



2019

Mixed Doubles Open

A Record 21 teams entered this year, more than double last year's entries as Liberation tournaments continue to break entry records.

Round 1 saw current champions Dawn & Geoffroy fail to make 13 points, but this wasn't a defeat but a timed out game as they beat Christine Eccles & Mike Fennel 12 – 8.

2016 winners Brigitte Ibitson & Ross Payne lost heavily to Wendy Ritzema & Gary Cowburn 13 – 2. A number of big tie's saw Callum & Kat Stewart beat Sid & Marion Simkin 13 – 7 and Andrew Bellamy & Jean Stewart beat Matt & Fay Scholefield 13 – 11. Two favourites Mark Nicol & Lydia Beck beat Michel Morel & Shona Wilson and Matt Pinel & Alice Ibitson beat Tom & Julie Le Sueur.

Round two saw Mark & Lydia beat Matt & Alice 12 – 8 and Callum & Kat beat champions Dawn & Geoffroy. Two teams also making it two wins were Gary & Wendy up pipped Paul Bell & Lauren Shipley 11 – 6 and Brian Harris & Judy Dove beat Andrew Bellamy & Jean Stewart.

Toby & Gill Fowler came back from 12 – 5 down against Matt & Fay to win 13 – 12 for their first win.

Gary & Wendy made it three from three against Callum & Kat, just 13 – 12 as did Brian & Judy handing Dawn & Geoffroy a 10 – 8 defeat to put them on the brink of losing their title.

Alice & Matt handed Andrew & Jean their second defeat in a row, Marion & Sid made it two wins by beating Tom & Julie.

Round 4 saw some surprises again as Brian & Judy beat Mark & Lydia for four straight wins so they played Gary & Wendy in round 5 as they also made it four from four beating Alice & Matt.

Seb & Delphine Renaud also lost their second in a row against Brigitte & Ross. Laurent Pellaton & Karolina made it three wins by beating Alex Stewart & Lindsey Walker. Dawn & Geoffroy gave themselves a slim chance of go through to the quarter finals by beating Matt & Fay.

So the top ranked spot with 5 wins from 5 was Gary & Wendy who made light work of Brian & Judy winning 13 – 1. This didn't stop Brian & Judy going through though as they finished second just above Mark & Lydia and Laurent & Karolina also on four wins.

Teams placed 5th to 8th all had three wins with Brigitte & Ross finishing 5th despite losing 13 – 1 in their last game to Mark & Lydia. 6th went to Seb & Delphine who got their third win against Callum & Kat who lost their last three matches to miss out.

7th went to Alice & Matt who scrapped through by one point beating Neil Selby & Helene Retrosi 13 – 12 who also finished on three wins but had the joint lowest BHN (opponents wins) with Dawn & Geoffroy who finished 12th with three wins from 5 as Dawn's record of reaching every final (4 in a row) was finally ended.

The final place went to Marion & Sid Simkin playing in their first Liberation competition despite losing their last match to Laurent & Karolina.

See final ranking table on next page.

FINAL RANKING TABLE

RANK	Name 1	Name 2	CLUB	SCORE	BHN	Games	POINTS	bye
1.	1685 Gary Cowburn	Wendy Ritzema	Liberation / Jersey PC	5	14	5:0	62:30	
2.	1687 Brian Harris	Judy, Dove	Liberation / Jersey PC	4	17	4:1	50:46	
3.	1690 Mark Nicol	Lydia, Beck	Liberation	4	15	4:1	61:36	
4.	1714 Laurent Pellaton	Karolina, Zaorska	Liberation / Independant	4	12	4:1	54:42	
5.	1691 Brigitte Ibitson	Ross Payne	Liberation	3	17	3:2	42:50	
6.	1692 Seb Renaud	Delphine Renaud	Guernsey	3	16	3:2	54:42	
7.	1688 Alice Ibitson	Matthew Pinel	Liberation	3	15	3:2	56:50	
8.	1715 Marion, Simpkin	Sid, Simpkin	Carrefour	3	12	3:2	54:38	
9.	1713 Brendan Jones	Cheryl, Burns	Liberation / Independant	3	12	3:2	49:54	
10.	1684 Natasha, Romeril	Chris Romeril	Liberation / Jersey PC	3	11	3:2	50:53	
11.	1686 Neil Selby	Helene Retrosi	Liberation	3	10	3:2	58:51	
12.	1681 Dawn Buckley	Geoffroy Buffetrille	Liberation	3	10	3:2	49:46	
13.	1689 Callum Stewart	Kat, Stewart	Liberation	2	17	2:3	50:53	
14.	1717 Paul Bell	Lauren Shipley	Liberation	2	13	2:3	48:50	1
15.	1695 Alex Stewart	Linsey, Walker	Liberation / Independant	2	13	2:3	52:58	
16.	1693 Andrew Bellamy-Burt	Jean Stewart	Liberation	2	12	2:3	53:54	
17.	1696 Michel Morel	Shona, Wilson	Carrefour / Independant	2	11	2:3	47:56	4
18.	1716 Toby Northern	Gill, Fowler	Liberation / Carrefour	1	13	1:4	53:64	
19.	1683 Christine Eccles	Mike Fennel	Carrefour / St Mary	1	12	1:4	43:58	2
20.	1682 Tom Le Sueur	Julie, Le Sueur	Independant	1	12	1:4	37:59	5
21.	1694 Matthew Scholefield	Fay Scholefield	Carrefour / Independant	1	9	1:4	53:55	3

QUARTER FINALS

Ranking			Ranking
1 st	Gary Cowburn & Wendy Ritzema	v Marion & Sid Simkin	8 th
2 nd	Brian Harris & Judy Dove	v Alice Ibitson & Matt Pinel	7 th
3 rd	Mark Nicol & Lydia Beck	v Seb & Delphine Renaud	6 th
4 th	Laurent Pellaton & Karolina Zaorska	v Brigitte Ibitson & Ross Payne	5 th

The top ranked team broke the Swiss jinx as they cruised to victory over Marion & Sid 13 – 2. A great tournament for the latter overall though. The same couldn't be said for the second ranked team as Brian & Judy as they lost 13 – 6 to Alice & Matt who were starting to find better form.

Mark & Lydia had a close match against Seb & Delphine winning 13 – 8, the closest quarter final as Brigitte & Ross won 13 – 3 against Laurent & Karolina.

The semi finals saw the following line up:

Gary Cowburn & Wendy Ritzema	v	Brigitte Ibitson & Ross Payne
Mark Nicol & Lydia Beck	v	Alice Ibitson & Matt Pinel

Gary & Wendy would have been confident of victory having beaten Brigitte & Ross 13 – 2 in round one but this was a closer match, however the result was the same as Gary & Wendy made the final.

The second Semi-final was also close but it was the combined experience Liberation Singles Premier league players who won through as experienced Alice & Matt beat Mark & Lydia 13 – 8.

Third place went to Brigitte & Ross.

Gary & Wendy had also beaten their final opponents 12 – 9 in round four so had the edge going in the final as the sun finally stayed out.

The final wasn't close though as a long day and great play from Alice & Matt saw them crowned the champions beating Gary & Wendy 13 – 2.



2019 Champions Alice Ibitson & Matt Pinel

With ever changing weather conditions making it a tough day, special thanks go to everyone who played. Huge thanks to everyone who set up, ran and prepared everything for another great competition.



Rankings below.

Ranking Points (Per player)

		2019	2017	+ / -
1st	Alice Ibitson	100	0	+100
1st	Matt Pinel	100	0	+100
2 nd	Gary Cowburn	75	0	+75
2 nd	Wendy Ritzema	75	0	+75
3rd	Brigitte Ibitson	50	37.5	+12.5
3rd	Ross Payne	50	37.5	+12.5
4 th	Mark Nicol	40	25	+15
4 th	Lydia Beck	40	25	+15
5th	Brian Harris	30	0	+30
5th	Judy Dove	30	0	+30
6 th	Laurent Pellaton	28	0	+28
6 th	Karolina Zaorska	28	0	+28
7th	Seb Renaud	N/A		
7th	Delphine Renaud	N/A		
8 th	Marion Simkin	24	0	+24
8 th	Sid Simkin	24	0	+24
9th	Brendan Jones	22	0	+22
9th	Cheryl Burns	22	0	+22
10 th	Natasha Romeril	20	14	+6
10 th	Christopher Romeril	20	14	+6
11th	Neil Selby	18	0	+18
11th	Helene Retrosi	18	0	+18
12 th	Dawn Buckley	16	50	-34
12 th	Geoffroy Buffetrille	16	50	-34
13th	Callum Stewart	14	12	+2
13th	Kat Stewart	14	12	+2
14 th	Paul Bell	12	0	+12
14 th	Lauren Shipley	12	0	+12
15th	Alex Stewart	11	0	+11
15th	Lindsey Walker	11	0	+11
16 th	Andrew Bellamy-Burt	10	20	-10
16 th	Jean Stewart	10	20	-10

Ranking points gained in 2019 replace those gained in 2017. Note: in 2017 there were less than 10 entries so only 50% of the points available were awarded. The above table demonstrates how many points players have won or lost in the Mixed Doubles Open. Players ranked below 16th do not gain ranking points.

Those losing all their points are:

	2019	2017	+ / -
17 th Michel Morel	0	0	0
17 th Shona Wilson	0	0	0
18 th Toby Northern	0	13	-13
18 th Gill Fowler	0	0	0
19 th Christine Eccles	0	15	-15
19 th Mike Fennel	0	0	0
20 th Tom Le Sueur	0	0	0
20 th Julie Le Sueur	0	0	0
21 st Matthew Scholefield	0	0	0
21 st Fay Scholefield	0	0	0
Ian Foster	N/A	11	-11
Penny Foster	N/A	11	-11
Samantha Northern	N/A	13	-13
Paul Waters	N/A	15	-15

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