*Tasmanian Croquet AC Team Interstate (Eire) Cup Competition in Perth WA*

*Quick overview.*

*As posted earlier Tasmania had a credible result that with an ounce of luck could have seen them 3rd but in the end finished 5th.*

*Before talking about the team I should first mention that Callum Hyland came 4th in the AC Gold and Silver Medals with five wins and four of these were TP’s. Simon Watkins (VIC) won the Gold and Alan Sands (WA) the Silver.*

*Then both the Ladies and Mens Singles were played with Sue Beattie playing well to finish in fourth place. Both Elaine Roomes and Heather Lovell had some good wins in the plate competition. Callum progressed in the mens to be beaten by the eventual runner up Peter Ross but excelled in the Y event to win all his matches. Bob Beattie was relegated to the Plate where he had a number of competitive matches. Doreen had to withdraw from the plate after hurting herself on the heavy lawns. The balance of the team arrived after these events.*

*The team was drawn to play NSW on day 1 at Cambridge it was a very hot tough day (36-37 degrees) where we went down 15-5. But it was great to see Doreen Briant win her first match by 1 hoop after losing earlier by 1 hoop. Conditions were testing with hoops set solid in the ground and lawns more than a bit heavier than we were used to. We then rolled up all hot and sweaty to Elaine’s daughter Meredith and family for a lovely tea much appreciated by all.*

*Next up was VIC at Como the heaviest venue, still very hot (36-37 degrees). In the end it was 10-10 going down by just 17 hoops to the eventual winners of the Eire Cup. Some good wins against quality opposition with a couple of close results not going our way. Nice to see Tim Parker chalk up his first win.*

*Day 3 saw us up against SA (who incidentally finished 6th), last year’s champions, at Nedlands which was arguably the best lawns for speed, 12-8 to SA was the final result but a couple of games were lost by only 1 hoop so closer than it appears. Note all results in full can be seen at https://croquetscores.com/2019/ac/aust-eire-cup/south-australia-vs-tasmania*

*Day 4 Tassie plays the host WA back at Como in another 10-10 result going down by 30 hoops with good wins from Heather and all the ladies plus Tim against the Silver medallist Alan Sands. One turn of note was that of Ian Dumergue after the bell when 7 or 8 hoops behind and all balls buried. Went to the peg and pegged out to win by 1 hoop another example of how close this match was. A win would have propelled Tassie to third. Excellent effort by all! The WA team and Como Club then hosted us to a barbecue and drinks. Which went down very well and thanks for looking after us so well.*

*Final match saw us back at Nedlands with QLD for a wonderful win of 13-7. After turning 9 games to 3, after the first round of singles. This was a really good way to finish a tough week.*

*It should also be noted that all members of the team had a win, which was great to see. The team had a number of practises and travelled well together. Although a team event it should be noted that both Elaine Roomes and Sue Beattie had ten wins while Leigh Herington also had 10 wins.*

*Just as an aside 3 games were won by 1 hoop and 1 game by 2 hoops by Tasmania whereas 8 games were lost by 1 hoop and 2 games by 2 hoops.*