
Report for the LRTA Relatives/Generation Tournament 23rd October 2022



Seven pairs travelled to Hardwick House for the second ‘re-vamped’ LRTA Relative’s Tournament on Saturday 23 October. It was great to see entries from some familiar faces from the previous event as well as some new pairings; the line-up included parent and child combinations from the Willis, Batys, Lumleys, Defries, Harveys, Sullivans and Kirkwoods.

Play was spectacular throughout the day – with notable performances from Bella Harvey (who has come on leaps and bounds since the prior tournament), Lara Defries and Rhuari and Ali Kirkwood. Highlights also included an array of delicious vegan, vegetarian and meat COOK lasagnes, desserts, as well as excellent marking throughout!

The final couldn’t get any closer - Georgie and Simon Willis v Ali and Rhuari Kirkwood (who had been getting progressively better with each match) - it was down to the Willis pairing who were Owe 15 Receive 30, one serve, banned tambour to hold their nerve. As one could have predicted, the final culminated in a 5-5 40 all finish, with the Kirkwoods securing the Win after a force at the dedans, which Georgie leapt to defend but unfortunately could not return. Great play and we thank both pairings for the spectacular performance to close out the day!

As always, this tournament delivered great fun and a very social atmosphere while also testing family relationships to the limit in the pursuit of victory. Thank you to all those who took part and we look forward to seeing you all (+ a few more) again next year!

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