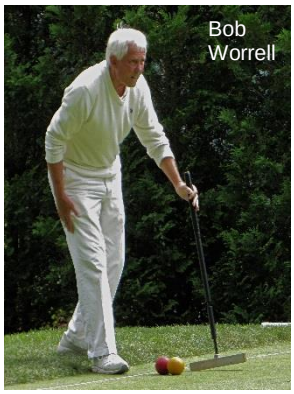
# Croquet Club of Vermont Invitational
# July 17-20, 2014
# Woodstock, VT

The 2014 Croquet Club of Vermont (CCV) Invitational (Singles only) was held July 17-20 in Woodstock, VT at the Woodstock Racquet and Fitness Club. There were two croquet lawns used, double banked with three flights. This event is unique in that every game has a board keeper/time keeper including a 45 second shot clock in every game.

Terry Moor

Second Flight had six players with handicaps ranging from 9-14. The two dominant players here were Terry Moor and Ted Hilles, both 9s. In their final, Terry dominated with a convincing 18-11 win. Terry picked up 9 tracking points and Suzanne Spradling (13) received 9 points.


Bob Worrell

First Flight had eight players with handicaps from 6-8. This was a very competitive flight. The final featured two of the top seeds John Dainton (6) and Bob Worrell (7). It was a very exciting one point match with Bob coming out on top 12-11. Big tracking point gains here: Bob Worrell 22, Tad Richardson 20, and Kathleen Dainton 15. This took both Tad and Kathleen to 7 and Bob is poised to move to 6 with his 22 points.

Championship Flight had 10 players with handicaps from 1-5. You would think that in this flight the two highest seeds would be in the finals but it was the highest and lowest seed that made it in. That's where the surprise ends with top seed and extreme rapid improver Webster Bull plowing through Chuck Perry (5) 18-3. This author predicts Webster will be a minus handicap player in 2015 or 2016. Even though Chuck was runner-up he did receive 20 tracking points, while Scott Spradling (5) received 17 points.

Webster Bull

Social events included the opening party Wednesday evening at the Woodstock Country Club, where schedules were handed out; Thursday night dinner at Simon Pearce (a fantastic restaurant, where hand blown glass is made including the extraordinary trophies for the tournament); Saturday night dinner at the Woodstock Country Club and Sunday Brunch/Trophy Presentations at the Woodstock Inn.

Tournament Management was extraordinarily performed by Eph Shulman; special thanks to the many volunteers from the CCV for setting up delicious breakfast pastries, OJ, coffee, and tea. Tournament scheduling and direction was done by Bob Kroeger (including the use of his Casio slow motion video camera when refereeing certain shots).

~Bob Kroeger

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**Championship Singles**
1. Webster Bull
2. Chuck Perry
3. Scott Spradling
4. Harvey Geiger
5. Pat Colt
6. Skip Babcock
6. Lloyd Hadden
8. Robert Coleman
8. Bill Hamilton
10. Thelma Lyle

**First Flight Singles**
1. Bob Worrell
2. John Dainton
3. Tad Richardson
4. Oakley Johnson
5. Kathleen Dainton
6. Bruce Huber
6. Keppy Babcock
8. John Seidler

**Second Flight Singles**
1. Terry Moor
2. Ted Hilles
3. Gary Durkee
4. Suzanne Spradling
5. Marilyn Perry
6. Pam Geiger