

The 22nd Gold Racket Friday 8th – Sunday 10th March

The 22nd Gold Racket began Friday with the Ladies tournament. Two groups of four all had three matches each, with the winners playing the runners up from the opposite group. A very good final was won by Emilia Davis & Eve Shenkman defeating Alice Vyvyan-Robinson & Georgie Cresswell 15/7, 15/12 in a very competitive match to round off part one of the weekend.



The Men's groups played throughout Saturday with four groups similar format to the ladies. Some excellent doubles throughout the day played in a friendly competitive manner that sums up the weekend. The day was completed with four extremely well balanced and closely fought quarterfinals with three of them ending 21/18.

Saturday night was another wonderful evening with the dinner and speeches. Special mentions went to Cinch self-storage for sponsoring the event, Manny Tancer for making the trip over from Detroit and Tom Floyd who after ten years in the role as OC representative was stepping down. Tom received the OC of the year for his services with Tom Barton taking over the men's side and now Emilia Davis leading the ladies group. We wish them well and hope all OCs will give them the support to keep playing and encouraging others to do the same with the various tournaments throughout the season.

Sunday saw the best standard of mixed doubles to date and considering the time people got in and was a finely contested two groups of four. The two group winners played the final with Minty Oldham & Jack Mitchell defeated Eve Shenkman & Simon Roundell 15/12.



Two fantastic Men's semi-finals in the main draw saw Max Dymoke & Reggie Williams defeat Sam Cook & Magnus Garson in the set 15/10, 9/15 5/0 whilst Jack Dymoke & Ed Rowell beat George Key & Lewis Symonds 15/13, 15/11.

The final consisted of the Dymoke brothers and a fantastic final with plenty of great rallies. Max & Reg winning the deciding set after the first two games ended 1-1. Scores were 16/18, 15/12 & 5/0 in the set.

Special mention must go to Reggie Williams who has supported the Gold racket for every year bar one and to get his hands on the trophy at the 21st attempt.





Another busy and hectic Gold Racket with a record of 61 matches played over a weekend of immense fun played in fantastic Old Cheltonian spirit throughout. Thank you for all those who helped mark matches especially the Cheltenham assistant professional Sam Matthews and all his spreadsheets.

A final thank you must go to our sponsor for the weekend, Cinch self-storage for providing the winners and OC of the year rackets frames.

We look forward to the 23rd Gold Racket next year.

