

Kevin Caldon wins Eastern Masters Over O50's Men's Singles and Men's Doubles Title

A number of players from the Southend and District table tennis league descended on Norwich over the weekend of 21st and 22nd November 2015 to compete in the Eastern Masters Veterans Grand Prix. Kevin Caldon, George Reeves, Babul Mcleod, John Poysden, Duncan Taylor, Keith Philips, John Holland, Ev Lucas, Dave Bowles and Peter Radford sorry if I have missed anyone.

Kevin continues to prove to all that he is still a force to be reckoned in the O40's and O50's even though he is now 57 and potentially giving away 17 and 7 year respectively in these events to younger veteran players.

In the over 40's event Kevin had a superb 3-0 win over the very highly rated Neil Charles who is currently No 12 senior in the Country.

In the O50's event he only dropped one set throughout and that was in the final against Peter Bartram. Along the way he beat a number of highly rated players including Clive Carthy in the quarter-final and Nigel Eckersley in the semi-final. The win over Nigel was particularly pleasing for Kevin as Nigel is known to be a very fierce and fiery competitor and all their previous matches have been tight affairs with Nigel normally being very vocal, but on this occasion Kevin dispatched him with ease and Nigel went down with no more than a whimper when he tried to claim an edge ball that both Kevin and the Umpire knew it hit the side, as did I of course. Kevin in true sportsmanship fashion begrudgingly offered to play a let which Nigel happily accepted but justice was done in the end when Kevin again won the point for the second time.

These recent wins could mean that Kevin will appear as No 1 in the O50's ranking list or at the very least No 2 which is to be published shortly.

Kevin also won the Men's O50's doubles.

Another notable performance was from Keith Philips who managed to get as far as the O40's Semi Final with some fine wins along the way.