

Sarasota County Croquet Club Fall Invitational 2017

Sarasota County Croquet Club – Pinebrook Park, Venice, FL

December 1-3, 2017

Championship Flight

- 1 Alan Cottle
- 2 Colin Irwin
- 3 Lynda Sudderberg
- 3 Gene Raymond
- 3 John Curington
- 6 Paul Phoenix
- 7 Jim Coling
- 8 Oakley Johnson

Championship Flight B

- 1 John Donohue
- 2 Robert McQuinn
- 3 Steve Grassbaugh
- 4 Bob Crouch
- 4 Mark Masselink
- 6 Joe Zilligen
- 7 Mijai Pagano



Bob McQuinn, John Donohue

First Flight

- 1 John Richardson
- 2 Nancy Crouch
- 3 Linda Dos Santos
- 4 Michael Kukla
- 5 William Hoffman
- 5 Gary Anderson
- 7 John McDermott
- 8 Jack Barlow

Second Flight

- 1 Brett Stovall
- 2 Byron Hicks
- 3 Robert Funk
- 4 Roger Measel
- 4 Paul Beaulieu
- 6 Larry Beaton
- 7 Robert Lentz
- 8 Mark Claff
- 9 John Goldener
- 10 James McLaughlin



Nancy Crouch, John Richardson

Third Flight

- 1 Doris Priddle
- 2 John Fitterman
- 3 Orin Kaufman
- 4 Patricia Cunningham
- 4 Connie Coling
- 6 Christine Smith
- 6 Ellen Goldener
- 8 Nora Rainone



Brett Stovall, Alan Cottle, John Donohue,
John Richardson, Doris Priddle

The Sarasota County Croquet Club held its annual fall invitational December 1st – 3rd. Forty players enjoyed perfect weather for playing on our six very fine courts.

At 7:30 in the morning you would find Colin Irwin directing the setting up of the courts. He had several assistants to help with the rolling and setting the wickets. The days started out with a continental breakfast and included a lunch and Attitude Adjustment at the end of the day. All was organized by Anne Kukla and her many helpers.

The Championship flight had 8 players with handicaps 3 to -2. Championship B had 7 players with handicaps 4.5 to 3.5. Flight 1 had 8 players with handicaps 7 – 5. Flight 2 had 10 players with handicaps 9 – 8. Flight 3 had 7 players with handicaps 14 – 10.

In Championship block play Colin Irwin came in first with 5 wins and Alan Cottle had 4 wins beating out John Curington and Gene Raymond with more net points. All eight went into the single elimination ladder with Colin and Alan playing for the championship. Alan prevailed winning 17 to 12.



Colin Irwin, Alan Cottle

In Championship B block play was won by Bob McQuinn with 4 wins and 19 net points and John Donohue was second with 4 wins and 13 net points. All 7 players went into the ladder. Bob and John wound up playing for the championship with John coming out on top 15 to 11.

On Saturday Jack Barlow had to drop out due to health problems leaving 7 players in first flight. We wish you well, Jack. Linda Dos Santos came in first with 5 wins and Michael Kukla was second with 4 wins. All went into the ladder. John Richardson and Nancy Crouch played a close game with John winning the first flight championship with a score of 17 to 16.



Brett Stovall, Byron Hicks

Brett Stovall won second flight block play with 6 wins and Bob Funk was second with 5 wins. The top eight from a block of 10 players went into the ladder. Brett and Byron Hicks played for the championship and Brett prevailed 16 to 10.

Third flight saw a close contest. John Fitterman, Orin Kaufman and Doris Priddle all had 4 wins. John won with 32 net points followed by Orin with 12 points and Doris with 9 net points. All players went into the ladder. The championship game came down to John Fitterman and Doris Priddle. Doris won with a score of 8 to 6.

Thursday night was the opening banquet at the Manasota Key Beach Club. Players enjoyed cocktail hour overlooking the beach and watched the sunset followed by a delicious meal. On Saturday, out of town guests were welcomed at our monthly potluck.

The tournament director Fred Jones became hospitalized with pneumonia Wednesday night before the tournament started. Jackie was the tournament manager. Since neither one could be at the courts Nancy Hart stepped in and did a great job as tournament manager and Gary Anderson took over the director's job.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up the courts, keep boards, supply and fix food and helped in general to make this a very successful tournament. Special thanks to Russ Cuccia for procuring the trophies for the first and second place finishers. They were a round wooden cheese board that opened to reveal several cheese utensils, engraved with the club logo and the flight and place.

--- Gary Anderson