

FEMCC, Golf Croquet Leagues Manager's Report 2017

I took over from Derek Buxton in June.

Some problems arose through the season that highlighted deficiencies in the rules. Proposals are to be suggested at the AGM to change and clarify the rules for next year.

This was the first year that a minimum player-handicap-total was used for Divisions 2 & 3. No limits were used for Division 1. The operation of this system will be reviewed at the AGM, but separately I give background information to aid the discussion.

Golf Croquet Division 1

Nottingham (A) were a clear winner of Division 1 and become Champions, despite having lost 5-7 to Ashby(A) in the last match of the season.

Ashby(B) struggled throughout the season. They were eventually awarded a match win after they were given a walkover by Pinchbeck who could not find a team for their match on any of the proposed dates. Finishing bottom of the League table Ashby(B) will be competing in Division 2 in 2018.

Golf Croquet Division 2

Sheffield U3A, competing in the FEMCC leagues for the first time, narrowly came top of Division 2, just ahead of Branston & District U3A. The two teams had the same number of match wins and game wins and also drew against each other, but Sheffield edged ahead of Branston on Hoop Points. Accordingly, Sheffield U3A will play in Division 1 next year.

At the bottom of the division, Bakewell lost to Branston in their last match of the season, which ensured that they ended below Richmond Park and thus will play in Division 3 again in 2018.

Golf Croquet Division 3

Darley Dale were clear winners of Division 3, winning all 5 their matches. They will thus return to Division 2 after spending just one year in Division 3.

Both North Hykeham and Leicester ended the season with one match win each, but with fewer game wins Leicester are placed at the bottom.

Other Matters

Louth CC are intending to join the leagues in 2018 and will be placed in Division 3. This will give 7 teams in Divisions 1 and 3. It would be good if another team could join so that we could have 7 teams and 6 matches in all three divisions.

Full details of League matches are shown on the Federation website

Go to <http://www.eastmidlandscroquet.org.uk>

I would like to extend my thanks to club contacts, secretaries and team captains for finalising match fixtures and for prompt reporting of results.

I would also like to thank Derek for his many hours of hard work as Leagues Manager over the years and to his assistance to me in taking over as Acting Manager.

Ralph Timms
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