

## EAST MIDLANDS 26-point ASSOCIATION LEAGUE, 2016

The league was played at Ashby in sweltering heat, on slow lawns but with tight hoops, on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. As so often in the past, the result was very close. Leicester, Nottingham and Pinchbeck each won two of their three matches but Pinchbeck triumphed as a result of winning more games (6) than the other two (5 each).

Charles Ostler (Pinchbeck) again won all three of his games, earning a handicap reduction from 7 to 6. Newcomer Heather Hardy (Ashby) did well in her first competitive event, overcoming the novelty of it all and having to play off a handicap of 20 rather than her Club handicap of 24, to win her final game against Patricia Duke-Cox (Pinchbeck) after having previously had a close encounter with Viv Staley (Nottingham), when Viv won by scoring the Golden Hoop 'after time'. Another close encounter was the victory of Michael Finnigan (Nottingham) over Richard White (Leicester). Michael, with one ball pegged off and at rover against peg and peg, hit in from over 35 yards to finish.

	<b>ASHBY</b>	<b>LEICESTER</b>	<b>NOTTINGHAM</b>	<b>PINCHBECK</b>	<b>MATCHES</b>	<b>GAMES</b>
<b>ASHBY</b>	X	0-3	1-2	1-2	0	2
<b>LEICESTER</b>	3-0	X	2-1	0-3	2	5
<b>NOTTINGHAM</b>	2-1	1-2	X	2-1	2	5
<b>PINCHBECK</b>	2-1	3-0	1-2	X	2	6

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