

NSW Golf Croquet Bronze Brooch

10 - 12 August 2020

The Bronze Brooch was hosted by Cheltenham Croquet Club from Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th August. Covid-19 guidelines were adhered to, balls and clips were sanitised after each game.

A block of 6 players played a double round robin concluding with semi finals and finals on day 3.

The 3 players entered from Mosman were Denise Howarth, Michael Morton-Evans and Penny Paterson. Dianne Bonnitcha from Sutherland, David Knott from Nowra and Sandy Tawa from Nelson Bay were the other entrants.

Despite the gale force winds and torrential showers, the first day went ahead and on time as scheduled.

All 6 entrants played in these trying conditions and had wins on the score board. Croquet was certainly the winner on day 1!



L to R: Dianne, Penny, Denise, Sandy, David, Michael

Day 2 of the Tournament was a lot calmer, the sun shone through, the players were more relaxed and enjoyed some close competition. At this stage Sandy having won all her games was undefeated while David and Dianne had 3 wins, each closing in on the semi finals. Denise, Penny and Michael played well throughout the tournament with some close games of a very high standard.

Day 3 leading up to the semis and finals was completed and scores tallied. Sandy 1st played Penny 4th in the first semi with David 2nd playing Dianne 3rd in the second semi. Sandy completed a tense match winning 7/5 with Dianne winning a very close match 7/6. Sandy continued her form with some aggressive play and winning the final. Sandy was undefeated throughout the tournament. Congratulations to Sandy and Dianne and also to the other players for their entertaining play, a pleasure to watch.



Club president Lesley Tregoning presenting awards to the winner Sandy Tawa (above) and Runner-up Dianne Bonnitcha (below)

Finally a special mention to Rosemary Freeman our Referee who gave up her time and also endured those atrocious conditions on Day 1. Concentrating on primary and secondary balls in play for 3 days, followed by semis and finals, is no mean feat. Well done Rosemary.

Cheltenham Croquet as the host of the Bronze Brooch Tournament enjoyed the friendliness of the competitors and the high standard of play. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to host this event enjoyed by our club members.



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