



Stanton Trophy Update

Another busy month for the Stanton Trophy sees three competitions - rounders, bowls and volleyball - all completed, as well as the beginning of the tennis tournament, which marks the last of the summer games.

This time last month there was a single fixture left to be played in the rounders competition, although the team standings had already been decided. The final match, from which LGC took the points, resulted in a table with a certain symmetry to it:

	Played	Won	Lost	Points
LGC	4	4	0	12
ASD/IR	4	3	1	9
TQEEM	4	2	2	6
Mat/Ac	4	1	3	3
N/Ads	4	0	4	0

Well done to LGC for taking the win and to all those who participated. Special thanks go to Louise Wright for organising the competition and to our dedicated team of umpires including: Clare Matthews, Paul Carroll, James Miall, Tom Smith, Andrew Fenwick, Barry Scott, Louise Wright, Ivor James, Jim Robinson and Kevin Lees.

There may be a sense of déjà vu about the bowls results, since this tournament was also a single fixture away from completion at the time of the last NewsNet. LGC beat Mat/Ac to complete another clean sweep of wins and maintain the same table symmetry that we saw in the rounders. The only difference in the standings here is that Mat/Ac pipped TQEEM for third place:

	Played	Won	Lost	Shot Difference	Points
LGC	4	4	0	41	4
ASD/IR	4	3	1	17	3
Mat/Ac	4	2	2	-29	2
TQEEM	4	1	3	-21	1
N/Ads	4	0	4	-8	0

So, once again, congratulations to LGC for topping the table and many thanks go to ex-NPLer Jacquie Elkin for her help in organising and supervising the competition.

In the volleyball, N/Ads have once again emerged victorious after the final fixtures were completed earlier this month. The battle for second place was never truly settled, as ASD/IR, TQEEM and Mat/Ac all finish with two wins. Normally we would use the head-to-head result to settle ties, but in this case Mat/Ac beat ASD/IR, ASD/IR beat TQEEM and TQEEM beat Mat/Ac, so that doesn't help! Recognising that the reliability of the reported points scores may leave something to be desired (especially for a top three NMI!), and the problem caused by forfeits, the final Stanton points will be shared equally between these three teams.

	Played	Won	Points Difference
N/Ads	4	4	49
ASD/IR	4	2	8
TQEEM	4	2	6
Mat/Ac	4	2	-48
LGC	4	0	-15

Well done to N/Ads for maintaining their usual prowess on the volleyball court and thanks to all those who took part.

The tennis competition got started part-way through September, so only a few fixtures have been played. Matches will continue on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes throughout October, so please contact your team rep if you are interested in playing.

Andy Wain

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<https://www.flickr.com/photos/dr Vishal Pinchal>



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