

2019 Marlborough Open (25-26 May).

Four Wellington players travelled to this tournament. Andrew Maguire, Paul Solt and Malcolm Wong played on the Saturday, and Tomos Christie on the Sunday.

Tony Rutledge won the Over 60 Open Doubles with Stanislav Petrovic (N) against Gregg Davey (C)/Marion Wood (ML) 3-1 (11-4 9-11 11-8 11-7). He was runner up in the Over 60 Men's Singles won by Gregg Davey (C) 3-0 (13-11 11-8 11-5) and also runner in the Over 40 Men's Doubles with Derek Partridge (C) won by Simon Fenwick/Gregg Davey (C) 3-1 (11-5 10-12 11-4 11-6). Malcolm Wong with Mark Nalder (N) were runner up in the Over 50 Doubles to Derek Partridge (C) /Warren Haszaerd (ML) 3-2 (11-8 8-11 11-3 7-11 11-4).

Tony Rutledge beat Andrew Maguire in the Men's Plate final 3-0 (11-5 13-11 11-9). Andrew Maguire won the Over 40 Men's Singles Plate against Malcolm Honour (ML) 3-0 (11-5 11-1 11-4). Malcolm Wong won the Over 60 Men's Singles Plate against Howard Gaukrodger (N) 3-1 (11-3 8-11 11-9 11-6).

Tomos Christie lost in the semi finals of the Under 18 Boys Singles to Harrison Foote (N). He won the Under 18 Boys Doubles with Harrison Foote when they defeated Rory Osborne (ML)/Matthew Edmonds (N) 3-0 (13-11 11-7 11-8).

Thanks to Chris Hood, Debbie Stratford and the other Marlborough people involved in helping to run the tournament.



Tony Rutledge and Andrew Maguire before the Men's Single Plate Final Match.



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Below is the report on the tournament on the Marlborough Table Tennis facebook site, from Chris Hood.

The Marlborough Open, which was first held in 1938, was played last weekend.

Canterbury's Yi-Sien Lin , who won the title in 2010 on his last visit to Blenheim, won the Men's Singles Title over fellow Cantabrian David Walle by 11-8,11-8,8-11, 11-5,6-11,9-11,11-9.

David played an energetic attacking game , consistently smashing the ball to the corners of the table. Yi-Sien produced some brilliant returns to just get home in the deciding set.

Yi-Sien beat Marlborough-based Nathan Watson in one semi-final while David beat the second seed Simon Fenwick 11-9,8-11,5-11,11-4,12-10,11-4 in the other semi.

Earlier Nathan had to pull out the stops to beat Canterbury's Gregg Davey in Section Play 16-14 in the fifth, to finish as top qualifier in that Section.

Local players to qualify for Post-Section play were Alex Kennedy, Matt Millar, Sam Flaherty and Blenheim-based Matthias Krönert .

Alex and Sam reached the quarter-finals.

Local player Jacqui Wood reached the semi-final of the Women's Singles , losing to eventual champion Kris Alisch of Canterbury in straight sets.

Earlier, Jacqui played a great game against the top seed , Mimi Walle , in Section Play putting some great smashes away and coping well with the different spins that Mimi was putting on the ball.

The fifth set was very tight, with Mimi taking it 13-11. Kris beat Mimi in the final 6-11, 11-8, 6-11, 11-7, 5-11, 11-7, 11-8 in a tactical match , full of rallies.

Yi-Sien paired with Simon for a win over Matthias Krönert and Matt Pigou in the final of the Men's Doubles by 12-10,11-6, 12-10. This was a good showing by the local pair, who tried to attack at every opportunity against the New Zealand representatives. In the semi-finals, they beat the second seeds , Gregg and David, in five sets.

After a round-robin competition, Kris took the Women's Doubles title in partnership with locally-based Canterbury representative Vanessa Wood-Lin over Mimi and Canterbury's Anny Li by 11-8,11-6,5-11,9-11,11-7.

Kris, a former representative player in Australia, made it a clean sweep of senior titles when she combined with Simon for a win in the mixed doubles over Yi-Sien and Vanessa by 10-12,9-11, 12-10,11-7, 11-7. It was a very close-run thing, as the eventual winners saved a match point in the third set.

In the Second Grade, Matt Millar justified his top seeding as he took the Men's Singles title by beating Alex in the final by 11-9,11-6,11-8 . Matt beat Nelson's Paul Op den Buysch in one semi, while Alex beat Matthias in the other semi.

Earlier Alex had beaten the second seeded Jonathan Tordo from Nelson in a five-set thriller.

The Second Grade Women's Section was very close , with three players ending with two wins each in Section Play. After a count back of sets, Canterbury's Flora Lin came out on top from Nelson's Glenda Ferguson.

The TTNZ chairman, Simon Fenwick , picked up three titles in the Over-40 Section. He beat Matt Millar in the Men's Singles Final in straight sets. He then combined with Gregg for an 11-5,10-12, 11-4,11-6 win over Wellington's Tony Rutledge and Canterbury's Derek Partridge in the Men's Doubles Final. A third title was obtained in partnership with Kris , when they won the Mixed Doubles title over Gregg and Mimi by 11-6, 10-12,14-12, 11-6.

The Women's Over-40 Final was played before the Open Singes, with Mimi beating Kris 11-7, 12-10,12-10.

Paul, in his first year in the Over-50 Section, won the Men's Singles Title over Canterbury's Derek Lin in straight sets. In the semi-final Paul had come back from two sets down to beat fellow Nelsonian Mark Nalder. In the other semi, Derek beat the top seeded Cantabrian Derek Partridge 12-10 in the fifth set. Local player Warren Haszard combined with Derek Partridge for a 11-8, 8-11, 11-3, 7-11, 11-4 win over Mark and Wellington's Malcolm Wong in the Doubles Final.

Gregg won the Over-60 Men's Singles Title, beating Tony 13-11,11-8,11-5 in the final. In the equivalent Women's Event, Anny beat Marlborough's Marion Wood 9-11,11-6,11-5,11-5.

In the Under-21 Section, David beat Alex in the Men's Final while Vanessa beat Marlborough's Hannah Smit in the Women's Event. The local pairing of Alex and Josh Sim won the Under-21 Men's Doubles Title over David and Auckland's Genji Nozaki 11-13,6-11,11-7,11-8, 11-8. Josh played a remarkable shot when he seemed to "disappear" near the umpire's stand before hitting the ball on the table.

In Sunday's junior events, Marlborough's Rory Osborne won the Under-18 Boys' Single Title beating Nelson's Harrison Foote in a sporting final by 11-9, 11-2, 11-8 . Rory beat Nelson's Kvido Tayerle in one semi, while Harrison advanced with a five set win over Wellington's Tomos Christie. Vanessa beat Hannah in the Girls' Final, with Nelson's Mandy Lowther in third place. Harrison won a second title in partnership with Tomos , when they beat Rory and Nelson's Matthew Edmonds in the doubles final by 13-11,11-7,11-8.

The Under-15 Boys' Final saw Nelson's Finn Brown against Auckland 10 year old Genji Nozaki. Finn took it 10-12,11-6,12-10,11-6 with both players giving a vocal "come on" after many of the points.

The same two players contested the Under-13 Boys' title with Finn again coming out on top, this time by 11-9, 8-11,10-12,11-2,11-8.

Marlborough's Peyton Ritchie combined with Genji for an 11-8, 17-15,11-6 win in the doubles over Finn and Nelson's Joshua Pigott.

Results of other finals were:

Open Men's Plate: Tony Rutledge (W) beat Andrew Maguire (W) 11-5,13-11,11-8

2nd Grade MD: Paul Op den Buysch / Jonathan Tordo (N) bt Alex Kennedy and Matt -11,11-8,11-5

2nd Grade WD: Flora Lin/Vanessa Wood-Lin (C) bt Glenda Ferguson (N) and Hannah Smit (M)12-10,11-5,11-9

2nd Grade XD: J. Tordo/ G. Ferguson bt Matt Millar (M)/ V. Wood-Lin 11-7, 10-12, 11-6, 11-8

2nd Grade: Men's Plate: Brendan Doyle (N) bt Sam Flaherty (M) 11-9,11-9, 8-11, 12-10

Over 40 WD: Mimi Walle/Anny Li (C) bt Kris Alisch (C) / Marion Wood (M) 7-11,11-6, 11-9,11-5

Over 40 Men's Plate: A. Maguire bt Malcolm Honour (M) 11-5,11-1,11-4

Over-60 Open Doubles: T. Rutledge/ Stanislav Petrovic (N) bt Gregg Davey (C)/ M. Wood 11-4,9-11,11-8,11-7

Over-60 Men's Plate: Malcolm Wong (W) bt Howard Gaukrodger (N) 11-3,8-11,11-9,11-6

Under-21 Men's Plate: Josh Sim (M) bt Genji Nozaki (A) 13-15, 11-6,13-15, 11-6,11-9

Under-18 XD: Rory Osborne(M)/ H. Smit bt Alec Dodson (M)/ V. Wood-Lin 11-4,11-6,10-12, 11-3

Under 18 Boys' Plate: Reuben Fitzgerald (N) bt Matthew Edmonds (N) 11-7,11-7, 12-10

Under-15 BD: Finn Brown (N) / Joshua Pigott (N) bt Kvido Tayerle (N) and N. Wang-Hodgson 11-9,11-4,11-7

Under-15 Boys' Plate: R. Fitzgerald bt Neil Wang-Hodgson (N) 11-6, 10-12,13-15, 11-6,11-4

Under-15 Boys' Plate: Max Wilkinson (N) bt Adam Beattie (M) 11-2,11-4,11-9