys' Consolation: John McBeath (Hants) bt David Hunt (Essex) 13-11, 13-11, 8-11, 11-7

U16 Girls' Consolation: Sarah Smith (Essex) bt Katie Rule (Cippenham) 10-12, 9-11, 11-4, 11-6, 11-5

U14 Boys' Consolation: Chris Dye (Kent) bt Jake Collins (Suffolk) 5-11, 12-10, 11-9, 11-9

U14 Girls' Consolation: Katie Rule (Cippenham) bt Haylee Potts (Herts) 11-7, 11-6, 11-6

U13 Boys' Consolation: Geoffrey Potjeyd (Somerset) bt Matthew Lloyd (Wilts) 11-3, 11-9, 11-8

U13 Girls' Consolation: Haylee Nicholas (Hants) bt Stephanie Mitchell (Cippenham) 8-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-3

U12 Boys' Consolation: Lloyd Jamieson (Dorset) bt Alex Polding (Cippenham) 11-9, 11-7, 12-10

U12 Girls' Consolation: Rachel Farquhar (Reading) bt Katie Bradford (Hants) 11-9, 11-3, 11-8

U11 Boys' Consolation: Jonathan Hockings (Bucks) bt Dominic Wilson (Beds) 11-5, 11-8, 11-9

U11 Girls' Consolation: Joanne Hiley (Lincs) bt Rebekah March (Essex)

■ Cippenham's Bradley Evans, one of the three Evans brothers sponsored by Coverpoint of Maidenhead, won a gold medal at the Six Nations Cadet Championship last week, as England took the boys' team title.

Evans won eight of his 10 matches in the event, as England thrashed both Germany and Denmark 10-0, also beating France 7-3 and Holland 6-4, and drawing with hosts Sweden 5-5.

Among Evans' wins was the crucial last match against Holland, to secure the winning result.

In the individual event Evans was unlucky not to qualify from his group, despite a good win over the Swedish number two.

GOLF

Sunshine's a bonus at golf weekend

LAST weekend was the most hectic of the year so far at Maidenhead Golf Club with two high-profile events on consecutive days.

On Saturday, 48 pairs contested the men's Invitation Day in glorious weather, playing an 18-hole four-ball better-ball stableford in the morning, followed by a 12-hole greensomes stableford in the afternoon.

The morning prize was won by Roy Barber & Bill Field (Datchet) with 43 points, just beating Ian & John Gosling (Ramsdale) by a single point.

The afternoon was even more keenly contested, with both Ramin Showgi & Beej Chandaria (Hendon), and Richard Eltham & David Bunce (Burnham) each scoring 28 points, with the former pair taking top-spot on a count-back.

However, the clear overall winners were Dave Howlett & Mike Hill (Reading) with an impressive 71 points, from Paul Rowley & Clive Helmuth (Burnham), and Stephen Hing & Roger Sharp, with 69 and 67 points respectively.

The other morning prizes were won by Roger Povey (Harleyford), for nearest the pin at the 10th, and Dave Lindsell for longest drive at the 18th.

In the keenly contested afternoon session, Richard Eltham & David Bunce were nearest the pin in two at the first, with Gary Timmins nearest the pin at the 16th.

Barbara Cornish's Lady Captain's Day on Sunday was also very well supported, with 56 competitors playing a singles stableford over 18 holes.

Despite two heavy showers, the scoring was very impressive, with no less than four ladies amassing 39 points.

The overall winner was Elaine Moffatt, after a count-back, from Jackie Malden, who won the Silver Division competition from Jessy Hopkins (36 points) and Margaret Chrimes (34 points).

In the Bronze Division, Olive Long and Annie Min-den both posted 39 points, with the former just edging home on count-back.

Sue Westlake took third spot with 36 points.

The prizes for the best front and back nines went to Jill Moulton and Pat Ewers respectively, both with 19 points.

Anne Cavanagh hit the straightest drive at the 18th, Myra Newman struck the longest drive at the 17th, and Glennis Ellis was nearest the pin at the 16th.

Close call for Jenkins in stableford

BURNHAM Beeches Golf Club's May Stableford saw IJenkins emerge victorious on countback from T Wells, on 38 points apiece.

F Putley's net 66 was good enough to secure the Diamond Jubilee Cup, with P Bolt and D Lupton in the runners-up spots with net 67 and 69 respectively.

In the June Medal, the winner of Division 1 and the Prince of Wales Cup was the appropriately named T King, with a net 65.

Division 2 went to B Willcox on net 68, while J Taylor won Division 3 with a nett 66.