

News and Views: 2021–2 Season – Week 14 – 5 April 2022

Results

Harrington Academicals beat the **Plough Horntails** to secure the B League title, meaning that a comfortable victory for the **Nags Head** over the **Park Taverners** was to no avail.

In the A League, the **Dolphin** beat the **Waters Green Weavers** by a single point. The Weavers had the benefit of an apparent bias in the questions, which may have given a slight advantage to the teams that went "second first".

Tables

The **Queens**, **Harrington Academicals** and **Sutton Club** are the champions of their respective Leagues, with the **Poachers**, **Nags Head** and **Park Timers** as runners-up. The **Queen Bs**, **Harrington Diamonds**, **Chester Road Tavern** and **Waters Green Lemmings** will also be interested to see how many teams start next season, as this will determine which League they play in.

Individual

There were just two personal best scores this week: **Adum Carr** in the A League and **Tim Bloor** in the C League. Seven players – one in the A League and six in the B League – failed to better their lowest scores of the season.

The top scorers were **Alan Hodgson** and **Haydn Thompson**, each with 48. **Paul Prior** and **Alice Walker** both scored 45, and the highest scorer in the C League was **John Poyser** with 33.

The A League Individual title goes to **Alice Walker**, who has led all season – starting with a 54 in Week 1, which has been equalled since by both **Alan Hodgson** and **Ashton Davies**, but never beaten. Going into the final games it was touch and go which of these two would finish as runner-up, but as it panned out they tied – Alan getting preference in the table by virtue of a better lowest score.

This is Alice's second title – or third if you count 2019–20, an incomplete season that ended with a tie between Alice and Ashton.

The B and C League Individual trophies will both have new names on them this year, as good scores this week for both **Paul Prior** and **John Poyser** meant that they held on to the top spots. John's closest challenger was his team-mate **Andrew Fenton**, while third place was taken by **Emma Griggs**. This is the first top-three finish for either of these, and for Emma it's her first appearance in the Top Ten.

Second and third places in the B League go to Harrington team-mates **Dave Partington** and **Rob Parkin**.

Congratulations to all of the above!

A League

Results

Queens	181	131	Poachers
Haydn Thompson	48	39	Ashton Davies
Dolphin	146	145	Waters Green Weavers
Alan Hodgson	48	36 30 30	Alan Gilday Adum Carr (pb) Graham Bailey
Nags Head 'B'	L	W	Harrington Diamonds
<i>Nags Head 'B' unable to field a team – Harrington Diamonds win by a walk-over</i>			

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Queens	12	12	0	0	2096	24
Poachers	12	8	0	4	1728	16
Dolphin	12	7	0	5	1837	14
Waters Green Weavers	12	5	0	7	1703	10
Nags Head 'B'	12	5	0	7	1402	10
Queen Bs	12	3	0	9	1742	6
Harrington Diamonds	12	2	0	10	1515	4

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 14
Alice Walker	Queens	12	486	54	45	45
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	12	468	54	42	48
Ashton Davies	Poachers	11	468	54	39	39
Haydn Thompson	Queens	12	453	51	39	48
Peter McBride	Dolphin	12	393	51	30	30
Ian Grieve	Waters Green Weavers	10	381	42	33	
Mark Watson	Nags Head 'B'	8	366	51	39	
Phil Davies	Queen Bs	11	345	42	27	
Graham Bailey	Waters Green Weavers	11	339	42	27	30
Neil Drummond	Queen Bs	10	306	39	12	

B League

Results

Plough Horntails	128	148	Harrington Academicals
Julian Amey	30	36	Dave Partington
Anne Jeater	30		
Park Taverners	108	166	Nags Head
Graham Wallace	24	45	Paul Prior
Shauna Barstow	24		
Waters Green Lemmings	85	117	Dolphin Dragons
Sunil Peck	18	30	Dave Barber

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Harrington Academicals	12	10	0	2	1807	20
Nags Head	12	9	0	3	1922	18
Dolphin Dragons	12	8	0	4	1740	16
Park Taverners	12	7	0	5	1603	14
Plough Horntails	12	6	0	6	1567	12
Chester Road Tavern	12	1	0	11	1313	2
Waters Green Lemmings	12	1	0	11	1160	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 14
Paul Prior	Nags Head	11	399	48	27	45
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	12	369	48	33	36
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	12	348	45	27	30
Alasdair Reid	Nags Head	11	333	51	21	33
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Dragons	10	333	48	18	
Ian Musgrave	Nags Head	12	327	42	27	33
Dave Barber	Dolphin Dragons	12	321	42	24	30
Andy Johnson	Nags Head	12	303	42	21	21
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	12	294	36	24	24
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	11	291	33	18	27

C League

Results

Pack Horse Bowling Club	103	118	Park Timers
Tim Bloor (pb)	27	33	John Poyser

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Sutton Club	8	6	1	1	1084	13
Park Timers	8	6	0	2	1064	12
Sutton Mutton	8	4	1	3	975	9
Pack Horse Bowling Club	8	2	0	6	740	4
King's Gambit	8	1	0	7	640	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 14
John Poyser	Park Timers	8	195	39	30	33
Andrew Fenton	Park Timers	8	189	39	24	21
Emma Griggs	Sutton Club	6	171	33	21	
Simon Rumsey	Sutton Club	6	165	36	18	
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	8	159	30	24	
Mick Graves	Sutton Mutton	8	156	36	18	
Mike Proctor	Sutton Mutton	7	153	33	18	
Tim Bloor	Pack Horse Bowling Club	6	144	27	18	27
Tim Brewin	Park Timers	5	138	33	24	27
Andrew Vickerstaff	Pack Horse Bowling Club	7	135	33	18	21
John Green	Sutton Club	6	135	33	15	
Chris Butler	Sutton Club	7	135	27	18	



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Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

This competition is decided on small margins, and it was another week of readjustment in the Question Setters' Trophy table (sponsored by **Cars & Vans 4U**). Last week's leaders, the Park Timers (runners-up in 2017-18) fell away to fourth place, and the winners of the trophy this season are the **Waters Green Lemmings**, for their General Knowledge questions from Week 8. Although they only finished in 14th place for Entertainment, they were very well balanced and scored well for Difficulty. This has been a difficult season for the Lemmings, and we hope that this will go some way towards making up for their struggles.

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	8	GK	Waters Green Lemmings	9.09	8.17	6.22	23.49	(10.57)
2	6	Spec	Sutton Club	7.47	9.48	6.42	23.38	9.60
3	5	Spec	Harrington Diamonds	7.34	8.92	6.78	23.04	21.29
4	12	GK	Park Timers	8.02	8.54	6.44	22.99	(22.15)
5	15	Spec	Chester Road Tavern	8.31	7.70	6.69	22.70	(26.70)
6	3	Spec	Waters Green Weavers	9.77	5.81	6.11	21.69	17.48
7	1	GK	Nags Head 'B'	7.15	6.81	7.67	21.64	
8	3	GK	Waters Green Weavers	10.00	3.94	7.00	20.94	11.37
9	2	Spec	Harrington Academicals	10.00	4.55	6.33	20.88	20.57
10	13	GK	Queens	6.22	7.90	5.89	20.02	18.95
11	1	Spec	Nags Head 'B'	9.78	2.97	7.06	19.80	
12	9	Spec	Poachers	6.28	7.69	5.72	19.68	14.53
13	4	Spec	Park Taverners	9.64	3.45	6.33	19.42	(13.42)
14	8	Spec	Pack Horse Bowling Club	7.03	6.24	6.11	19.41	(15.35)
15	4	GK	Cock Inn	6.15	6.58	6.56	19.29	21.36
16	6	GK	Plough Horntails	4.25	8.43	5.78	18.45	(7.62)
17	10	Spec	Nags Head	8.38	3.28	6.50	18.17	22.38
18	11	GK	Dolphin	3.73	8.92	5.14	17.80	15.60
19	7	Spec	Queen Bs	4.57	5.36	5.94	15.87	18.11
20	2	GK	Shamrock Bar	7.30	1.67	6.06	15.03	(13.55)
21	5	GK	Harrington Diamonds	4.21	3.47	6.42	14.09	16.28
22	13	Spec	Queens	6.76	0.00	6.53	13.29	20.90
23	7	GK	Queen Bs	3.74	3.94	5.33	13.01	10.99
24	12	Spec	Dolphin Dragons	0.79	4.31	6.17	11.27	(20.49)
25	11	Spec	Dolphin	0.00	2.82	5.31	8.13	20.37
26	9	GK	Poachers	2.74	0.00	5.11	7.85	19.63
27	10	GK	King's Gambit	0.02	1.36	5.11	6.49	7.40
28	14	GK	Sutton Mutton	0.00	3.11	3.00	6.11	(16.26)

It was very much a game of two halves for the Week 14 questions. The Specialists, set by the **Chester Road Tavern**, scored well all round and finished in fifth place; but it was a very different story for the General Knowledge, set by the **Sutton Mutton**, which finished in last place.



The Specialist questions were slightly easier than average; teams scored, on average, 103% of their average scores for the season. The balance was pretty good, with a slight bias in favour of the teams that went "second first" (105% as opposed to 101%). They also scored well for Entertainment, with the averages across the three Leagues ranging from 6.83 in the B League to 6.50 in the C League.

The General Knowledge questions were the hardest we've had this season. Teams scored, on average, only 85% of their averages for the season. These also showed a bias towards the teams that went "second first", who scored 89% of their averages as opposed to 81% for their opponents. The Entertainment marks were quite consistent across the three Leagues, ranging from 2.50 in the B League to 3.50 in the A League.

Overall, teams scored on average 92% of their average scores for the season. Those going "first first" scored only 89%, while their opponents managed 96%. On an average team score of 131, this may have made a difference of around ten points – but there were no games where this is likely to have affected the result.