

## **2012 Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club Invitational Tournament**

The Florida weather was beautiful clear, sunny days and temperate temperatures found this time of year, for sixteenth Royal Palm Yacht and County Club Invitational Tournament held at Boca Raton, Florida November 7th to the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Socially the tradition carried on, with an opening reception, Wednesday, after the first day of play at the Yacht Club, with cocktails and dinner at the home of club president Roxanne and Bruce Rosetto Thursday, all the players watched the sun go down, and enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, on the open porch at the Yacht Club overlooking the inner harbor. Saturday the players and their guests joined the opening reception for the club season, with cocktails, dinner and dancing for the evening at the Yacht Club. Sunday wrapped up the tournament with a cookout courtside.

With several last minute cancellations, we were down to sixteen players on two full size courts, which made the tournament more intimate, with plenty of play for all concerned. Play consisted of three flights of singles, preceded each day with one game of Waterford Doubles. In singles, block play preceded a modified double elimination ladder. Everyone played well, and the wins were well deserved.

Championship flight, seven players (handicaps -1.0 to 4.0, with 4 players 0 or better) became a wide-open field of play. The standings coming out of the block followed handicap lines, with the top four seeds finishing close to that order. Starting in #3 position in the ladder, Jackie Jones defeated David Ekstrom, defeated Donna Dixon, and then dropped to the lower half of the ladder, having lost to Linda Huxtable (Who had a double bye, due to finishing #1 in the block. From there Jackie again defeated Donna Dixon, who had just knocked Ron Huxtable out of contention. then to the finals to again meet Linda Huxtable. This time she turned the tables to win 15-13.

First flight, five players (handicaps 4.5 to 6 with one 8) saw the block winner (Joe Zilligen) go down in defeat twice to #2 seed Dawn Jupin. Dawn starting with an 8 handicap was seeded #2 out of the block. She romped through the ladder, defeating in order Jake Johnson, Martie Ekstrom, Joe Zilligen and then Joe again in the finals. Although most games were close in score they were all well played. Dawn ended up with 55 tracking points for the tournament, and her handicap was adjusted accordingly. Joe Zilligen ended up second with Martie Ekstrom third.

Second flight (handicaps 8 to 10) saw a block of four play two round robin blocks, with all four being seeded in a single elimination ladder (Double elimination was not used due to the number of games that would have been played in one day). Flight winner was Antonia Marmo, runner-up was Joy Bradford, and tied for third Bob Chelberg and Roxanne Rosetto.

Waterford Doubles was closely contested, with net points determining the final placement in most cases. In Championship the trophy winners were David Ekstrom winner, with Jack Montgomery and Jackie Jones, second and third; First flight – Joe Zilligen winner with Dawn Jupin and Martie Ekstrom taking second and third; and Second flight – Antonia Marmo winner, with Bob Chelberg second, and Roxanne Rosetto third.

Trophies were beautiful wine decanters, and wine bottle holders, and were presented by Tournament Chairperson Roxanne Rosetto, Ted and Norma Truman and Commodore Dick Damron of the Royal Palm Yacht Club.

Upon finishing a delicious Sunday barbeque, and congratulations to the trophy winners, the players departed, looking forward to next year's tournament.

Submitted  
Fred Jones  
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#### SINGLES

CHAMPIONSHIP	
1	Jackie Jones
2	Linda Huxtable
3	Donna Dixon
4	Ron Huxtable
5	David Ekstrom
6	Jack Montgomery
6	Vincent Marmo

FIRST FLIGHT	
1	Dawn Jupin
2	Joe Zilligen
3	Martie Ekstrom
4	Jake Johnson
5	Bill Rouady

SECOND FLIGHT	
1	Antonia Marmo
2	Joy Bradford
3	Roxanne Rosetto
3	Robert Chelberg

#### WATERFORD DOUBLES

CHAMPIONSHIP	
1	David Ekstrom
2	Jack Montgomery
3	Jackie Jones
4	Linda Huxtable
5	Vincent Marmo
6	Bill Rouady
7	Donna Dixon
8	Ron Huxtable

FIRST FLIGHT	
1	Joe Zilligen
2	Dawn Jupin
3	Martie Ekstrom
4	Jake Johnson

SECOND FLIGHT	
1	Antonia Marmo
2	Robert Chelberg
3	Roxanne Rosetto
4	Joy Bradford