

NORTH AMERICAN OPEN

May 21-24, 2017- Sonoma Croquet Club, Windsor, CA

Nine Players entered the 2017 North American Open. The North American Open, has been played every year since 1985 (1985-2002 as the Sonoma World Championships) at the Sonoma Cutrer Courts. The nine players played a full round robin with the first two finishers seeded into a best 2 of 3 semi-final followed by a best 2-3 final. Pete Trimmer, in his first NAO appearance, dominated the round robin finishing 7-1. Peter Bach earned the other bye with a strong 6-2 showing. Leo Nikora, Jim Hanks and Dan Pailas all finished 4-4 to get the 3, 4, & 5 slots in the quarterfinal match. Erv Peterson earned the last QF seed (6) beating out Tim Hanks and Jim Butts on tiebreaker. The matches were very competitive with Tim Hanks and Jim Butts being knocked out by tiebreaker and Rick Shelly, despite only getting 2 wins, lost 4 games in last turn. In the only Plate game, Tim Hanks beat Jim Butts to win the plate.

In the quarterfinals Erv Peterson, the 6 seed knocked off Leo Nikora, the 3rd seed 26-23 in an interesting 1 on 1 ball finish. In the other quarter, Jim Hanks outlasted Dan Pailas 19-18 in an overtime game.

In the Semi's the 1 and 2 seeds continued to dominate. Pete Trimmer beating Erv Peterson 26-13 and 26 SXP-O. Peter Bach beat Jim Hanks in 2 tightly contested games 26-24 & 26-18 to set up a final between the top 2 seeds.

In the final Pete Trimmer dominated 26-2 and 26 TP- 7 to win his first North American Open Championship. Pete was clearly the dominate player all week. He had 2 SXP, 1 QNP and 1 TP while winning the championship. Congratulations Pete!

Final Results:

01 Pete Trimmer
02 Peter Bach
T3 Jim Hanks
T3 Erv Peterson
T5 Leo Nikora
T5 Daniel Pailas
T7 Tim Hanks
T7 Jim Butts
09 Rick Sheely



Jim Hanks, Peter Bach North American Open Runner-Up, Jeff Hill



Jim Hanks, Pete Trimmer 2017 North American Open Champion, Jeff Hill

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