

GC Handicap Singles Tournament 2021

Winner receives The 'White Ball' Trophy

The top 4 finishers qualify for the National Finals of the ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP (a National Competition)

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Tournament no.1 Played on 19 April

Morning phase

	RC	KW	AH	HM	net hoppers	WINS	Rank
Robin Coates (1)	7	3	7		2	2	
Kevin Ward (9)	5	3	7		1	3	
Allan Henderson (10)	7	7	7		3	1	
Helen Morton (12)	3	2	4		0	4	

+	DB	RL	HB	WK	net hoppers	WINS	Rank
Dianne Browne (3)	6	4	7		0	1	2
Rick Lilley (5)	7	7	7		3	1	
Hugh Baylis (11)	7	5	2	-4	1	4	
Wendy Kingon (11)	3	6	7		0	1	3

Afternoon phase

'TROPHY' 1st - 4th	AH	RL	RC	DB	net hoppers	WINS	Rank
Allan Henderson (8)	7	6	7		2	2	2
Rick Lilley (5)	4	7	7		5	2	1
Robin Coates (1)	7	4	7		0	2	3
Dianne Browne (3)	5	2	5			0	4

Tournament no.2 Played on 26 April

Morning phase

					net hoppers	WINS	Rank
	7						
		7					
			7				
				7			

+					net hoppers	WINS	Rank
	6						
		6					
			6				
				6			

Afternoon phase

'TROPHY' 1st - 4th					WINS	Rank
Roger Goldring (-1)	7					1
Patricia Mulcahey (11)		7				2
Carol Wadsworth			7			
Bill Pitkeathley				7		

'Plate'	5th - 8th					WINS	Rank
Kevin Ward (9)		7		6			
Wendy Kingon (11)	2		7				
Helen Morton (12)		2		5			
Hugh Baylis (11)	7		7				
This block was left incomplete							

'Plate'	5th - 8th					WINS	Rank

19 April - Lilley wins Handicap Singles tournament no.1

Fairly close games throughout confirmed the robustness of the club's handicap regime as Allan Henderson (handicap 10) and Rick Lilley (5) won their blocks, and Robin Coates (1) and Dianne Browne (3) also qualified for the senior half of the afternoon action.

The end of the day resulted in a three-way tie having to be resolved on net hoop scores where Coates' zero tally put him in third place behind Henderson on plus two and event winner Lilley on plus five.

Lilley and Henderson will now face off against the winner and runner-up of next week's heat in a round-robin play-off for the Phyllis Court White Ball trophy, and all four will progress to the area finals stage of this year's All England Handicap competition.

Coates drops his handicap to 'Scratch' for the first time

For Coates, who is the defending National All England champion, his disappointment at not qualifying for the 'final quartet' for the 'White Ball Trophy' will have been tempered somewhat by his handicap reducing to 'scratch' (zero) for the first time, which is a milestone achievement in his steadily improving game.

26 April - Goldring wins Handicap Singles tournament no.2

This was the second of our two Handicap Singles tournaments, which are both part of the same overall event, being played to the existing 'extra' turns handicap play rules.

Roger Goldring (handicap -1) gave away at least eight extra turns to each of his opponents, yet still came through undefeated in his five long games.

Buoyed by her successful league outing five days earlier, Mulcahy picked-up four wins to finish runner-up and looked impressive all day with her only loss being a narrow 4-5 timed-out reverse to the canny Goldring.

Mulcahy and Goldring go forward to join the top two from the previous week's first tournament, Rick Lilley and Allan Henderson, in a four-player 'round-robin', on a date to be decided, for the Phyllis Court White Ball Trophy.

All four will also progress to the Area Final of the national All England Handicap competition, also to be held at Phyllis Court on 6 August, with the hope of qualifying for the National Final at Sidmouth on 11 September.