

# 2017 Croquet By The Bay Invitational

*(American Rules)*

Hartfield, VA

**September 21-24, 2017**

## **Championship Flight**

1. Zach Watson
2. Jim Coling
3. Rodney Lassiter
4. Travis Watson
5. Dick Sullivan
6. Rick Darnell

## **First Flight**

1. Carter Richardson
2. John Priest
3. Conor Johnson
4. Jeff Morrison
5. Jane Koziol

## **Second Flight**

1. Dennis Koziol
2. Carl Johnson
3. Yen Sullivan
4. Bob McCreary
5. Connie Coling
6. Hunt Thompson



The tournament provided an opening with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a catered dinner at the Coves of Wilton Coves Clubhouse. Excellent Chesapeake Bay crab cakes were the main entre. The next evening the group dined on great Virginia chicken and a large salad, followed by icy treats.

This club has had some weather challenges in the past, but this time the days were spectacular. It was cloudy to sunny for the whole tournament. Temperatures were very mild to warm, in the 70's and low 80's.

The tournament was very successful with 17 players participating, divided into three flights. The competition was well matched, and each flight had upsets and tight games. The divisions had five or six games over the first two days which were followed with the single elimination ladder on Sunday.

Championship flight saw some very tight games and then some breakout contests. However, there was no competition for first; Zack Watson won all of his matches, except one, by staking out both balls. Jim Coling won two games on Sunday for the right to play Zack. Nobody else wanted the privilege. Jim Coling came in second. Rodney Lassiter, Dick Sullivan, Travis Watson, and Rick Darnell completed the very competitive flight.

First flight played out differently. Carter Richardson came from 5<sup>th</sup> seed on the ladder to win three games, the second, against the top seed in the ladder, Conor Johnson, gaining him a spot in the finals. Carter won a very consistent game against John Priest for first place. Jeff Morrison and Jane Koziol completed the very tight flight.

Second flight was very evenly matched. Many of the matches were one or two wicket margins. In the ladder play, the 2<sup>nd</sup> seed, Dennis Koziol, won against the 4<sup>th</sup> seeded, Carl Johnson, in the final. Yen Sullivan, the top seed, won five games on Friday and Saturday, but lost the first game in the ladder play. A scrappy group of people completed the flight, Bob McCreary, Connie Coling, and Hunt Thompson.