

2018-19 Golf Croquet Pennant – Pennant Manager’s Report

Divisional Structure.

The previous year’s divisional structure with A, B1, B2 and C with B1 and B2 having the same handicap range had not been satisfactory . A new divisional structure with the following handicap ranges was agreed to -

Division 1 -6 to 20, Division 2 5 to 20, Division 3 8 to 20 and Division 4 10 to 20. These handicap ranges appeared to be appropriate as far as the competing clubs were concerned.

The Pennant

It was disappointing that there were only 3 teams in Divisions 2, 3 and 4 – this resulted in one team having a bye each week. This was an unsatisfactory situation and every effort needs to be made that there be a minimum of 4 teams in each division. A Club with additional players could enter a composite team – current rules only require 2 players from the sponsoring club.

Unfortunately New Town was unable to enter teams in any division.

In Division 1 a fourth team was entered by Latrobe – this was a composite team with additional team members coming from East Launceston and St Leonards. Travelling did not pose a significant problem with each southern club travelling north twice and Latrobe travelling south 3 times. This enabled those with a possibility of being selected in the State team gaining additional experience.

Division 4 played the same modified format as for last year and played the other clubs only twice. Due to there being only 3 teams this was probably not enough.

Pennant winners were –

Division 1 – Kingston – Team members – R McAdam, P Roach, S Beattie, B Beattie, P Tracey, A Misrachi, T Parker and G Denehey

Division 2 – Eastern Shore – Team members - P Hamilton, J Hutchison, E Anderson, M Bishop, J Jacobs and N Davies.

Division 3 – Kingston – Team members – M Pinkard, E Johnston, R Brown, T Davidson, R Lee and C Norris.

Division 4 – Kingston – Team members – L Throsby, F Fleming, M Fleming, P McNeill and R Lee.

The Future

Every effort should be made to ensure that there are at least 4 teams in each division of the pennant. Hopefully New Town will be able to enter teams in some of the divisions and if necessary 2 teams from a club or composite teams should be encouraged.

The consensus was that the break in the Division 1 pennant during the Eire Cup was not necessary – only Kingston had members in both the pennant and the Eire Cup and they managed to play and win a previously suspended game during that time.

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