

## **EMFCC, League Manager's Report 2015**

2015 saw the introduction of three Divisions in the Golf Croquet League. This seems to have worked well since there has been no comment suggesting otherwise.

I propose to carry on with three divisions for 2016 unless there is strong opposition from clubs.

### **2015 Summary**

#### **Golf Croquet Division 1**

Long Eaton A's strong team of players produced 4 wins out of their 5 matches thus taking the Championship title. Ashby A was the only team to beat Long Eaton. However Ashby with 3 wins were eclipsed for second place in the division by Bakewell A who also had 3 wins one of which was against Ashby, with a margin of 8-4 at Bakewell. Bakewell A therefore take second place.

Nottingham A surprisingly, only managed 1 match win throughout the season and finished in the relegation spot

#### **Golf Croquet Division 2**

The Pinchbeck CC team, in their first season in the Federation League was too strong for the rest of the teams. By winning all 5 of their matches they gained promotion to Division 1 for 2016.

The runner up in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division was Woodhall Spa CC with 4 wins out of 5

Bakewell B failed in all of their matches and consequently will be competing in Division 3 in 2016

#### **Golf Croquet Division 3**

Ashby B and Branston B both registered 4 wins out 5. The crucial game came at the end of the season with Ashby travelling to Branston. They were entertained regally by the home club but repaid this hospitality by beating Branston and thus taking the title.

#### **Association Croquet 14 point**

Bakewell CC kindly volunteered to host the 14 point Association Croquet event this year and we owe thanks to Bill Robinson for his work in arranging and managing the event,

Results summary

First - Nottingham won 5 games with a total score of 61 points.

Second - Ashby won 3 games with total score of 55 points.

Third - Bakewell won 4 games with total points score of 41 (one game won was by default due to the late arrival of Nottingham)

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 hope to see more clubs participating in both the Golf and Association leagues in the future to enable their members to engage in friendly but competitive croquet matches.

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