

HISTORY OF PENNANT MATCHES

- 1906 It was decided th play Pennant Matches between the six original Union clubs. Six players from each club and matches played alternately on each links.
- 1907 Pennant to be played on Fridays between original clubs (excluding Colac) plus Eaglemont, Albert Park and Royal Park. First mention of proposed Insterstate Match. Surrey Hills GC winner of first Pennant Match series.
- 1908 Five clubs for Senior Pennant
Kew, Geelong, Riversdale, Metropolitan and Ballarat.
Eight clubs for Junior Pennant
Essendon, Geelong, Royal Park, Kew, Ealgemont, Riversdale, Metropolitan and Albert Park.
- 1909 Senior Pennant (5 teams) and Junior Pennant (13 teams) were played throughout 1909 but results incomplete. Stymies had to be played.
- 1910 It was decided that Match results remain scored by points not aces. Cups instead of flags to be given to Senior and Junior winners.
Senior winners (5 teams): Royal Melbourne
Junior A Div winners (6 teams): Royal Melbourne
Junior B Div winners (8 teams): Kew
- ? Mrs F Fairbairn donates Ten Pounds to buy two Cups
Town v. Country Match won by Town 12 points to 11
Town Captain: Mrs F Fairbairn
Country Captain: Miss E Raleigh
- 1911 Senior Pennant winners (4 teams): Riversdale
Junior " A Div Winners (4 teams): Royal Melbourne
Junior " B Div Winners (7 teams): Metropolitan and Riversdale
Town v. Country Match won by Country by one match.
- 1912 Union still to control Interstate Matches and to pick the team rather than (as Royal Melbourne suggested) Captain of each Senior Pennant Team plus one Union representative. Pennant Matches now to be decided by aces.
→ Senior winners (4 teams): Royal Melbourne
Junior A Div winners (7 teams): Royal Melbourne
Junior B Div winners (7 teams): Yarra Yarra
14 players named for possible Interstate Team.
Interstate Match: Vic beat SA 6-1
Vic beat Tas 5-2
Town and Country Match abandoned.

- 1913 No Interstate Matches but interstate visitors to play team selected from Metropolitan clubs.
After voting by clubs concerned, 30 aces to be given for a pennant match walk-over to continue.
- 1914 Pennant players in Junior B Teams who reduced below 20 hcp are thenceforth ineligible to play.
Royal Melbourne won all three Pennant Divisions.
- 1915- No Pennant Matches because of War.
1918
- 1919 Pennant Matches to be resumed.
Senior Players: Scratch-9 hcp
Junior A Div: 10-19 hcp
Junior B Div: 20-30 hcp
- 1920 Pennant draw cannot be printed because of printer's strike.
Mrs Gatehouse, Miss Austin and Miss G Hay appointed to select Interstate Team.

Senior winners: Metropolitan
Junior A winners: Riversdale
Junior B winners: Metropolitan
- 1921 Senior Players: No hcp limit
Junior A " : 17-26 hcp
Junior B " : 27-36 hcp.
Next season teams to consist of 7 players - not 6 - and results to be decided by matches not aces and holes.
- 1922 Interstate Team Selectors: Miss G Gay, Miss C Lascelles and either Mrs Gatehouse or Miss Guthrie.
- 1923 Senior winners: Royal Melbourne
Junior A " : Metropolitan
Junior B " : Metropolitan
- Rules:
- 1 When two or more clubs win equal matches, highest aggregate of individual wins to decide result. If still equal, a play-off to take place on a neutral links.
 - 2 Players to be ready by 1 pm on day appointed. If team member fails to play, opponent gets walk-over. If player is later than 1/4 hour after last match in her division has started, opponent to get walk-over.
 - 3 Player who has played twice in a division on her own is debarred from playing in her own division for the rest of the season.
- Interstate Match: Vic defeated SA 6-1.
- 1924 Senior winners: Royal Melbourne
Junior A " : Metropolitan
Junior B " : Metropolitan

Interstate Matches:

SA defeated Tas and Queensland 5-2
Vic defeated NSW 6-1
Vic defeated SA 6-1

Barwon Heads' request to enter a Pennant Team refused as all clubs were emphatic that it was unwise to go further than the Metropolitan area.

1925 Hcp limits within Pennant Divisions abolished and status of teams in all divisions must be approved by the VLGU.

Senior winners: Royal Melbourne
Junior A " : Geelong
Junior B " : Northern

Interstate Team selectors: Mrs Lees, Miss Guthrie and Miss Wise.

Interstate Match: NSW defeated Vic 4-3.

Flags to be given to winning Senior and Junior A Teams only.

1926 Senior Pennant winners: Royal Melbourne
Junior A " " : Royal Melbourne
Junior B " " : Metropolitan

Interstate Team Selectors: Mrs Gatehouse, Miss MacLeod and Miss S Tolhurst.

Interstate Match: NSW defeated SA 6-1
Vic defeated NSW 4-3

Rules:

- 1 Hcp limits, ie 21-36 for 'B' Div only
- 2 Having once played in senior Div, player cannot play in the B Div in the same season
- 3 Desirable to play on neutral courses.

1927 Interstate Team Selectors: Mrs Lees, Miss MacLeod and Mrs Byrne. Clubs asked how their clubs wished to play A Div in future. In 1 or 2 divisions? 2 divisions with home and home matches? Answer: A Div in one division in 1928. Council in favour of C Div in 1928.

Interstate Match: NSW defeated Tas 4-3
Vic defeated SA 7-10
Vic defeated NSW 6-1

Six districts tentatively arrange home and home matches in their respective areas. Five players a side on hcp. Town Pennant players may also play in District Pennant.

1928 C Div: 30-36 hcp.
A Pennant Teams entered by Peninsula and Victoria approved.

Senior winners: Royal Melbourne
Junior A " : Royal Melbourne
Junior B " : Metropolitan
Junior C " : Kew

Interstate Team Selectors: Mrs Gatehouse, Miss MacLeod and Miss Austin.

Interstate Match: Vic defeated NSW 4-3

All interstate players to have official tie as well as spoon. Present qualification for A Team criticized but no alternative

suggested. Suggested that the 10 clubs now playing Country Pennant send 2 representatives to Council to be known as Country Vice Presidents.

1929 A Teams from Kew and Commonwealth accepted.
Senior Pennant winners: Metropolitan
Junior A " " : Victoria
Junior B " " : Commonwealth
Junior C " " : Woodlands
New country pennant groups in Gippsland and Goulburn approved.
Interstate Team Selectors: Mrs Gatehouse, Miss MacLeod and Miss G Hay.
Interstate Team ties now available at 8/6 each.
Interstate Match: Victoria defeated SA 7-0.
Country pennant teams to decide if matches played from scratch or hcp individually.

1930 VLGU pennant flags to be made available to all country districts.
Placing of pennant players to be left to Captain's discretion as hcp not important in match play.
Senior Pennant winners: Metropolitan
Junior A " " : Kingston Heath
Junior B " " : Kingston Heath Div II
Junior C " " : Commonwealth
Interstate Team Selectors: Mrs Gatehouse, Mrs Alec Russell and Miss S Tolhurst.
Interstate Match: Only Vic had a representative team.
Country Teams Matches to be held in 1931 Open Meeting.

1931 Rules:

A Pennant hcp: Scratch-18
B " " : 19-30
C " " : 30-36
A to be played in 2 sub divisions
B " " " " 4 " "
C " " " " 2 " "

New country pennant group: Chiltern, Rutherglen, Wodonga and Beechworth.

Queried whether Woodend Pennant Group still operating: If not would they please return the Cup!

Ballarat wants to play pennant in two divisions.

Hamilton and Warrnambool having difficulties with their district pennant teams owing to the Depression.

Senior Pennant winners: Royal Melbourne

Junior A " " : Kingston Heath

Junior B " " : Kingston Heath

Junior C " " : Yarra Yarra

Interstate Team Selectors: Misses MacLeod, Hay and Tolhurst.

Interstate Match: NSW defeated Vic 3-2.

Country Teams Matches to be held immediately prior to Open Meeting on another links. Victoria to be divided into eight districts (as per VGA) seven players per team, all to play off scratch and 10/- per team entry.

1932 Rule: If only 2 teams in Senior Div and one win each, they must play off.
Junior A to be played in two divisions.
Country Teams Event - 4 district limits to be defined. 7

7 players

players per team and names of intending competitors to be sent to the VLGU who will arrange teams.

Senior Pennant winners: Royal Melbourne

Junior A " " : Metropolitan Div II

Junior B " " : Royal Melbourne Div I

Junior C " " : Yarra Yarra Div I

Wonthaggi form pennant group but their conditions of play prevent VLGU donating Cup this year.

Interstate Team Selectors: Mrs Gatehouse, Miss MacLeod and Mrs Byrne.

Only 2 teams entered for Country Team Matches so friendly match arranged.

Interstate Cup named in memory of Miss Gladys Hay.

Decision: As many pennant matches as possible on one links on one day - Geelong disapproved.

1933 No C Pennant and cup to be returned to VLGU. New Zealand propose conditions for Inter-Colonial Match:

1 To be played every two years

2 Matches to go past 18 hole if necessary

3 Australian Team to be chosen by ALGU selectors

4 Name 'Tasman Cup' approved.

'Gladys Hay' Interstate Cup to be bought by Miss Green.

Senior Pennant winners: Royal Melbourne

Junior A " " : Commonwealth

Junior B " " : Victoria

Colac, Barwon Heads, Geelong Torquay and East Geelong form Association to play inter-shield matches.

Interstate Matches: Vic defeated NSW 3-2

Tas defeated SA 5-0

Vic defeated Tas 4-1

Country Teams Captains must place players in order of hcp. Country Pennant players may play in town but not vice versa. Six country teams competed for the "Alice Coltman Cup" for the first time. Gippsland defeated Northern in final.

1934 Scratch Foursomes and Town Pennant players cannot play in Country Championships.

New country pennant group: Korrumburra, Leongatha, Wonthaggi and Mirboo North. The possibility of Gippsland being divided into two sub-sections was discussed.

Country Pennant winners (11 districts)

Ballarat District - Gala

Ballarat N " - Ballan

Gippsland " - Bairnsdale

S Gippsland " - Korrumburra

Goulburn Valley " - Tatura

Hamilton " - Brie Brie

N Eastern " - Beechworth

Seymour " - Broadford

Warrnambool " - Warrnambool

Wimmera " - Minyip

Woodend " - Woodend

In Senior Pennant, 5 of the 7 players must be under 10 hcp. This was rescinded next year.

1935 As Albert Park and Eastern's A Pennant Teams were approved, Mrs Cook and Mrs Cheney asked to meetings.

Pennant winners:

Senior: Royal Melbourne (4 teams competed)

Junior A: Geelong (3 divisions, 4 teams per division)

Junior B: Royal Melbourne (4 divisions, 4 teams per division)

Country Teams Match Winners: Bendigo (1 spoon each = 7)

1936 Bendigo Country Pennant group formed.
Pennant winners:
Senior: Metropolitan (4 teams)
Junior A: Geelong (same as 1935)
Junior B: Metropolitan (same as 1935)
Interstate Team placement by Captain not order of hcp. Central Secretary for Country Teams Groups to be appointed.
Country Teams winners: Corangamite
Country Teams players must live in the district 6 months prior to playing for that district.
Three dozen Interstate Ties to be ordered.

1937 Winning 'A' Pennant does not mean eligibility for Senior grade next year, ie, no promotion or relegation. Country Pennant districts may only have three teams competing. Previous minimum was four.
Pennant winners:
Senior: Royal Melbourne (5 teams competed)
Junior A: Peninsula (3 divisions = 12 teams)
Junior B: Metropolitan (4 divisions = 7 teams)
Country Teams Match winners: Corangamite

1938 Clubs to be asked if they would like Senior Pennant stopped as this would strengthen 'A' teams. Also should 'A' teams be limited to Silver Division and 'B' to Bronze? 'A' has 14 approved teams and 'B' 18.
Pennant winners:
Senior: Kingston Heath
Junior A: Woodlands
Junior B: Woodlands
Country Teams Match Winners: E Gippsland
It was decided to continue Senior Pennant but teams to consist of 5 players all on single figure hcp.
'A' teams must have 5 players in Silver Division.
'B' teams must have 5 players 19-30 hcp inclusive.

1939 Pennant winners:
'A': Riversdale
'B': Royal Melbourne
(No mention of Senior Team)
Gladys Hay Interstate Match Cup won by Victoria.

1940 11-6 voted in favour of continuing pennant matches in spite of War. But country districts to make their own decisions. Metropolitan the only team in Senior Pennant so they withdraw. 15 entries in 'A' and 15 in 'B'.

24/6/40 All pennant teams now withdrawn.

1946 Pennant matches to resume after War. Teams to consist of 5 players and each ~~team~~ club could enter 2 teams, 1 in Silver Division and 1 in Bronze. Registered clubs to be charged 1 guinea per team.
12 teams enter in 'A' and 17 in 'B'.
No country matches this year.
Pennant cups to be awarded to 'A' and 'B' winners this year.

Pennant winners:

'A': Royal Melbourne

'B': Kingston Heath

The possibility of country pennant resuming next year is to be reviewed, but no chance of Senior Pennant.

1947 Five country pennant groups suggested, minimum three clubs each.

Pennant Winners:

'A': Kingston Heath

'B': Yarra Yarra

Each member of the Victorian Interstate Team to be given a silver spoon.

Senior or 'A' Pennant winners will be given a flag for their first win, but may buy another for 3.10.0 for second win.

Same applies to 'B' winners. All country pennant cups not competed for this year are to be recalled.

1948 Pennant winners:

'A': Royal Melbourne

'B': Huntingdale

It was suggested that Senior Pennant be resumed next year provided four approved teams enter.

Swan Hill new country pennant group so cup sent to them.

Country Teams Match winners: E Gippsland.

1949 Pennant winners:

Senior and 'A': Royal Melbourne

'B': Yarra Yarra

Seven sub-districts in Country Teams Matches:

Ballarat, Bendigo, Corangamite, E Gippsland, W Gippsland, Goulburn Valley and N Eastern. However, Bendigo will combine with Wimmera in future as these districts are too large and widespread.

1950 Pennant winners:

Senior: Yarra Yarra

'B': Huntingdale

(No mention of 'A')

Country Teams Match winners: Ballarat

WA's suggestion that each State should play each of the other States in the Interstate Matches is favoured for a trial next year.

1951 Pennant winners:

Senior: Yarra Yarra

'A': Metropolitan

'B': Woodlands

1952 Pennant winners:

Senior: Royal Melbourne

'B': Woodlands

(No mention of 'A')

Country Teams Matches winners: Ballarat

1953 Each club to be limited to 2 pennant teams:

Pennant winners:

Senior Victoria

(No mention of 'A' or 'B')

Pennant Rules.

- 1 Each club to have one team in two divisions only
- 2 Each team to have five players
- 3 Senior Division: Scratch-12 hcp with three players on single figures.
- 4 A Division: Scratch-18 but not more than two players on single figures
- 5 B Division: 19-27 hcp

1954 Pennant winners:
Senior: Metropolitan
(No mention of 'A' or 'B')

1955 Pennant winners:
Senior: Royal Melbourne
(No mention of 'A' or 'B')
Country Teams Match winners: Ballarat

1956 Pennant winners:
Senior: Metropolitan
'B': Northern
(No mention of 'A')
Country Teams Match winners: Ballarat

1957 Senior Division pennant to have Home and Home matches.
Pennant winners:
Senior: Royal Melbourne
No mention of 'A' or 'B')
Country Teams Match winners: Ballarat

1958 Pennant winners:
Senior: Metropolitan
'A': Woodlands
'B': Northern
Country Teams Match winners Central Gippsland.
VLGU will give country pennant cup if four or more clubs compete annually. These cups will supercede the 1924 ones.

1959 Pennant winners:
Senior: Yarra Yarra
Bronze: Eastern
Town Pennant Rules:
Silver Division: Seven players, scratch-18 hcp, in four divisions. Winner of 1st Div to get Pennant Cup, winners of other three divisions to get Pennant flag. For 1960 season teams to be seeded by hcp and Division 2, 3 and 4 winners to be promoted to 1, 2, 3 and lowest relegated.
Bronze Division: Teams of 5, 19-30 hcp and home and home matches played.

These regulations to be tried for three years.

1960 Pennant winners:
Senior: Metropolitan
Bronze: Medway
Country Teams Match (Alice Coltman Cup): E Gippsland

1961 Two New Zealand players who are Hon Members of Woodlands deemed eligible to play in their Pennant Team. Friday suggested as permanent Pennant Day and agreed to. Pennant players may be given golf balls without losing their amateur status. This was not approved by VGA.

7 (No mention of Pennant Winners)
Alice Coltman Cup: Central Gippsland

1962 Pennant winners:
Senior: Woodlands
Bronze: Kingston Heath
Alice Coltman Cup: E Gippsland
Bronze Pennant to have promotion and relegation as Senior.

1963 Player belonging to Melbourne metropolitan club can play pennant even if her home is in Queensland. Player can play Town and Country pennant in the same year.
Pennant winners:
Senior: Victoria
(No mention of Bronze)
Alice Coltman Cup Winner: E Gippsland

1964 If square at 18th, Town Pennant to continue down 19th. Town Pennant to be played in two Divisions, first as Senior Pennant and second no hcp limit. Both Divisions to be divided into four sections with seven players per team. Second Pennant Division to have 25 hcp limit.
Senior Pennant: Yarra Yarra
Alice Coltman Cup: Central Gippsland

1965 Geelong players who have not played in Scratch foursomes ~~as~~ or Town Pennant are eligible for Country Teams Matches.
Pennant winners:
Senior: Metropolitan
(No mention of Bronze)
Alice Coltman Cup winners: Central Gippsland

1966 Pennant winners:
Senior: Victoria
(No mention of Bronze)
Alice Coltman Cup winners: E Gippsland
Two Divisions for Country Teams Matches suggested with possible promotion and relegation.

1967 Pennant winners:
Senior: Victoria
(No mention of Bronze)
Alice Coltman Cup winners: N Eastern
Hamilton and Western District country teams to amalgamate and it is hoped Karra Karra will join Wimmera which will make 13, but 12 would be better!

7 1968 Pennant suggestions:
1 Matches to be played on contending teams' courses and when at home, team to get a bye.
2 All matches square at 18th = 1/2
3 Town Pennant to be played earlier in the season.

Pennant winners:
Senior: Huntingdale
(No mention of Bronze)
Alice Coltman Cup Winners: Ballarat

- 1969 Two Pennant Cups to be re-engraved for NEDLGA and Malley Districts.
Pennant winners:
Senior: Huntingdale
Alice Coltman Cup winners: E Gippsland
Town Pennant entries now necessitate 5 sections.
- 1970 Pennant flags now cost \$27, so extra date to be put on if club wins twice!
Pennant winners:
Senior: Huntingdale
Alice Coltman Cup winners: E and W Gippsland
Pennant players to be asked:
1 Matches to be played on contending teams' courses
2 Pennant in one Division but as many sections as necessary.
3 Matches square at 18th ~~as~~ played out?
4 Matches on Monday instead of Friday
Players voted against 1, 3 and 4
- 1971 To be eligible to play in Country Teams Matches, must live 30 miles from GPO Melbourne. Scratch Foursomes and Town Pennant players not eligible for that year. Next year clubs must nominate their No 1 Team players.
Pennant winners:
Senior: Southern
Alice Coltman Cup winners (1st Div): Goulburn Valley
(No mention of 2nd Div winners)
Ruling: 1 and 3 suggestions of 1970 accepted.
First five players in No 1 Team cannot play in No 2 team.
- 1972 Pennant winners:
Senior: Huntingdale
Alice Coltman Cup winners (1st Div): E and W Gippsland
Geelong to be included in Corangamite Country Team.
Town Pennant ruling: If ineligible player is played, her match and all subsequent matches to be forfeited. Lowest hcp player must play first.
- 1973 Pennant winners:
Senior: Victoria
Alice Coltman Cup winners (1st Div): Goulburn Valley
- 1974 Pennant winners:
Senior: Victoria
Alice Coltman Cup winners (1st Div): Goulburn Valley
Reversal of playing order in Pennant discussed but not agreed to.
- 1975 Match between winners of Section 1 Town Pennant and ditto country teams matches to be a permanent fixture.
Pennant winners:
Senior: Keysborough
Alice Coltman Cup (1st Div): Goulburn Valley
" " " (2nd Div): Gippsland and Peninsula

- 1976 Town Pennant ruling:
 7th player to hit off 1st
 Pennant winners:
 Senior: Victoria
 Alice Coltman Cup (1st Div): E and W Gippsland
 " " " (2nd Div): Ballarat
- 1977 Pennant winners:
 Senior: Victoria
 Alice Coltman Cup (1st Div): Corangamite
 (No mention of 2nd Div)
- 1978 Pennant winners:
 Senior: Huntingdale
 Alice Coltman Cup (1st Div): E and W Gippsland
- 1979 Pennant winners:
 Senior: Victoria
 Alice Coltman Cup (1st Div): Goulburn Valley
- 1980 Pennant winners:
 Senior: Royal Melbourne
 Alice Coltman Cup (1st Div): Goulburn Valley
 " " " (2nd Div): Bendigo
- 1981 Pennant winners:
 Senior: Victoria
 Alice Coltman Cup (1st Div): NE District
 If club enters 2 pennant teams, all 1st team must be under 18
 hcp.
- 1982 Pennant winners:
 Senior: Victoria
 Alice Coltman Cup (1st Div): NE District
 Brooches for winning pennant teams discussed
- 1983 Player who lives in the country ^{or} ~~and~~ does not hold membership of
 a city club can play Country Teams Matches even if they play
 Town Pennant that year.
 (No mention of pennant winners)
- 1984 Country Teams Match sections:
 Div 1: Ballarat, Bendigo, Goulburn Valley, N Eastern and
 N Western
 Div 2: Dalhousie, S Western, Western, W Gippsland, Wimmera
 Div 3: E Gippsland, Kara Kara, Northern, Peninsula,
 S Gippsland.
 Town pennant players voted 24-5 for 8 teams in first 5 sections.

