

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE RAPIDPLAY 2014

The tenth Cambridgeshire Rapidplay, held at Whittlesford on 28 September, attracted a record 102 entrants. Particularly noteworthy was the number of junior players, fifty in total, with the majority being 8 - 12 year-olds in the Challengers Tournament. Next year it is likely that we will split this tournament in two, with one section just for juniors, and the other for older players and the more experienced juniors who wish to compete against their elders.

Alan Merry from Bury St Edmunds dominated the Open Tournament. Ashley Stewart (Linton) retained the Jack Taylor trophy, awarded to the highest-placed Cambridgeshire player in the Open.

Gary Jackson (Banbury) and Parviz Vakhidov (Uzbekistan) shared first place in the Major Tournament. Local players among the prize money included Pat Heneghan and Lionel Tun, both of Linton, who won the two grading prizes awarded.

Gerry Clayton of Drayton won the Challengers Tournament, but the prize list was dominated by young players from Cambridge, with Julia Volovich in second place and Alexander Hsieh, Mabel Symes, Claudia Bazyk, and Lydia Balon also in the prizes.

The full list of prizewinners was as follows:

### OPEN

First	Alan Merry (The AD's)	4.5/5	£100
Second equal	David Spence (Anglian Avengers) and Peter Lane (Biggleswade)	4/5	£40 each
U180 Grading	Gerald Moore (Broadland)	3.5/5	£30
U18 Junior	Gorak Rajesh (Colchester)	2.5/5	£30

### MAJOR

First equal	Gary Jackson (Banbury) and Parviz Vakhidov (Uzbekistan)	4.5/5	£75 each
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Third equal Peter Lim (Harrow), Pawel Golimowski (Spalding), Bob Jones (Bury St Edmunds), Peter Rawcliffe (Milton Keynes) and Gary Thurston (Bishop's Stortford) 3.5/5 £10 each.

U140 Grading Pat Heneghan (Linton) 3.5/5 £30

U125 Grading Lionel Tun (Linton) 2/5 £30

U16 Junior Sam Herring (Oundle School) 3.5/5 £30

## **CHALLENGERS**

First Gerry Clayton (Drayton) 5/5 £80

Second Julia Volovich (Cambridge) 4.5/5 £50

Third equal John McKeon (Milton Keynes), Nick Sampays (Cambridge), Liam Burgess (Alconbury) 4/5 £10 each

U90 Grading Roger Smith (Ipswich) 4/5 £30

U13 Junior Alan John (Bury Knights) 4/5 £30

U11 Junior Divyesh Bansal (Watford) 4/5 £30

U9 & Girls Alexander Hseih (Cambridge), Bhromov Rajesh (Colchester), Mabel Symes (Cambridge), Sophie Tjurina (Wisbech), Claudia Bazyk (Cambridge) and Lydia Balon (Cambridge) 3/5 £10 each

Finally, my thanks to all those who helped with the tournament, particularly Open Controller and ECF arbiter John Wickham; Challengers Controller Patrick Ribbands; and Claire Turp and my son Chris who provided the catering.

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