

## Rushcliffe Arena Generation Games Memorial Tournament 2002

2002's progression to a two day format for the tournament proved to be very successful. Held on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May, it attracted many entrants, a number of whom were enthusiastic enough to play on both days.

This is a Round Robin tournament with a difference; as to qualify there must be a 16-year age difference between the playing partners.

Having satisfied the aim of attracting players of all ages and abilities, the handicapping proved challenging for the organisers and participants alike. However, the very close results in all the competitions demonstrated just how little margin for error there exists. Have no illusions that this end of season Charity event is not every bit as fiercely contested as an Olympic qualifier!



## Saturday results: (Level Doubles)

**Mens**: Victors were Andrew Cokayne and Chris Johnson (Bingham) after overcoming Ian Richardson and Robert Adcock in a thrilling final.

Ladies: A 3 way tie meant Louise Finlay (Beeston Valley) and Ann Goodall (Rushcliffe Arena) won on points. Runners up were Lynn Davison and Kerry Gibson (Beeston Fields)

Sunday results (Mixed Doubles)

**Yellow Group**: Outright winners were Annabelle Hutchings and Mark Law (Southwell Centre). Runners up Anne Ward and Robert Richards (Redhill) secured their place by points advantage after another three-way tie.

**Green Group**: Outright winners were Hilary Pollard and Paul Grimley (Rushcliffe Arena) with Lynn Siddons and Jonathan Siddons (Beeston Fields) securing runners up place again this year.

Five individual winners played on both days, proving this to be a successful formula for some. However, the organisers accept no responsibility for any lasting effects resulting from the over indulgence of the sponsored bananas by some!

The parallel purposes of this event were achieved, namely to bring together older and younger players in mutual enjoyment of their sport in memory of John Briggs, a fine player who embraced those aims, and to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care, the charity elected by John's family.

It is a delight to announce a record £1430 was raised in total, topping last year's previous record of £1200.

Thanks are extended to all that contributed to make this a success.

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Our photograph on the right shows the 2001 Mixed Doubles competition winners - Lynne and Simon Vandervalt



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