

CNSW 2021 GC Gold Brooch Tournament

Hosted by – Newcastle National Park Croquet Club

Tournament Manager Report

The CNSW 2021 GC Gold Brooch Tournament was hosted at Newcastle National Park Croquet Club (NNPCC) over three days 10th-12th December 2021. The GC Gold Brooch is a doubles tournament with each team consisting of a Division 1 player and a Division 2 player.

Initially 36 players (18 teams) entered but there was one withdrawal two days before the tournament started and they could not be replaced.

Format

Two qualifying blocks, one of 9 pairs and the other of 8 pairs, each played a round robin over the first 1 ½ days. The top 4 teams from each block proceeded to a final knockout series consisting of best-of-3 game match quarter finals, semi-finals, final and 3rd/4th playoff. The remaining teams took part in a Plate event, which was a cross-block with some games carried forward from the qualifying blocks.

Losers in the quarter finals played the “Y” knockout, also best-of-3 game matches, with a 3rd/4th match for losers of the first round.

There were six sessions of play on Friday and three on Saturday morning for block play, followed by quarter finals and three sessions of Plate block games on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday there was four sessions of Plate block games, and two sessions of best-of-3 knockout matches.

Facilities Provided by NNPCC

NNPCC provided access to all our facilities including 4 croquet lawns and equipment, large clubhouse, toilets, changerooms, kitchen services, outdoor shelters and seating and some on-site parking.

NNPCC provided the Tournament Manager (Derek Bull) and tournament management assistants, kitchen staff providing all day tea, coffee, cold water, savoury snacks and sweets and a lunch service. Club members set up and packed up lawns, did cleaning, assisted with timekeeping and scoring and generally supported and contributed to the successful running of the tournament.

NNPCC provided the Tournament Referee (Derek Bull) and an additional GC referee for the three days. Three referees attended each day and acted as Supervising Referees. No disciplinary action was encountered or reported on. The competition was played in good spirits.

Covid-19

All competitors were checked as having full vaccination status and the CNSW Covid-19 recommendations were followed including limited numbers allowed in, and mandatory mask wearing in, the clubhouse.

Tournament Management - Scheduling, Results and Scoring

The organisation of the tournament including games scheduling, result sheets, scoring, result grids and knockout grids were all run from a sophisticated Excel spreadsheet provided by David Stanton (CNSW Tournament Committee Chairman). This was an invaluable tool to run the tournament and David did a lot of pre-work in populating the competitors names and preparing the draw and provided ongoing support during the tournament. David also set up Croquet Scores with the competitor names and the structure of the draw. The Tournament Manager was granted administration access to the Croquet Scores event. The game and match results were entered into the spreadsheet and into Croquet Scores and then cross checked. The completed spreadsheet was returned to David Stanton.

Tournament Results

GC Gold Brooch Winners – John Levick and Chris Gill (NNPCC)

GC Gold Brooch Runners Up – Peter Freer and Robert Ey (Canberra)

GC Gold Brooch 3rd – Stephen Thornton and Michael Anear (Maitland)

GC Gold Brooch 4th – Roslyn Johnstone (Sutherland) and Patricia McCaskie (EDSACC)

Y Winner – John Pace and Robert Kerr (Maitland)

Y Runner Up – Chris Williamson (Toronto) and Cheryl Patterson (EDSACC)

Y 3rd – Ken Green and Brenda-Lee Peet (Maitland)

Y 4th – Ronald Johnstone (Cooks River) and Ronald May (EDSACC)

Plate Winner – Brenda Wild (Mt Sugarloaf) and Ruth Mulvaney (Toronto)

Presentation

The Tournament Manager announced the results and the CNSW Chairperson Kate McLoughlin presented the gold brooches to the Gold Brooch winners and certificates to both the winners and runners up. Kate also presented to the Tournament Manager an a framed Appreciation Certificate from CNSW to NNPCC for running the tournament.

Photos

- 1) Presentation to GC Gold Brooch Winners – John Levick and Chris Gill (NNPCC)
- 2) Presentation to GC Gold Brooch Runners Up – Peter Freer and Robert Ey (Canberra)
- 3) Presentation of Appreciation Certificate from CNSW to NNPCC Tournament Manager
Derek Bull
- 4) GC Gold Brooch Winners – John Levick and Chris Gill (NNPCC)







