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CSGA PENNANT COORDINATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT – NOVEMBER 2021

It's pleasing to report that 2021 pennant season was successfully completed this year, well before ACT COVID-19 restrictions were put in place. The 2021 season was finalised on Friday, 22nd July, with the Emily Hurt Shield final at Yowani Country Club. Finalists were Royal Canberra and Queanbeyan – congratulations to both teams for reaching the finals, and congratulations to Royal Canberra, who defeated Queanbeyan 4/1. This was one of the few matches played this year in sunshine and we also had the pleasure of Emily Hurt's presence and presentation of the trophy.

Below is a summary of all the 2021 pennant outcomes. The season ran from 28th February to 22nd July, with a number of cancellations and changes to dates due to weather conditions. Congratulations to all participants for your commitment to weekly management of teams over this period.

Bruce Cup	Queanbeyan v Federal	Queanbeyan: 3/2
Brindabella Shield	Gold Creek v Fairbairn	Gold Creek: 3.5/1.5
CSGA Plate	Federal v Queanbeyan	Federal: 4/1
Bronze Shield	Queanbeyan v Bowral	Queanbeyan: 3/2
Emily Hurt Shield	Royal Canberra v Queanbeyan	Royal Canberra: 4/1

CSGA Canberra 9-Hole Challenge – Cheryl Lane Trophy

The 9-Hole Challenge commenced on Monday, 9th August with Round 1 at Murrumbidgee Country Club – Gungahlin Lakes won the team event with 64 stableford points. The participating clubs were Royal Military College, Gungahlin Lakes, Royal Canberra, Yowani, Federal and Murrumbidgee. Unfortunately, Rounds 2 and 3 had to be cancelled because of COVID-19 restrictions and it was not possible to reschedule these games.

2021 Captain's Meeting

The Captain's Meeting was held on Monday, 26th July at 11am at Yowani Country Club. This meeting provided an opportunity to:

- provide feedback on the 2021 season
- advise details of which pennant teams each club will be nominating for 2022
- consider capping of Emily Hurt playing handicap at 54
- nominations for 2022 pennants, size of pools
- starting date for 2022 and timing of the Emily Hurt Shield.

Outcomes of the meeting included the following requests:

- CSGA Plate handicap range to revert to previous range: 12-23
- a number of clubs asked that consideration be given to not allowing caddies because of their contribution to slow play, involvement in coaching and other interference.

Following feedback from all participating clubs and the CSGA committee, it was agreed that caddies won't be allowed for the 2022 district pennants (except for the Emily Hurt Shield which targets inexperienced and new golfers). This decision is supported by the majority of the CSGA committee and 11 of the 15 participating clubs. Please understand that it hasn't been taken lightly - we are responding to the ongoing complaints the CSGA receives every season, which include:

- caddies contributing to slow play because of coaching and interference with the playing of each shot
- caddies with limited understanding of match play rules and the limitations of the role of a caddy, interfering with scoring and application of rules
- where opposing teams don't have caddies, players feeling overwhelmed and isolated with no interaction with their opponent.

The CSGA is also aware that the issue of slow play is a serious problem for the future of pennant golf - as social and competition golf continues to expand, it becomes more difficult for all clubs in the district to allocate playing time for district pennants both on Sundays and week days. Thankfully, we continue to have the support of participating clubs and benefit from not being charged green fees for pennant golf.

I look forward to working with you in 2022 – attached is a list of participating clubs and hosting dates. The 2022 Pennant Schedule, draws and updated Regulations will be prepared for publication January 2022.

My thanks for your assistance in preparing the program and for your commitment and support through the 2021 season.

Barbara Wallace

CSGA Pennant Coordinator

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CSGA PENNANTS 2022 – HOSTING DATES

	Sunday Pennants			Thursday/Friday Pennants		
Clubs	Bruce Cup	Brindabella		Plate	Bronze	
Pools		A	B		A	B
Belconnen		13 Mar		22 Apr		25 Mar
Bowral				6 May		
Braidwood						11 Mar
Federal	3 Apr		10 Apr	3 Mar		18 Mar
Gold Creek	--	--	--			
Goulburn			3 Apr		25 Mar	
Gungahlin	27 Mar	20 Mar		29 Apr	18 Mar	
Moss Vale		27 Mar			1 Apr	
MV/GBN				11 Mar At MV		
Murrumbidgee	10 Apr		20 Mar	25 Mar		1 April
Queanbeyan			27 Mar	18 Mar		
RCGC	20 Mar	10 Apr		Thurs 31 Mar	Thurs 10 Mar	
RMC						8 Apr
Yass		3 Apr				
Yowani			13 Mar	8 Apr	8 Apr	
YOW/GC	13 Mar At YOW					
# of rounds	5 rounds and a final	5 rounds, semi-finals and a final		9 rounds and a final	5 rounds, semi-finals and a final	

Starting dates:

Bruce Cup: 13 March at Yowani

Brindabella: Pool A – 13 March at Belconnen Pool B – 13 March at Yowani

Plate: 3 March at Federal

Bronze: Pool A – 10 March at RCGC Pool B – 11 March at Braidwood

Note: Where there is an even number of teams in any pool, the finalists from 2021 will not host a game, or play a hosting club.