

Stanton Trophy summer continues



The Stanton Trophy summer games have been ticking over nicely during the last month, with a hectic schedule of cricket, rounders, bowls and volleyball fixtures keeping us on our toes.

The cricket competition is now complete and, despite some forfeited fixtures, saw a number of nail-biting encounters. The rescheduled fixture between LGC and ASD/IR proved to be particularly decisive, with a four wicket victory by ASD/IR putting them at the top of the table with a clean sweep of wins:

	Played	Won	Played & Lost	Lost by forfeit	Points
ASD/IR	4	4	0	0	12
LGC	4	3	1	0	10
N/Ads	4	2	1	1	7
Mat/Ac	4	1	3	0	6
TQEEM	4	0	0	4	0

This was the only match in which LGC dropped points, and so they finish securely in second place. At the lower end of the table, a 12-run win by N/Ads over Mat/Ac resulted in them winning the battle for third place, whilst TQEEM were unable to field a team for any of their fixtures, so finish last. Well done to ASD/IR for their solid performance and thanks to all who participated in the competition.

The rounders competition is close to completion, with only a single fixture remaining. However, looking at the results table we see that the outcome of the final match will not affect the team positions. LGC are equal on points with ASD/IR at the top of the table, but LGC won this head-to-head fixture which leaves them in first place regardless. TQEEM and Mat/Ac are similarly sharing the points for third and fourth places, with TQEEM holding the advantage after their convincing win over Mat/Ac at the beginning of the season. N/Ads have been unable to participate in any of their fixtures so they end up at the foot of the table:

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

The bowls tournament is also one fixture away from completion, but the final match could prove to be very important as leaders LGC take on mid-table Mat/Ac. A win for Mat/Ac would put them equal on points with LGC and ASD/IR, in which case shot difference may be critical in deciding such a three-way tie:

	Played	Won	Lost	Shot Difference	Points
LGC	3	3	0	27	3
ASD/IR	4	3	1	17	3
Mat/Ac	3	2	1	-15	2
TQEEM	4	1	3	-21	1
N/Ads	4	0	4	-8	0

The volleyball competition also got started this month and team N/Ads are already exerting their usual prowess with three wins from three. TQEEM, ASD/IR and Mat/Ac have all notched a single win so far so it may be a close battle for second place, but LGC have three fixtures left to play, so they shouldn't be written off as contenders:

	Played	Won	Points Difference
N/Ads	3	3	34
TQEEM	2	1	21
ASD/IR	3	1	-7
Mat/Ac	3	1	-48
LGC	1	0	-

Finally, for the tennis enthusiasts amongst you, the Stanton tennis fixtures are fixed and set to take place on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes, beginning Tuesday 16 September. Please contact your team rep if you are interested in taking part.

Andy Wain



NPL Sports Club EGM

An Extraordinary General Meeting was held on Thursday 31 July, for the membership of the NPL Sports Club (NPLSC) to debate and vote on the motion: "This meeting has no confidence

in the management of the club and calls for the election of a new committee by 25 September 2014."

The meeting was well-attended, with 149 members participating in a heated discussion in the NPL auditorium. Opening statements were presented by Peter Taylor, Chairman of the Hockey Section, who spoke in favour of the motion and Kevin Lees, NPL, who stood against the motion. The floor was then opened for the membership to discuss, with questions and comments put forwards from both sides of the argument and all sections represented. After closing statements, a vote was taken by the membership which led to the motion being defeated by 86 votes to 63.

Thanks to those who attended the meeting and contributed to the debate. Also, many thanks go to Dennis Yates for chairing the discussion; Andrew Hanson for organising the meeting; and Roger Hughes and a cohort of dedicated volunteers for their great help in making the event run smoothly.

The NPLSC committee would like to reassure its members that they are committed to the club and will take on board the concerns expressed at the meeting to move the club forwards as a prosperous and lively multi-sports facility. A major issue discussed at the meeting was the need to co-opt new members onto the main committee, so the present committee would like to take this opportunity to invite enthusiastic volunteers to join them in taking forward various initiatives. If you are interested in playing a role on the committee, please contact Andrew Hanson, Kevin Lees or Andy Wain.