

2018 TCA GC Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals

Friday Oct 26 – Sunday Oct 28

Northern Tasmania Croquet Centre

In accordance with the Tournament Conditions, I ranked the 17 entrants (9 from the South, 8 from the North) into the following 3 approximately equal groups based on the handicaps and indexes recorded on the TCA website as at the closing date.

Gold

Graham Keating (Sandy Bay)
John Colquhoun (Eastern Shore)
Phil Roach (Kingston)
Yvonne Shaw (Sandy Bay)
Rod Tait (St Leonards)
Patsy Paine (Latrobe)

Silver

June Pongratz (New Town)
Roberta Campbell (Latrobe)
Lois Richards (Royal Park)
Avner Misrachi (Kingston)
Stewart von See (East Launceston)

Bronze

Paul Richards (East Launceston)
Pauline Blyth (St Leonards)
Paul Boer (East Launceston)
Dianne Hollier (Kingston)
Joan Williams (St. Leonards)
Toni Davidson (Kingston)

As recommended by the TCA's general GC conditions all medals had 5 or 6 entrants, and so a best-of-3 13pt match round robin was the chosen format. The order of matches was that set out in ACA Tournament Regulations for a seeded draw between 6 players. All matches were untimed.

The courts were presented in excellent condition, and the venue and local organizing group is to be congratulated on both the playing conditions and on the hospitality provided for players. There were 6 courts available on all 3 days of play, so half of all matches were able to be single-banked.

A minimum of 3 referees were available at all times, and on occasions as many as 5 referees.

Players were told in the opening address that winners would be determined by (1) matches won (2) net games (3) net points and (4) who beat whom.

The results of each medal were as follows:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Winner	Graham Keating	June Pongratz	Dianne Hollier
Runner-up	Phil Roach	Avner Misrachi	Pauline Blyth

The Gold medal result was clear-cut, as was the winner in the other two medals. There was a close contest for runner-up in the Silver medal, with 3 players on 2 match wins out of 4, with the result being decided on net games. Again in the Bronze medal, three players tied on 3 matches out of 5, and Pauline Blyth finished runner-up because of fewer losses than the other two contenders.

Prize money was presented by Sylvia Wing (TCA Vice-President) to the winners and runners-up in the Gold and Bronze medal, and to the winner only in the Silver medal.

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