

# Summer Team Competition 2019

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Summer Teams Squash and Racketball winners (from left):  
Tom Boyle( presenting awards on behalf of Lorient) to Adam Boyle, Dan Wignall, Anne Thorne and Mark Hedge

The Newton Abbot Squash and Racketball summer team competition took place at the Newton Abbot Squash and Racketball club during May to September 2019. All teams were named after popular older bands such as The Doors, The Kinks and The Beatles. Team members were provided with colourful T-shirts for playing their matches (kindly sponsored by Lorient).

The format for this year's competition was the same as the 2018 competition due to everyone enjoying it in 2018, 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 Pretenders, played very well to take the competition from The Beatles. Well done to the winning players Harry Senior, Richard Bridge (with Adam Boyle playing as reserve on the night), Dan Wignall, Mark Hedge and Ann Thorne. Well done to Anne for winning the final match to put her team ahead for the win.

The plate competition was also very entertaining with some tight matches. The winners of the plate final were The Hollies – well done Dave Brown, Dan Vile, Emma Thomas, Amelia Cooper-Smith and Lisa Madge (with Sharon Brown and Sally Mutton doing the honours playing as reserves for Amelia and Lisa on the night).

After the finals matches, the presentations, meal and raffle took place with music provided by Skool Daze. The award of the Keith Harris Spirit of Summer Teams was awarded this year to Denise Corby for the spirit in which she played her matches, always being on time, marking games, chasing her team for markers and great attitude. Well done Denise! The Player of the Competition was Rick King for his determination to win and enjoy the games and mounting the highest points tally over the course of the competition.

We also extend huge thanks to the Torquay players that joined us for the competition and hope they can play again next year. Thanks Dave Palmer, Sam Vaughton, Gareth Owen and Filip Madaric.

We would like to extend special thanks out to our sponsor, Lorient. The sponsorship enabled us to put on a great and enjoyable competition. Also a big thank you to everyone that supported the competition and the raffles and auctions on the finals night. This enabled us to provide a donation of £420 to Elize's Let The Beat Drop, supporting the Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation trust Charity. Well done to Elize for supporting this charity and trying to raise the funds required for the new equipment. Further information at [www.papworthhospitalcharity.org.uk](http://www.papworthhospitalcharity.org.uk) and <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-durham6>

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



Tom Boyle (on behalf of Lorient) presenting Spirit of Summerteams Award to Denise Corby



Tom Boyle (on behalf of Lorient) presenting Player of the Competition to Rick King