

Summer Team Competition 2018

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Summer Teams Squash and Racketball winners (from left):
Malcolm Watts, Julian Amery, Matt Whalley, Vicki Evans(for Tim Villis), Nigel Flower

The Newton Abbot Squash and Racketball summer team competition took place at the Rec during June, July and September 2018. All teams were named after American Football clubs such as Jaguars, Saints and Redskins. Team members were provided with colourful T-shirts (kindly sponsored by Lorient).

The format for this year's competition was the same as the 2017 competition due to everyone enjoying it in 2017, with a warm-up of 5 minutes followed by fixed timed matches of 25 minutes non-stop play. This format provided flexible time-slots with intensive, non-stop, fun matches with handicapping used for all matches.

The finals night was very well attended with some fierce competition and very close matches and scores between the four top teams. The winning team, the Raiders, played very well to take the competition from the Panthers. Well done to the players Matt Whalley, Tim Villis (and Vicki Evans playing as reserve), Nigel Flower, Julian Amery and Malcolm Watts.

The plate competition was also very entertaining with some tight matches. The winners of the plate final were the Falcons – well done Luke Rudderham, Tim Dickenson, Dan Wignall, Steve Reynolds and Keith Dodson (and Kathy Bissell standing in as reserve on the finals night).

After the finals matches, the presentations, meal and raffle took place with music provided by Skool Daze. The presentations were handed out by former member, Keith Harris' wife, after he sadly passed away last year. The award of the Keith Harris Spirit of Summer Teams was awarded this year to Dan Vile for the spirit in which he played his matches, always being on time, marking games, and great attitude. Well done Dan!

Various other awards were made to say thanks to the people involved. Lou Darke for the great food every evening as usual, Cerys Williams for being the junior ladies winner and playing in her first summer team competition, Darcy Boyle for being the junior men's winner, and Julie Stevens for being the player of the competition and scoring the most points during the whole competition. We also extend thanks to the two Torquay players that joined us for the competition and hope they can play again next year.

We would like to extend special thanks out to our sponsor, Lorient. The sponsorship enabled us to put on a great and enjoyable competition. It also enabled us to provide a donation of £400 to Andy's Man Club, a charity with a branch in Newton Abbot, so that they can continue to provide mental health support to young men with mental issues. They can be contacted at www.andysmanclub.co.uk.

Well done to all players and we look forward to a much improved and enjoyable competition next year.