

Happy Valley Croquet Club Tournaments 2022

The first tournament on my new lawn was a B & C Flight Event in mid August with five entrants. The lawn was a gorgeous green planned perfectly by my turf specialist from the local wholesale fertilizer supplier

Within one day the approach to hoop one looked like it had been rototilled.

Now I have a club policy of a tooney per divot to help pay for upkeep with an ugly piggy bank for deposits, so I counted up the divots at hoop one (there were many more at the other hoops), and opened the ugly piggy to reap the rewards. It turned out that I was short about \$60. So I learned something about the entrants...

There were three entrants from nearby Saturna Island and two from Vancouver Island so it became a bit of island warfare.



Tony Simmonds from Saturna won the weekend

And I had a week to repair the lawn before the A Flight event. Happy Valley Eight.

After lots of discussion with Brian Wasylyk I decided to cancel the prize money offer and instead offer full board with camping on the farm for four days.

I was awakened on the first morning at 6am to the sound of clacking balls even though play didn't start until 8am

And that was the beginning. As the sun went down I attached lights to the hoops and someone parked their E Car with its lights over the lawn and we played Golf Croquet till late into the night.



And that was how it continued. An orgy of full on croquet.

I claimed several awards:

- Longest game before a point was scored - 1hr 11minutes
- Shortest game to be beaten - 45 minutes
- Largest divot. It was thought that divots should be charged by the square inch and I would be out about \$16. I pointed out that I had invested about \$8000 divots in installing the lawn.



Conor Broderick won the Happy Valley Eight

I didn't think it through this year when I was planning dates for the two tournaments this year. I posted the B&C before the A Flight again. So the lawn will be well rototilled for the A Flight the following week.



Happy Valley Eight group



B&C Flight Event group



Your Hosts - Michael & Lynda