

New Albany Country Club Invitational

August 28-30, 2015

New Albany, OH

The Fourth Annual 2015 New Albany Invitational was held August 28-30 at the beautiful New Albany Country Club in the northeast suburbs of Columbus, OH. The weather was excellent. There were 20 total players, eight in Championship, seven in First Flight, and five in Second Flight. This was a singles only event, double banked on three lawns. The handicap range was -1.5 to 6 in Championship Flight, 6 to 10 in First Flight, and 12 to 15 in Second Flight.

The Second Flight final was between two 11 handicap players –Richard Boger and Joshua Smith (playing in his first tournament). Both players played beautifully throughout and after extra last turns Boger won by one point and gained 12 tracking points for his hard work. Cheryl Wren (15) picked up 8 tracking points.



The First Flight final featured Arthur Olsen (6) and New Albany's own Stephen Grassbaugh (8). After a hard fought battle Grassbaugh prevailed. Michael Leaming (10) picked up a massive 21 tracking points while Anne Licursi (8) picked up 8 points.



The Championship Flight final had top seed Richard Sullivan (-1.5) against a 4.5 handicap Robert Worrell. Sullivan's vast knowledge and experience brought him a convincing win but having said that, Worrell drained a few 15 foot wicket shots to make it interesting.

The opening party was held at the gorgeous downtown Columbus home of John and Jennifer Joseph. Players were treated to delicious food and drink and a breath-taking view of the Columbus skyline and modern bridges spanning the Scioto River. On Friday night players enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the New Albany Country Club.



Special thanks to Jennifer and John Joseph, Leo Leither, Cameron James, Cheryl Wren, and many other New Albany croquet members along with the superb staff at the Club for holding such a wonderful tournament.

Scheduling and TD - Bob Kroeger

Championship Singles

1. Richard Sullivan
2. Robert Worrell
3. Russell Dille
4. John Joseph
5. Sandra Knuth Walsh
6. Cameron James
7. Lynda Sudderberg
8. Kiehner Johnson

First Flight Singles

1. Stephen Grassbaugh
2. Arthur Olsen
3. Michael Leaming
4. Bob Eubanks
5. Anne Licursi
6. Diane Walker

Second Flight Singles

1. Richard Boger
2. Joshua Smith
3. Yen Sullivan
4. Oliver Reinhardt
5. Cheryl Wren