

# Boca Grande Invitational

## March 5-8, 2015

### Boca Grande, FL

The Boca Grande Invitational Tournament was held on the courts at the Gasparilla Inn in Boca Grande, Florida on March 5-8, 2015.



From L to R: Fred Jones, Tournament Director; Arthur Olsen, Runner-up 2nd Flight; Blaine Davis, Runner-up Championship Flight; Alan Cottle, winner Championship Flight; Dick Johnston, Runner-up 1st Flight; Oakley Johnson, Winner 1st Flight, Scott Kennedy, winner 2nd Flight

The setting was ideal. Three smooth, green lawns set by a model clubhouse overlooking the fairways of the golf course, and the Gulf of Mexico for a background.

The tournament was divided into three flights, with Championship and First Flight having eight players, while Second Flight totaled seven. Four days of play consisted of the first two in block play, leading to weekend play in a double elimination ladder. The time change to daylight saving was also included.

Championship play saw Blaine Davis go undefeated in the block, with Alan Cottle and Ken Northrop not close with a four and two record. Blaine managed to maintain his record, losing the first time to Alan in the semi-finals, and then winning over Webster Bull to return to meet Alan in the Finals. Alan was his undoing, taking the final game 26-10.

First Flight followed along the same lines as Championship. Dick Johnston, seeded #1, took five of six games in the block. The sleeper was Oakley Johnson with only one win in block play. Dick Johnston won through to the semi-final in the ladder, where he met Oakley who had won all his ladder games. Oakley sent Dick to the loser's side, where he defeated Bob Worrell to come back to meet Dick in the finals. Oakley seemed to like winning, so he continued, and took the trophy for the flight.

Second Flight again saw the seeded handicaps play a dominant role in the final standings within a block. Although seeded 2<sup>nd</sup>, Arthur Olsen, with four wins, led over Scott Kennedy, Lucie Bard, Jim McLaughlin, and Jean Henry each with three wins. Scott started an undefeated run in the ladder, taking everyone out, including Arthur Olsen in the final.

As usual, the social side was well done, under the direct supervision of Blaine Davis. An opening get together after play on Thursday gave us a chance to tell croquet stories of the day and to test the spirits as well as goodies. Friday night the Inn outdid itself, with a choice of filet or salmon plus all the fixings. Their key lime pie is uniquely different, and delicious,

Saturday, we watched the sun go down into the Gulf of Mexico, with drink in hand, and tables of hors d'oeuvres – Everyone did remember to set the clocks ahead during the night, and we all gathered together on Sunday to see the series of games leading to the finals at 11:30 AM. Finals winners for those who have forgotten; Championship-Alan Cottle, First Flight- Oakley Johnson, and Second Flight-Scott Kennedy. Finished off with a wonderful luncheon in the Pelican Room at the Inn.

Submitted  
Fred Jones,  
Tournament Director

### **The Results:**

#### *Championship Singles*

1. Alan Cottle
2. Blaine Davis
3. Webster Bull
4. Ken Northrop
5. Jackie Jones
5. Robert Bake
7. Tyler Thomas
7. Jack Montgomery

#### *First Flight Singles*

1. Oakley Johnson
2. Dick Johnston
3. Robert Worrell
4. Sheila Davis
5. Charles Perry
5. Bruce Huber
7. Steffie Robertson
7. Kiehner Johnson

#### *Second Flight Singles*

1. Scott Kennedy
2. Arthur Olsen
3. Jean Henry
4. James McLaughlin
5. Lucie Bard
5. Roxanne Rosetto
7. Lucinda Sullivan