

2022 Spring Golf Croquet Pennant – Pennant Manager’s Report

Divisional Structure and Handicap Ranges

As for the 2022 Autumn Pennant the 2022 Spring Pennant consisted of three divisions. Handicap ranges for all divisions remained the same - Division 1 -6 to 20, Division 2 5 to 20 and Division 3 10 to 20.

The Pennant

Division 1 had 2 teams from the Sandy Bay Club and one each from the other southern clubs. Division 2 had 2 teams from the Eastern Shore Club and one each from the other southern clubs. Division 3 had 2 teams from each of the Sandy Bay and Eastern Shore clubs and one each from the other two southern clubs.

Due to the late finish of the AC Spring Pennant there was not sufficient time for 2 rounds (home and away matches) before Christmas. The option of playing a second round in the New Year was rejected by clubs. In order to give players additional matches a finals series over two weeks was programmed for Divisions 1 and 2.

It was agreed that the winner of the pennant would be the winner of the finals series (this was contrary to the rules). The Division 3 winner was the leading team at the end of the round robin.

Pennant Winners were –

Division 1 - Kingston - team members - Sue Beattie, Russell Brown, Tony Johnston, Rob McAdam, Tim Parker, Phil Roach and Peter Ross.

Division 2 - Sandy Bay - team members - Jane Hyland, Carol Hanigan, Chris Groves, Alicia Groves, Tony van de Vusse, Garry Forward and Kaye Denny.

Division 3 - Sandy Bay Potoroos - team members - David Waters, Anthony Hodge, Marg Jennings, Mary Roscoe, Guna Ginneliya, Les Vose and Alison Waters.

The Future

As Pennant Manager I sought feedback from the clubs on the conduct of the pennant -

All respondents were concerned about the shortness of the pennant and the fact it could not accommodate home and away matches.

There was a mixed response to the holding of a finals series - some wanted the pennant winner to be decided as the leading club at the end of the home and away round robin and others were happy that the finals series determined the pennant winner.

Concerns were raised about playing too far into December

Other matters raised were the possible introduction of a 4th Division and the amount of down time on a pennant day.

The next pennant is currently scheduled to commence in late March and include at least 2 rounds incorporating home and away matches.

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