

## EBYDS County Finals 2020

Following the cancellation of the original Finals date of 9<sup>th</sup> February due to the severe storm and winds scheduled for that day, the postponed day was held on 8<sup>th</sup> March at Horsham IBC.

There were entries from 13 Juniors (age 8-14) and 10 Seniors (age 15-18). This compared with last year, which saw 22 Juniors and 9 Seniors, was symptomatic of the general decline which has been seen of youngsters taking up the game. Gone are the days when I had to put two separate days aside to hold the Finals, one for Juniors and one for Seniors. That said, it did not detract from the high standard of bowling on display from both age groups.

The format of the day was, as usual, a Round Robin Singles in the morning followed by Skills tests after lunch. Points are given for both and the Overall Champion is the player with the highest combined points total.

In the Junior morning Singles Jake Ruzicka (Grattons IBC), Freddie Cable (Eastbourne IBC) and Grace Loader (Horsham IBC) all scored maximum points and in the Seniors Tarkan Ates (Grattons IBC) and James Loader (Horsham IBC) also achieved maximums.

In the Junior Skills Freddie Cable scored 45 pts which when added to his Singles score made him Overall Junior Champion with a total of 75 pts which was well ahead of his nearest opponent. Chloe Bowyer (Grattons IBC) was second highest with 39 pts but because she had not done too well in the Singles ended up 8<sup>th</sup> overall. Second place was a tie between Jake Ruzicka and Katie Maude (Horsham IBC) who both finished with an overall total of 50 pts.

In the Senior skills Tudor Corinda (Grattons IBC) and James Loader tied on 40 pts but when the Singles points were added Tudor with 50 pts was overtaken for 2<sup>nd</sup> place by Tarkan Ates with 64 pts. Meanwhile James Loader had maximum points in the Singles therefore giving him a total of 70 pts and made him Overall Senior Champion.

As is usual with these Finals there is always a good representation of dignitaries from both Indoor and Outdoor codes, commitments permitting. This year representing SCB were both Presidents, Roger Day for the men and Gillian Hill for the ladies, and they presented Attendance Certificates and trophies to the Junior Section. Representing SCIBA were Andrew Brown, the Men's Honorary Secretary and the Ladies President, Louise Kenward who performed a similar function with the Seniors. It was also a nice touch that both Lady Presidents gave each attendee an Easter Egg when they collected their Certificates.

The winners were:

	<u>Juniors</u>		<u>Seniors</u>
Top Girl Singles	Grace Loader	Top Singles	Tarkan Ates
Top Boy Singles	Freddie Cable	Top Skills (Tie)	James Loader
Top Girl Skills	Chloe Bowyer	Top Skills (Tie)	Tudor Corinda
Top Boy Skills	Freddie Cable		
Overall Champion	Freddie Cable	Overall Champion	James Loader
Runner Up (Tie)	Katie Maude	Runner Up	Tarkan Ates
Runner Up (Tie)	Jake Ruzicka		

For those who finished in the first two in both the Junior and Senior sections will get invitations to the Regional Finals which unfortunately, because of the current situation, has been postponed.

Lastly I would like to once again thank all the helpers, coaches and the umpires who did such splendid work on the day and without whose commitment we could not hold this competition.

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