

## **FEMCC, League Manager's Report 2016**

2016 was the second year in which we operated three Divisions in the Golf Croquet League. Some problems arose through the season that highlighted deficiencies in the rules. Proposals are to be suggested at the AGM in an effort to make changes and to clarify the rules for next year.

### **2015 Summary**

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

Ashby's final match at Leicester was pivotal in deciding the Division 1 title. Leicester A won the match and became Champions by virtue of having beaten Ashby A. (The 'who beat who' rule as a decider is one of the rules that will be under discussion at the AGM).

Richmond Park had a season struggling to find enough players to compete in their matches due mainly to illness of members. Finishing bottom of the League table they will be competing in Division 2 in 2017.

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

Three teams, Ashby B, Nottingham A, and Branston A finished the season having scored the same number of points. Application of the published rules gave first place to Ashby B who had beaten Nottingham A and tied with Branston A.

Ashby B will take their place in Division 1 in 2017.

Darley Dale despite having tied matches against Ashby B and Nottingham A, failed to win any matches and as a result will be relegated to division 3.

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

Bakewell B were clear winners of Division 3, winning 4 of their 5 matches.

Three teams, Branston B, Long Eaton B and Torksey finished the season with equal points. Bakewell B have therefore earned promotion to Division 2 for next year.

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

Unfortunately only Nottingham answered the response for entries to the 14 point AC this year. I will attempt to stir up more interest for 2017 and will be hoping to get a meaningful competition arranged.

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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