

## 2019

# **Club Singles Cup**

27 players entered this year playing 5 rounds under the Swiss system before the knockout stages.

The current champion Andrew Bellamy-Burt almost fell at the first hurdle getting over the finishing line 11 - 10 against Mo De Gruchy to keep his hopes of another title on track.

A number of other close matches saw Ross Payne lose to Jean Stewart 12 - 10 a shock result matched by Matt Hutchings beating Callum Stewart. Wendy Ritzema beat Joey Le Clech 10 - 9 and Toby Northern beat Cassie Stewart 13 - 11.

New member Ivo Raitchev had a baptism of fire playing Mark Nicol, losing 13 - 1 but his doubles partner for our Doubles Open last week, Tom Le Sueur beat experience player Gary Cowburn 13 - 4.

Round 2 saw Mark continue by beating Neil Selby 13 - 6 and Andrew finding form against Branden De La Haye 13 - 4.

Toby came from 8-4 down against Keith Pinel to win 11-8. Ivo got his first win against Cassie Stewart and Tom beat Wendy 11-7.

Callum suffered another shock defeat this time to Stephen Stoneman but Ross Payne determined not to suffer the same fate beat Mo 10 - 5.

Big wins for Laurent over Jean 13 - 1 and Brian Harris 13 - 5 over James Villalard and Paul Le Moine made it two wins beating Matt Hutchings 10 - 8 despite not being keen on the quick format.

Paul though lost in round 3 to Ivo 9-8 and another close one was Brendan Jones who beat Doubles Open champion Paul Bell 11-10. Champion Andrew beat Toby and Geoffroy beat Laurent.

Tom Le Sueur lost his first match to Mark Nicol who joined Neil Selby on three wins.

Round 4 saw Neil Selby's perfect use of time tactics out do Toby in a really close match with Neil winning 9-7 after Toby fired out the coche on the last end.

Mark beat Geoffroy and Andrew beat Brian as they became the only players on 4 wins. Ivo continued to shock as he overcame Gary Cowburn 10 - 8. Laurent beat Ross 11 - 10 to put Ross out of contention for a top 8 finish.

There were some surprisingly big wins for Paul Le Moine 13 - 2 over Jake Romeril and Tom Le Sueur 13 - 2 over Joey Le Clech. James Villalard got his second win 13 - 7 over Stephen Stoneman and Callum won his first match against Cassie.

The final round saw a host of players in with a chance of the top 8 but Mark Nicol finished top beating Andrew Bellamy-Burt 13 - 7.

Keith Pinels win over Ivo mean't he jumped above Ivo into the top 8 finishing 6<sup>th</sup> with 4 wins from 5, just losing to Toby. Toby beat Joey to finish on 3 wins with a BHN of 15, one short of IVO who ended in 8<sup>th</sup> despite a minus 10 points difference compared to Toby's plus 3.

Tom Le Sueur beat James to finish  $3^{rd}$ . Paul Le Moine obviously did like to quick format in the end as he beat Geoffroy 12 - 9 to finish  $5^{th}$  place, despite this Geoffroy finished  $7^{th}$ .

Neil Selby made  $4^{th}$  place in a head to head qualifier against Laurent winning 13-3, Laurent losing out as a result.

#### **SWISS RESULTS BELOW**

FINAL RANKING TABLE

Rank	Name	Club	Score	BHN	Games	Points
1.	1800 Mark Nicol	Liberation	5	18	5:0	65:28
2.	1754 Andrew Bellamy-Burt	Liberation	4	14	4:1	57:38
3.	1780 Tom Le Sueur	Liberation	4	13	4:1	57:33
4.	1773 Neil Selby	Liberation	4	13	4:1	54:39
5.	1775 Paul Le Moine	Liberation	4	12	4:1	54:37
6.	1767 Keith Pinel	Liberation	4	11	4:1	59:31
7.	1761 Geoffroy Buffetrille	Liberation	3	17	3:2	55:44
8.	1799 Ivo, Raitchev	Liberation	3	16	3:2	38:48
9.	1779 Toby Northern	Liberation	3	15	3:2	50:47
10.	1768 Laurent Pellaton	Liberation	3	14	3:2	47:42
11.	1762 Jake Romeril	Liberation	3	14	3:2	49:48
12.	1757 Brian Harris	Liberation	3	12	3:2	48:43
13.	1776 Ross Payne	Liberation	3	11	3:2	56:43
14.	1765 Jean Stewart	Liberation	3	11	3:2	42:53
15.	1781 Wendy Ritzema	Liberation	2	14	2:3	39:53
16.	1766 Joey Le Clech	Liberation	2	13	2:3	43:51
17.	1764 James, Villalard	Liberation	2	13	2:3	40:54
18.	1760 Gary Cowburn	Liberation	2	12	2:3	44:46
19.	1772 Mo De Gruchy	Liberation	2	12	2:3	44:48
20.	1777 Stephen Stoneman	Liberation	2	12	2:3	50:56
21.	1758 Callum Stewart	Liberation	2	8	2:3	53:48
22.	1774 Paul Bell	Liberation	2	8	2:3	51:47
23.	1778 Tim, Jackson	Liberation	1	15	1:4	40:59
24.	1769 Matthew Hutchings	Liberation	1	15	1:4	37:58
25.	1756 Brendan Jones	Liberation	1	12	1:4	51:61
26.	1759 Cassie Stewart	Liberation	1	11	1:4	41:57
27.	1755 Branden, De La Haye	Liberation	1	11	1:4	34:56

So the Quarter Finals were as follows:

Ranked				Ranked
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mark Nicol	V	Ivo Raitchev	8 <sup>th</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andrew Bellamy-Burt	V	Geoffroy Buffetrille	7th
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tom Le Sueur	v	Keith Pinel	6th
4 <sup>th</sup>	Neil Selby	V	Paul Le Moine	5th

So Ivo played Mark Nicol again having lost 13 - 1 in round one and fairly new to the sport his chances were not rated very highly, however his excellent placing quickly gave him a 7 - 2 lead. Experience and skill though saw Mark through 13 - 8.

Andrew was 9-2 down to Geoffroy who was shooting everything out, but as this dried up Andrew came back in style to win 12-9. Another close finish saw Keith Pinel win 13-10 on the final end against Tom. Neil Selby made the Semi-Finals by beating Paul Le Moine 13-6.

#### Semi – Finals

Ranked					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mark Nicol	V	Neil Selby	4 <sup>th</sup>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andrew Bellamy-Burt	V	Keith Pinel	6 <sup>th</sup>	

The Semi-Final one saw Neil shoot exceptionally well taking all three of Mark's boules out on one end, combined with excellent placing made for a much closer match than the Round 2 match which Mark won 13-6. Finely balanced at 10-10 Neil placed his  $2^{nd}$  boule next to the coche. Mark attempted to shoot but moved the coche in Neil's favour leaving him 2 metres to placing in for 3 and the match, which he did.

Andrew was on top form against Keith and he needed to be, but again on the final end with Andrew 12-9 up left the end open for Keith to get three and tie, but Keith dropped his second boule just short, he then tried to push it on but missed meaning Andrew made the final again.

Keith Pinel took third place for a great tournament.

In the Final Neil nailed the coche with his first boule only for Andrew to shoot it out and the first few ends where really close before Neil's excellent shooting against Mark failed him in the final with Andrew running clear for a 13 - 3 win.

This is Andrew's third success in this competition and he is the first player to also retain the trophy.

Andrew has now won both club competitions this year having won the Club Doubles Cup with Callum Stewart in June.



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