

NSW Division 3 Doubles Tournament – Chatswood 10 – 12 July



Blue skies and a great turnout of players at the Division 3 Doubles at Chatswood Croquet Club!

The Croquet NSW Division 3 Doubles Tournament was held at Chatswood Croquet Club in fine weather from 10th - 12th July.

Mornings were cold, but days were sparkling and the lawns were running fast!

There were 16 pairs registered, with 1 pulling out prior to the event.

It was a fun and action packed few days of croquet, played in the best of spirits and with a notably high standard of competition. Especially pleasing was the number of new Division 3 players who had entered this tournament for the first time – it was terrific to see them stepping up to competitive play and doing so well, demonstrating real improvement over the course of this challenging three-day tournament.

The competitors were divided into two round-robin blocks, the 'Red' block being won by Stephen Curtis & Jillian McGrath (Manly) and the 'Blue' block by Les Guzowski & Ralph Harrison (Nelson Bay). After some hard-fought quarter finals, the semis were won by 9 – 4 by Les Guzowski & Ralph Harrison against Gary Allen & Fabienne Batho (Nelson Bay), and by a nail-biting 8 – 7 by Janelle Gaggin & Judy Tonkin (Marrickville) against Rosemary Howard & Sue Snepp (Chatswood).

The finals were won by Les Guzowski & Ralph Harrison from Nelson Bay, who edged out the runners-up Janelle Gaggin & Judy Tonkin from Marrickville in an excellent 19 hoop match with a final score of 10 to 4.



Marrickville runners-up Janelle Gaggin & Judy Tonkin presented with their awards by Chatswood club president Dan Howard



The smiles say it all – Division 3 winners, undefeated Les Guzowski & Ralph Harrison with their trophies

Chatswood Croquet Club would like to thank all of the many volunteers, both inside and outside the club, who gave their time to make this event such a success. Special thanks to tournament managers Derek (Bob) Berry and Terry Abbott for their sterling efforts liaising with players and their work in bringing this competition to fruition, and to Croquet NSW Tournament Director David Stanton for setting up the draw and for providing very helpful tuition on operating the computer program for keeping track of all the results over three days of competition. Great thanks also to Tournament referees Kay Martin and Roberta Flint, and to additional acting referees Michael Chambers, Terry Abbott, Bob Berry and Patrick Rundle all of whom did a splendid job maintaining peace and good order throughout the competition! Finally - and especially - thanks to all the competitors who took part and made this such a memorable tournament. We hope to see you back at Chatswood for more croquet in the future!

Dan Howard
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