

EMFCC, League Manager's Report 2012

Golf Croquet Division 1

The newly formed Nottingham Knights team did not manage to get started due to an unfortunate illness and so the league was contested by just 6 clubs.

The battle for top spot was closely contested with both Bakewell 'A' and Ashby CC winning 4 out of the 5 games played. Since Ashby won their tie against Bakewell they claimed top spot and the title Division 1 Champions.

At the other end of the table, Richmond Park found themselves depleted of players, finished bottom and are therefore relegated.

Golf Croquet Division 2

Leicester CC's strengthened team went through their fixtures without losing a match. A tie with Branston U3A group was their only hiccup. So having finished top of the league and Division 2 champions, Leicester will be promoted to Division 1.

Branston U3A finished second by playing strongly throughout the season, a fine achievement for the relatively new club.

Association Croquet 14 point

Once again only three teams entered the league this year. Players from Branston U3A again combined with Woodhall Spa CC to form a Lincolnshire Group team to play against Nottingham CC and Ashby CC.

Ashby won their match against Nottingham, Nottingham beat the Lincolnshire Group and the Lincolnshire Group overwhelmed an Ashby CC team.

Therefore, to sort out the positions, it came down to positive game difference.

Lincolnshire Group's plus 5 games against Ashby helped to make them clear winners.

As Champions they will be presented with the Federation 'Short Croquet Salver'

Full details of matches are shown on the Federation website

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 also hope to see more clubs participating in the leagues to enable their members to participate in friendly competitive matches.

Derek Buxton, Leagues manager.