

## **WEALD'S LEWIS GRAY LOSES ENGLAND TOP CADET BOY SPOT**

National under 14 boys' champion, Lewis Gray, 14 from Benenden, has relinquished his top position, held since July, of the England cadet (under 15) national rankings in the latest list published today. His replacement as no.1 cadet boy is Zak Zilesnick (Middlesex), who has climbed to the top by dint of some outstanding wins against older players.

It is not that Lewis, a pupil of Angley School Cranbrook and a member of the Weald Club based there, has done badly recently, but a couple of very close losses against players ranked a little below him have made the difference. For the same reason Lewis has also dropped two places from no.18 to no.20 in the junior (under 18) boys' rankings. His father Diccon Gray commented, "It might be all down to just one match where Lewis held a match point, before losing."

Weald Club colleague, Yolanda King, 14 from Hastings, retains her position as no.3 England cadet girl and no.11 junior girl. She has twice in the last month beaten the England no.5 junior, Mary Fuller (Yorkshire) and is very close in computer points to Lucy Davidson (Derbyshire) in both the cadet and junior list, who she would have overtaken but for 2 or 3 losses to lower ranked players.

Weald Club coach Ken Muhr said, "Lewis and Yolanda are well capable of beating older, higher ranked players, and their target should be to get into the England junior top 10. It is also important for Lewis to make a good showing while representing England at the Slovakian Junior Open Championships next weekend."

Meanwhile Yolanda has been invited to the England Cadet Development Squad camp at the English Institute of Sport (EIS), Sheffield, next weekend. Also attending are Ross Wilson, of the Howard Club, Gillingham, and Helshan Weerasinghe from Dartford, who with Yolanda are fellow squad members of the SE Performance Centre, Angley School, Cranbrook.