

NSW GC Division 2 Doubles & Singles 13-17 July 2022 Report

In mostly overcast, cold and windy conditions 35 players from Ballina, Byron Bay, Canberra, Casino, Coutts Crossing, Eildon (QLD), Forster, Lismore, Mosman, Nelson Bay, South West Rocks, Toronto, Wollongong and Wonthaggi (VIC) contested the NSW GC Division 2 Doubles and Singles events from 13-17 July 2022.

The events were held at Ballina and Byron Bay with many players moving locations from one day to the next. We thank all players for doing so, especially those players who travelled between locations after completion of the block round robin on Saturday morning to play their first game in the Knockout or Plate.

Fourteen pairs competed in the Doubles event with eventual winners, Werner Borkhardt & Dhillon Tiffin from Byron Bay Croquet Club beating runners up Ian Donald & Robert Ey from Canberra Croquet Club in two straight games two games to nil in the best of three final. The doubles Plate was won by Leonie Condon (Casino) & Marilyn Nelson (Eildon) beating the 2021 NSW GC Division 3 Doubles winners Jan & Keith Brodie (Coutts Crossing).

Many doubles competitors backed up for the Singles event which saw 22 members play over three days. The winner was Dhillon Tiffin from Byron Bay Croquet Club beating runner up Glenn Sellers from Toronto Croquet Club, two games to nil in the best of three final. Dhillon hit his first croquet ball some nine months ago so his win in the Doubles and Singles evidences a rapid improvement under his coach, Max Donati. The singles Plate was won by Dennise Simmons from Byron Bay, narrowly beating Bernie McAlary from Wollongong 7/6.

It was a great pleasure to see 2008 & 2013 NSW GC Div 2 Singles winner, Bernie McAlary, present the winner and runner up Singles trophies this year.

Players enjoyed superb hospitality at each venue and all volunteers involved can be very proud of their contribution for very successful tournaments.

David Scott
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