

AC Leagues report 2023 - Arthur Rowe

This year both the 14pt and 26pt leagues were contested between 3 teams of 3 players, not an ideal number. In order to avoid a prolonged sit out for one team in the middle of the day, a novel format was devised which involved 4 games being played in each round, with only one person from the home team sitting out the middle game, and one person from each of the other teams having a late start or early finish. This worked well for the 14pt event at Ashby, and so was repeated for the 26pt event at Nottingham.

The 14pt competition at Ashby on 8th July was closely contested between Ashby, Nottingham and Leicester, with the teams finishing with 5, 4 and 3 wins respectively.

The 26pt competition at Nottingham was scheduled to be played on 5th August between Nottingham, Ashby and Pinchbeck - but the lawns were flooded after heavy rain and that day was abandoned. The same 3 teams eventually played on 24th August, with Nottingham running out the winners with 5 wins, ahead of Ashby with 4 wins and Pinchbeck with 3 wins. The last game to finish was an entertaining battle between Arthur and Mark Innes (Nottingham captain) after being reduced to a one-ball game. Arthur staged a good comeback to win by +2 after Mark secured a good lead with his last couple of bisques.