

News and Views: 2021–2 Season – Week 12 – 15 March 2022

Results and Tables

The **Queens** secured the A League title with a game to spare, with their victory over the **Dolphin**. The **Poachers** will be runners-up – their narrow victory over the **Nags Head 'B'** puts them six points ahead of the Dolphin but six points behind the Queens, with two games to play. Also in the A League, **Waters Green Weavers'** victory over the **Queen Bs** means that they are assured of at least 5th place.

The closest game of all this week was the B League meeting between the **Park Taverners** and the **Plough Horntails**, which the Horntails won by 137 points to 135. The **Nags Head** are now in second place, two points behind **Harrington Academicals**, with the Taverners third on goal difference and the **Dolphin Dragons** two points behind them. The winners of next week's game between the Accies and the Taverners will be in a strong position – especially if it's the Accies; but if the Taverners win, and the Nags beat the Waters Green Lemmings, we will have three teams level on 16 points going into the final matches – when the Taverners and the Nags play each other.

The only game in the C League this week resulted in a win for the **Sutton Mutton**, who moved into second place. They play their final match next week, against the **Park Timers**; the winners of this will be runners-up to the **Sutton Club**. (If it's a draw, it goes down to the Timers' final match in Week 14.)

Individual

Alice Walker and **Ashton Davies** were joint top scorers this week, with a relatively modest 48 each. Top scorer in the B League was **Heather Wallace** with a personal best of 39, and in the C League three members of the Sutton Mutton team – **Wynne Keith–Davies**, **Mick Graves** and **Mike Proctor** – were joint top scorers with 30 each. This was a personal best for Wynne.

There were nine personal bests altogether this week – three in the A League, four in the B League, and two in the C League. Only five people failed to better their lowest scores of the season, and they were all in the A League. Two of them are in the Top Ten!



Macclesfield Quiz League

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A League

Results

Nags Head 'B'	143	154	Poachers
Mark Watson	39	48	Ashton Davies
Dolphin	136	185	Queens
Peter McBride	42	48	Alice Walker
Alan Hodgson	30	39	Tim Massey
Derek Owen (pb)	21	39	Haydn Thompson
Queen Bs	145	165	Waters Green Weavers
Phil Davies (pb)	42	39	Graham Bailey

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Queens	11	11	0	0	1915	22
Poachers	10	8	0	2	1455	16
Dolphin	10	5	0	5	1532	10
Nags Head 'B'	10	5	0	5	1402	10
Waters Green Weavers	10	4	0	6	1558	8
Queen Bs	11	2	0	9	1599	4
Harrington Diamonds	10	1	0	9	1376	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 12
Alice Walker	Queens	11	483	54	42	48
Haydn Thompson	Queens	11	441	51	36	39
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	10	438	54	30	30
Ashton Davies	Poachers	9	402	54	21	48
Ian Grieve	Waters Green Weavers	10	381	42	33	36
Peter McBride	Dolphin	10	369	51	21	42
Mark Watson	Nags Head 'B'	8	366	51	39	39
Phil Davies	Queen Bs	10	345	42	27	42
Graham Bailey	Waters Green Weavers	10	336	42	27	39
Brian Bogie	Harrington Diamonds	8	291	42	18	



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B League

Results

Watersw Green Lemmings	86	142	Harrington Academicals
Nick Peck (pb)	24	33 24 24 24	Dave Partington Steve Dale (pb) Rob Parkin Geoff Parkin
Park Taverners	135	137	Plough Horntails
Heather Wallace (pb)	39	30 24 21 21	Malcolm Asquith Anne Jeater Pat Jeater (pb) Gill Dawson
Chester Road Tavern	104	144	Nags Head
Jim Moores	24	33	Andrew Wright

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Harrington Academicals	10	8	0	2	1515	16
Nags Head	10	7	0	3	1580	14
Park Taverners	10	7	0	3	1362	14
Dolphin Dragons	10	6	0	4	1482	12
Plough Horntails	11	6	0	5	1439	12
Chester Road Tavern	11	1	0	10	1198	2
Waters Green Lemmings	10	1	0	9	968	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 12
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	10	363	48	30	33
Paul Prior	Nags Head	9	327	42	21	
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	10	318	45	12	24
Alasdair Reid	Nags Head	9	297	51	21	27
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Dragons	9	297	48	18	
Ian Musgrave	Nags Head	10	297	36	21	30
Dave Barber	Dolphin Dragons	10	291	42	15	
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	10	291	36	21	30
Andy Johnson	Nags Head	10	285	42	12	21
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	10	282	33	18	30

C League

Results

Sutton Mutton	141	107	King's Gambit
Wynne Keith-Davies	30	21	Michael Taylor
Mick Graves	30	18	Sam Baker (pb)
Mike Proctor	30	18	Helen Hughes (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Sutton Club	8	6	1	1	1084	13
Sutton Mutton	7	4	1	2	864	9
Park Timers	6	4	0	2	810	8
Pack Horse Bowling Club	6	2	0	4	637	4
King's Gambit	7	0	0	7	640	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 12
John Poyser	Park Timers	6	183	39	24	
Andrew Fenton	Park Timers	6	177	39	18	
Emma Griggs	Sutton Club	6	171	33	21	
Simon Rumsey	Sutton Club	6	165	36	18	
Mick Graves	Sutton Mutton	7	156	36	18	30
Mike Proctor	Sutton Mutton	7	153	33	18	30
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	7	153	30	24	30
John Green	Sutton Club	6	135	33	15	
Chris Butler	Sutton Club	7	135	27	18	
Andrew Vickerstaff	Pack Horse Bowling Club	6	129	33	15	

Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	5	Spec	Harrington Diamonds	7.28	9.57	6.78	23.64	21.29
2	12	GK	Park Timers	8.05	8.94	6.44	23.43	(22.15)
3	6	Spec	Sutton Club	7.45	9.47	6.42	23.33	(18.04)
4	8	GK	Waters Green Lemmings	9.06	7.17	6.22	22.45	(10.57)
5	1	GK	Nags Head 'B'	7.12	6.79	7.67	21.58	
6	3	GK	Waters Green Weavers	10.00	3.17	7.00	20.17	11.37



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	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
7	3	Spec	Waters Green Weavers	9.42	4.50	6.11	20.03	17.48
8	4	GK	Cock Inn	6.05	7.23	6.56	19.84	21.38
9	8	Spec	Pack Horse Bowling Club	6.93	5.10	6.11	18.15	(15.35)
10	11	GK	Dolphin	3.64	9.15	5.14	17.92	15.60
11	9	Spec	Poachers	6.29	5.88	5.72	17.89	14.53
12	2	Spec	Harrington Academicals	10.00	1.52	6.33	17.85	20.57
13	6	GK	Plough Horntails	4.14	7.68	5.78	17.50	(7.62)
14	1	Spec	Nags Head 'B'	9.62	0.89	7.06	17.57	
15	4	Spec	Park Taverners	9.75	1.00	6.33	17.08	(13.42)
16	2	GK	Shamrock Bar	7.33	2.05	6.06	15.43	11.51
17	10	Spec	Nags Head	8.07	0.38	6.50	14.94	15.85
18	5	GK	Harrington Diamonds	4.28	3.68	6.42	14.38	16.28
19	7	Spec	Queen Bs	4.52	3.80	5.94	14.26	18.11
20	7	GK	Queen Bs	3.59	3.05	5.33	11.97	10.99
21	9	GK	Poachers	2.79	0.00	5.11	7.87	19.63
22	12	Spec	Dolphin Dragons	0.54	0.80	6.17	7.51	(20.49)
23	10	GK	King's Gambit	0.00	2.05	5.11	7.16	7.40
24	11	Spec	Dolphin	0.00	0.00	5.31	5.31	20.37

According to the spreadsheet, the General Knowledge questions – set by the **Park Timers** – were a lot easier than average and pretty well balanced. The teams that went "first first" scored, on average, 107% of their average scores for the season; those that went "second first" scored 109%.

The Specialist questions, set by the **Dolphin Dragons**, seemed to be a lot harder and showed a distinct bias towards the teams that went "first first". These teams scored 92% of their averages, while their opponents scored, on average, only 82%.

Overall, the questions were of exactly average difficulty and quite well balanced. The teams that went "first first" scored 101% of their average scores for the season, on average; those that went "second first" scored 99%.

For Entertainment, the Park Timers' General Knowledge questions just made it into the top third of the table (7th out of 24) and the Dolphin Dragons' Specialists just failed to make it into the top half (13th).

Because this week's questions showed such extremes in the parameters (Specialist hard and poorly balanced, General Knowledge easy and well balanced), the table has seen a bit of a shake-up. The **Waters Green Lemmings'** General Knowledge questions, from Week 8, are no longer top; they've been replaced by the Specialist questions set by the **Harrington Diamonds** in Week 5.