

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MT. LAUREL INVITATIONAL 2017

June 13-18, 2017 - The Chattooga Club, Cashiers, NC

Championship Flight Singles

- 1 Ken Scoggins
- 2 Mark Fields
- 2 Donna Dixon
- 4 Calvert Chaney
- 5 Lynda Sudderberg
- 5 Michael McRee
- 7 John Warlick
- 7 Thomas Moss Jr.
- 9 Mal Wall
- 9 Geoffrey Mattison

First Flight Singles

- 1 Chris Barley
- 2 Stephen Grassbaugh
- 3 David Spivey
- 4 Theodore Thelin
- 5 Diane Walker
- 5 Gail Rubin
- 7 Kenny Lovett
- 7 Betty Crisler

Second Flight Singles

- 1 Roxanne Rosetto
- 2 David Trigiani
- 3 Richard Boger
- 4 Patricia Duncan
- 5 Mary Shields
- 5 Sheryl Phillips
- 7 Liddy Chaney



L to R: David Trigiani Runner-up 2nd flt, Roxanne Rosetto winner 2nd flt, Mark Fields R-U Champ flt, Ken Scoggins winner Champ flt, Steve Grassbaugh R-U 1st Flt, Chris Barley Winner 1st flt

Championship Flight

Waterford Doubles

- 1 Mark Fields
- 2 Calvert Chaney
- 3 Michael McRee
- 4 Thomas Moss Jr.
- 5 Ken Scoggins
- 6 Geoffrey Mattison
- 7 Lynda Sudderberg
- 8 John Warlick
- 9 Donna Dixon

First Flight

Waterford Doubles

- 1 David Spivey
- 2 Chris Barley
- 3 Theodore Thelin
- 4 Mal Wall
- 5 Gail Rubin
- 6 Betty Crisler
- 7 Stephen Grassbaugh
- 8 David Trigiani

Second Flight

Waterford Doubles

- 1 Richard Boger
- 2 Sheryl Phillips
- 3 Roxanne Rosetto
- 4 Gail Barley
- 5 Patricia Duncan
- 6 Liddy Chaney
- 7 Joy Guernsey Diesel
- 8 Mary Shields

Winners and runner-ups for three flights of Waterford Doubles at Chattooga



L to R: Dick Boger, Sheryl Phillips 2nd flt; Mark Fields and Calvert Chaney Championship flight; and Dave Spivey and Chris Barley 1st flight

The twenty-fifth annual Mountain Laurel Invitational was held June 13th to the 18th at the picturesque setting in the mountains of southwest North Carolina. Hosted by the Chattooga Club in Cashiers, NC. The setting was everything anyone could want. Three courts are set just below the open pavilion and lodge with a backdrop of the mountains across the valley. Normally we describe the weather as cool and sunny, but not this year. Thunderstorms were predicted for every day of the tournament, and the predictions were accurate. The first three days some leisure time was spent on the pavilion while the lightning and thunder passed us by. No one really got wet, as we were off the courts as the storms moved quickly through the area.

Play consisted of three flights of singles playing in a round robin block the first three days, with a double elimination ladder on Saturday and Sunday. Three flights of Waterford doubles played four games, early each day, with the block winners taking the trophies. Winners were Mark Fields in Championship, David Spivey in First flight and Richard Boger in Second Flight

Championship flight with handicaps ranging from -1.0 to 3 saw Ken Scoggins pass through the block undefeated, following closely by Donna Dixon with only one loss. The upset was Calvert Chaney, seeded ninth finishing third in the block

Ken continued, in the ladder, his undefeated run to the final game, during which he took down Mark Fields and Donna Dixon. In the semi finals Mark Fields bested Donna Dixon, and came

back to lose to Ken in the finals once again. Final standings: Scoggins winner, Fields runner-up and Dixon third. Not to be overlooked Calvert Chaney in fourth place.

Betty Crisler led the First Flight through the block, with Steve Grassbaugh coming in second. David Spivey and Chris Barley took third and fourth. Betty quickly became a statistic in the ladder, leaving Steve and Chris to battle it out to reach the finals. Steve was undefeated to the finals, having knocked Chris down to the loser's side in the quarterfinals. Chris, in turn, defeated David Spivey, coming back to take the trophy over Steve 26-9. Final Standings: Barley winner (He confided, his first peg out to win a tournament), Grassbaugh runner-up, David Spivey third, and Ted Thelin fourth.

Second flight, followed the formula with the top seeds finishing on top. Dick Boger won the block, with David Trigiani coming in second. The remaining five finished in perfect seeding order. The ladder was a different story. Roxanne Rosetto downed Boger while Trigiani romped through the ladder without a loss until the finals. Trigiani, having bested Roxanne, saw her defeat Boger to return to the finals to take on Trigiani. In an excellent final game Roxanne finished ahead of David 16-10. Final Standings: Roxanne winner, David Trigiani second, with Dick Boger and Patricia Duncan third and fourth.

The food, as usual, was a culinary delight, starting with the opening party Tuesday evening and continuing through to the Sunday brunch. Two roaring fireplaces provided the background for the Wednesday night dinner at the Pavilion. After an open evening, we were again hosted by Tom Moss and Mike McRee at the new pool house at the Chestnut Club adjoining the Chattooga Club property. Saturday evening, the traditional Saturday dinner party was held in the main dining room. The menu consisted of salad, filet and shrimp, mashed potatoes, and asparagus, followed by desert. As is custom the doubles awards were presented during the dinner.

Sunday was the wrap-up of quarterfinals, semi-finals, and the finals in all flights. Following the final games, the awards were made courtside, with everyone then adjourning to the Pavilion for a Father's day Sunday brunch.

Submitted by: Fred Jones, Tournament Director