

## **NSW DIVISION 2 GC PENNANTS FINALS 2023: tournament report**

**Venue:** Canberra, 4 – 5 June 2023

**Tournament Manager:** Kate McLoughlin

**Tournament Referee:** Adrienne Fazekas

**Number:** 4 teams 20 players

Held in Canberra as Jamberoo was unable to hold the event. Four regional winners contested the final in a round robin knockout played in Pennants format: 2 singles and 1 doubles was contested against each of the other teams. The teams were: Mosman White, Nelson Bay Kingsley, Marrickville and Canberra. Canberra was able to organise and supply all referees and Tournament officials.

The Conditions of Play, and draw was supplied by the NSW GC Pennants Co-ordinator: Lorraine Hatfield.

### **Results**

Marrickville and Canberra both won their first rounds, and played each other in the second round. Canberra lost their first rounds of singles, and Marrickville won the second round in the doubles for a poised conclusion. Canberra won the doubles and singles in 3 to take the second round, while Nelson Bay defeated Mosman. In the final round Marrickville defeated Nelson Bay to stay in the contest, and Canberra ideally needed to defeat Mosman for the win. It came down to the second singles after Greg Deakin defested Ian Donald, and the Canberra doubles defeated Mosman. The Mosman Captain put on a strong fight to take game 2 and look threatening in Game 3. Karen Bisley ran hoop 12 for a thrilling finish to the Canberra team. Canberra 3 tests, Marrickville 2 tests.

Full results are on Croquet Scores at <https://croquetscores.com/2023/gc/nsw-division-2-pennants-finals/summary>

### **Management**

The competition was held in cloudy cool conditions, but with no frosts or rain, play was able to proceed smoothly. A scorer and timekeeper was allocated to each lawn which was doublebanked. With extra volunteers a scorer was usually available for each match which worked well. The time limits of 1.15, 1.15, 1.00 were applied cumulatively according to the CNSW Tournament Regulations, and only 2 games were timed out. Players were advised to play the games within the match continuously, and were very good at keeping the matches moving along.

- a. Team Captains seemed unaware of the need to bring the list of players that were playing in each spot to the Tournament Manager before each round, to ensure Match slips could be produced. (With the exception of David Wilson from Nelson Bay who was very organised)
- b. There was confusion on Monday morning as the Nelson Bay singles players were incorrectly allocated. The error was quickly rectified, but the Tournament Manager needed to ensure there was some assistance in getting the Match slips written out in good time.
- c. Canberra Club members provided sandwich and soup lunches for \$5.00 and morning and afternoon teas were free. Club members and players helped to set up the lawns and put out the tent and chairs. The assistance of Canberra Pennants players was excellent, and helped make the event run so smoothly.
- d. The condition of the lawns was very good, with the drier winter grass proving quite fast for a number of players.
- e. Scoring was updated onto Croquet scores as quickly as possible, and with some chasing the Results Sheet for each Test was completed.

**Referees**

Thanks to Adrienne Fazekas, Tournament Referee, we had 3 referees from Canberra and Peter Gordon from Nelson Bay, who were supervising. There were no major refereeing incidents, with players conducting themselves well.

**Financial Outcome**

Costs for the event were minimal. Catering costs were \$63.43 and income received was \$203.00, resulting in a profit of \$139.57. Most soups, cakes etc were supplied by volunteers at no cost to the Club, sandwiches were kept simple. All referees and workers received free sandwiches and morning and afternoon tea. Club members were very generous in donating baked goods, and soups.

Lawn hire income from Croquet NSW should be \$225.00, which will all go the Canberra Club.

**Conclusion**

Positive comments were received about the efficient organisation of the event, and the good standard of hospitality. The event finished before 4pm each day, with the Presentation being made about 1.00 pm on Monday 5 by Mel Woosnam, CEO, Croquet Australia, who was visiting for the event. Team photos were taken at the end and sent to the Clubs and posted on Facebook.

Kate McLoughlin

Tournament Manager

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