

## NSW GC Open Doubles, 7-9 July 2023

This was an astonishingly even competition, with all matches closely contested, and most results surprisingly hard to predict.

Under blue skies, with cold mornings and sometimes brisk winds, seven teams played a round robin of best-of-three-game matches. Despite some time limit provisions, it proved difficult to complete all three scheduled rounds on the Friday, and one match eventually spread over three days.

Our thanks to Kaye Martin and Malcolm Powys for refereeing on Friday, and to Derek Bull and David Scott for letting themselves be dragged from play to adjudicate on the other days; thanks also to David Stanton for organising the event and managing on Friday.

By the third morning, probably every team still had a chance to win the tournament. In the end, no team scored less than two matches (and six games) or more than four matches (and nine games). After nervous checking of the conditions of play, it emerged that Jamie and Ethan Gumbrell had taken the trophy, with 4 matches, 9 games and 12 net hoops, with Liz Montague and David Scott runners-up with 4 matches, 9 games and 0 net hoops.



Players (L-R):

Peter Montague, Rob Elliott, Pamela Barnwell, Derek Bull, David Scott, Liz Montague, Hunter McPherson, Pauline Markwell, Sue Sellers, Jamie Gumbrell, Jill Sullivan, Ethan Gumbrell, Mark Scruton.

