

FIVE IW Special Olympians had a great time taking part in a regional table tennis tournament in Bournemouth, in which five other teams also competed.

After the classification round each division played in their round robin event.

Trevor Percival, up a division since last year, did well to get second place in Division 1 where he played against some of the top players in the country.

In Division 2, Jon Baker had a

tough time but played well to earn himself fourth place and Derek Hayles also did a great job to finish third in Division 2.

In Division 5, Tom Philipson played well and surprised himself by finishing second place while Darren Walters finished a clear winner of Division 6 and probably should have been put in a higher division.

In the doubles, Darren was partnered in Division 3 by another lone player from the West Midlands. This was quite an amusing partnership and fun was had by all. Darren later

received an award for sheer enjoyment and general sportsmanship.

Hayles and Philipson, in Division 2, had never played doubles before but made a good team, although they found it hard going.

Definitely the most exciting match of the day was the final in Division 1, where Baker and Percival played against a pair from the West Midlands, one of whom had played for Great Britain as had others in the group.

After four games it was a draw, but in the final game IW won 11-5.