

2013 Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club Invitational Tournament November 6-10, 2013 Boca Raton, FL

The Florida weather was beautiful clear, sunny days and temperate temperatures found this time of year, for the seventeenth Royal Palm Yacht and County Club Invitational Tournament held in Boca Raton, Florida on November 6th to the 10th. Saturday let us down, with off and on rain throughout the day, but it did not interfere with play.

Socially the tradition carried on, with an opening reception, Wednesday, after the first day of play aboard the 108-foot yacht Tahiti, docked at the Yacht Club, and hosted by the owner Mike and Arlene Baker with cocktails and a light dinner on Thursday, the players 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, in a Wild West theme, with cocktails, dinner and dancing for the evening at the Yacht Club. Boots, jeans and cowboy hats were in abundance. Sunday wrapped up the tournament with a cookout courtside.

In a complete change from last year the tournament was completely subscribed with twenty-eight players, playing on three two-thirds size courts. Play consisted of three flights, 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, eight players (handicaps -1.5 to 3.0, with 5 players 1.0 or better) became a wide-open field of play. The standings coming out of the block mostly followed handicap lines; Murray Pollock being the exception, taking the block with five wins losing only one. Starting in #3 position in the ladder, Jackie Jones lost to Alan Cottle, while Jack Montgomery seeded #4 defeated #1 Murray Pollock. Alan then went on to defeat Jack, while Murray and Jackie easily won their first game, and then met each other. Jackie took that one 18-7 the first game of Sunday morning. Next, Jack went down 16-11 to Jackie, which led to the final games. Jackie against Alan. Jackie opening with a run to four back leaving the court with a good groom, taking the second ball to through four back, then missing a 10-foot roquet. Alan picked up a break and was set to run the court when a poor wicket shot ended the run at one back. From that point deadness was the controlling factor, which Alan was unable to shake, with the final score Jackie 23 Alan 9
Jack Montgomery was third.

First flight, twelve players (handicaps 4.0 to 6) saw Dawn Jupin the #10 seed in the block take all the games. Some by close scores and some by a large differential. Avril Rangoni-Machiavelli emerged #2 from the block, but had to withdraw due to sickness. Dawn romped through the ladder, defeating in order Vincent Marmo, Jim Pagano, and in the final Sheila Davis 16-10. Sheila ended second, while Jim Pagano finished third.

Second flight (handicaps 8 to 10) saw a block of eight with the two top seeds finish #1 and #2, Brenda Pollock and Tony Dos Santos. In the ladder Antonia Marmo, seeded #7 with a single life, took on and bested Ray Liberti, Linda Dos Santos, Michael Kline, and Brenda Pollock to reach the finals. On the winning side of the ladder, Tony Dos Santos, defeated Linda Dos Santos and Brenda Pollock to reach the finals. Due to a modified ladder, both players reached the finals undefeated. A tight match with Tony emerging as the winner, with Antonia the runner-up.

Waterford Doubles was closely contested, with net points determining the final placement in most cases. In Championship the trophy winners were Murray Pollock winner, with David Ekstrom and Ruth Summers, second and third; First flight – Bill Rouady winner with Sheila Davis and Dawn Jupin taking second and third; and Second flight – Antonia Marmo winner, with Marty Ekstrom second, and Ray Liberti third.

Trophies were beautiful crystal bowls, and flower vases, and were presented by Tournament Chairperson Roxanne Rosetto, and Commodore James MacCutcehon 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, scheduled for November 5-9, 2014

Submitted
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Championship Flight Singles

1. Jackie Jones
2. Alan Cottle
3. Jack Montgomery
4. Murray Pollock
5. Ruth Summers
5. Geoffrey Mattison
7. David Ekstrom
7. Blaine Davis

First Flight Singles

1. Dawn Jupin
 2. Sheila Davis
 3. Jim Pagano
 4. Vincent Marmo
 5. Mary Daly
 5. Mary Ellen Keating
 7. Bill Rouady
 7. Mijai Pagano
 9. Betty Crisler
 9. Marty Ekstrom
 10. Chuck Perry
- DNF Avril Rangoni-Machiavelli

Second Flight Singles

1. Tony Dos Santos
2. Antonia Marmo
3. Brenda Pollock
4. Michael Kline
5. Roxanne Rosetto
5. Linda Dos Santos
7. Ray Liberti
7. Stephanie Robertson

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