

2012 CAROL NEVES PALM BEACH TOURNAMENT

The Beach Club, Palm Beach, FL

February 22-26, 2012

For many years members of The Green Gables Croquet Club have enjoyed a long-standing tradition of fleeing the cold of New Jersey and playing a little croquet in South Florida. This year, the annual tournament was renamed in honor of part-time Palm Beach resident Carol Neves, a force behind all that keeps the 55-year old Club running smoothly. Tradition and history are rich within one of the founding Clubs of the USCA, and Carol Neves will forever fall firmly upon the pages that will be forthcoming written.

The tournament spanned four days and was held upon three lawns at The Beach Club, Palm Beach, Florida. Twenty-four players were involved and while the competition was spirited, celebrating the friendship of all those involved was the true prize.

In the Championship Flight, Ellen Hall (6) shocked the croquet world by outlasting and outplaying Murray Pollock (1) in the Semi-Finals and Jack Montgomery (4) in the Championship match with a 12-11 last turn comeback. Palm Beacher Carole Lembo (7) rebounded from a 1-3 block record to take First Flight honors with a demonstrative 18-9 Final's victory over Ann Ix. Don McLaughlin (13) took home Second Flight honors by defeating Eileen Fell (12) in a well fought 16-13 game.

Waterford Doubles in the Championship Flight went to Conrad Rugart, undefeated throughout the event but still climbing to the top by one net point over Dick Nelson. Jeanne Spiotta took First Flight honors with Mary McLaughlin sneaking into the runner-up position.

Social events throughout the event were festive, highlighted by Herb Roemmele's 'Herb's in Florida!' Saturday night shin-dig. The weather offered a bit of rain during Friday's play, but overall the weather was fantastic. As was the camaraderie! The Green Gables Club hopes that all of the members are able to make next year's edition...it is not to be missed!

-John C. Osborn, Tournament Director

FINAL ORDER

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT SINGLES

1. Ellen Hall
2. Jack Montgomery
3. Murray Pollock

3. Jerry Luecke
5. Molly Goodman
5. Clair Flinn

FIRST FLIGHT SINGLES

1. Carole Lembo
2. Ann Ix
3. Brenda Pollock
3. Dick Nelson
5. Barbara Nelson
6. Ann Montgomery

SECOND FLIGHT SINGLES

1. Don McLaughlin
2. Eileen Fell
3. Jeanne Spiotta
3. Mary McLaughlin
5. Millie Brogan
6. Dianne Fitzsimmons

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT Waterford DOUBLES

1. Conrad Rugart
2. Dick Nelson
3. Murray Pollock
4. Ellen Hall
5. Bob Spiotta
6. Barbara Nelson
7. Jerry Luecke
8. Brenda Pollock
9. Ann Ix
10. Carole Lembo
11. Molly Goodman
12. Jack Montgomery
13. Ann Montgomery
14. Clair Flinn
15. Herb Roemmele

Also played: Carol Neves

FIRST FLIGHT Waterford DOUBLES

1. Jeanne Spiotta
2. Mary McLaughlin

3. Don McLaughlin
4. Eileen Fell
5. Diane Fitzsimmons
6. Valerie Flinn
7. Millie Brogan
8. Claire Boasi

-John C. Osborn (TD)