



# 2022 – 23 Drawn Pairs Report

## 28 & 29 September 2022

### Men's Drawn Pairs

This year saw 68 male members nominated to play in the drawn pairs event, a great improvement from 56 members the previous year, giving us 17 full rinks. The Saturday before the event was to be held, we still had 68 players listed to play.

Then on Sunday the phone began to ring with a cancellation. Luckily, we had a reserve at the ready. Then another cancellation, luckily, we had another reserve. Then another cancellation. I then decided to play to balance the numbers. On Monday morning another cancellation, so myself and two of the other reserves were asked to be put back on the reserve list.

This now gave us 64 players. Still 16 rinks and still a good number. Monday and Tuesday saw the number of players continue to fluctuate. Still managing to hold onto a number of 64 players.



Men's dawn pairs winners:  
Max Davidson and Rod Fraser

Wednesday morning, I received another cancellation due to a member testing positive for Covid. Luckily, I still had one last reserve available. Fifteen minutes before the start we had four players who were a "no show". We rang all four up with no response on the phone. I was then informed that one of those players had removed their name from the list on the whiteboard the night before! This now left us with 60 players. Rink cards needed to be recalculated and remade to accommodate the new number of rinks to be used. Phew!! 60 of our 78 male members participated equalling 77%.

Finally, at 10am (30 minutes late) we commenced the tournament. Then between 11am and noon two listed players who didn't show up at 9.15am turned up. A common problem that has occurred on too many occasions. The first two games were played followed by a tea break and then the final game. Ten pairs came in at the break undefeated. Nine pairs with one win. Then the draw for the final game was conducted.

Finally play was over. Five of the undefeated pairs went on to win their third game and remained undefeated. It was down to points accrued through the three games to break the tie. The winning pair finished with 55 pts, second coming in with 53 pts and third with 52 pts.

Congratulations to **Max Davidson** and **Rod Fraser** (both first-time winners) on taking out first prize with **Max Duggan / Mark Oldfield** coming in second and **Claus Schonfeldt / John Lucas** third. Well done to all.

## Ladies' Drawn Pairs

The Ladies' event went through with a minimum of fuss. A slight mistake by the event coordinators (Cecchi & Pope) forgot to exclude a player who had cancelled two days earlier. Fortunately, we had reserves a plenty to overcome any mishaps. This left us with sixteen pairings. 32 of our 47 lady members participated equalling 68%.

The weather turned out perfect for the ladies' event. The games started just ten minutes late. After the completion of the first two rounds, we had five undefeated pairs. The third game draw was calculated, cards handed out and the players all went out looking for victory. Anyone of the top twelve pairings was still in it to win.

Unfortunately, I had a medical appointment late morning, so **Chris Douglas** was kind enough to process the completed cards at the conclusion of play. It was an exciting surprise finish with the pairing of **Jackie Gardiner and Pat Miller** winning the event with 38 points - two wins and a draw.

In second place Claire Pope with Kathlyn Starkie and third place going to Brenda Porter with Val Hill. Pat was happy as she received a late call up to be a fill in as we were short of players for the event. It should be noted that this is Pat's third win in this event equalling Di Born and Marie Holland. Jackie is a first-time winner of this event. Well done!

Special note: **Denise Abraham** and **Kathy Day** scored a perfect 17 points in their third game promoting them from the equal ninth position after two games to fourth.

Special thanks to **Bob Gilby** and his crew for setting up the greens on both days and many thanks also to **Louise Lycett** and **Peter Marshall** for running the bar facilities.

- *Bob Cecchi*



Ladies' drawn pairs winners: Pat Miller and Jackie Gardiner