

MIXED TEAMS - REPORT, District Park BROADMEADOW, June 11, 12, 13 2016

How fortunate were we to have this event in between two wet weekends?

Eighteen teams were once again competing and having fun on this very popular weekend at District Park, where we have undoubtedly the best facilities in the state for such an event. We had three Divisions as usual, where the "top two" in each play the last match on Monday morning. Richard Nicholls joined Dean Robertson, Kerri Summerhayes, Kaye Nealon and Karen Lenz to take out the GREEN group, being undefeated all weekend. The BLUE group was dominated by the "smiling assassins" AKA the "Funsters" – organized by Regina Schlemmer of Balgownie, with three Wollongong lads, Darren Moffitt, Daryl Orr and Steve Marshall – supported by Monique Spiller (her twin sister) and Jacinta Howden. The RED group was a "laydown misere" to the New Englanders, led by our #1 Over 75 lady Marg Wayte, along with Judy Cousins, Rob Haling, Don Edmonds and Mick Dunn. (It was discovered that Rob Haling has recently become a "new Dad" as his young wife Anna was busy keeping up with six-month old baby Robert.)

The most creative team name would have to be "Scared Hitless" – (Captain Neale McDonald), followed closely by "Kiss My Aces" – (George Howden) who said they would change it to "Whip My Aces" after the canings they were given. Two new teams competed strongly in the top group, namely "Fired Up" (Captain John Gill) and "Crop Dusters" (a team with some young farmers from West Wyalong – captained by Cathie Long). "Potentially Hazardous" led by Scott Homsey and Donna Roddom came in third – having a 6-2 win in their final rubber against the "Crop Dusters".

It is pretty amazing to note that amongst the competitors there were 4 sets of sisters, (Kaye & Kerri; Carolyn & Donna; Lisa and Susie; Regina & Monique) - one brother and sister, (Gary & Elaine) and a mother and son, (Vicki & Jared). Once again, it is pleasing that there were no major injuries on court. Let's do it all again next year! See you there.

WINNING TEAMS:

RED: New Englanders – Mick Dunn, Rob Haling, Don Edmonds, Marg Wayte, Judy Cousins.

BLUE: Funsters – Darren Moffitt, Daryl Orr, Steve Marshall, Regina, Monique Spiller, Jacinta Howden.

GREEN: Topspin Tyrants – Richard Nicholls, Dean Robertson, Kerri Summerhayes, Kaye Nealon, Karen Lenz.

PS A huge thanks to Arthur, for "manning the desk", recording scores and accepting payments for member renewals and Teams. A mammoth task, very well done!

Robyn Castle, coordinator.