

AUDUBON CROQUET INVITATIONAL 2018

Naples, FL – February 21-25, 2018

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

- 1 Linda Dos Santos
- 2 Richard Watson
- 3 Philip Parsons
- 4 Ben Morehead
- 5 Joseph Zilligen
- 5 Thelma Lyle



Linda Dos Santos, Keppy Babcock

FIRST FLIGHT



Keppy Babcock, Chuck Perry

- 1 Charles Perry
- 2 Clair Flinn
- 3 Donald McLaughlin
- 4 Byron Hicks
- 5 James McLaughlin

SECOND FLIGHT



- 1 Ben Watson
- 2 Suzanne Parsons
- 3 Dennis Lynch
- 4 Christine Smith

Ben Watson

The Florida weather was perfect for the 24th running of the croquet balls at the Audubon Invitational held February 21st through the 25th, 2018 in Naples, Florida.

The fifteen players were divided into three flights, Championship with six, first flight with five and second flight with four players. Although a small field the main court was filled to near capacity, while second flight could have used a few more players, but everyone played a fair amount to games both in a block, and then to a 100% selection to a double elimination ladder.

In Championship Rich Watson was back to defend his title, was fourth out of the block, and in the second round of the ladder met up with Linda DosSantos. Who he defeated to go on to the finals undefeated. But the victory was not to be his, as Linda had worked her way through the loser's side of the ladder to meet him once again in the finals. This time the victory was to be hers, defeating Rich 15 to 11 finishing the game with a seven wicket three ball break to go to last turn.

First flight saw Chuck Perry finish the block in first place, and to maintain that position throughout the ladder. He managed to defeat Clair Flynn twice, in the semi finals and the finals to take the honors for first flight

Second flight, was really a flight for true high handicap players, with handicaps of 12 and 13. The play was different, but exciting at times, but it can be said that they all had a great time, learned a lot, and will be back next year. Ben Watson, in his first tournament, started out by pegging out his first game (The only one of the tournament) then losing by 1 wicket, then winning by five, and again by five in the final, defeating Suzanne Parsons 17-12.

As usual, the social side of the tournament was well handled by

Keppy Babcock, as tournament manager, with an opening poolside party, with a splendid assortment of appetizers, followed the next night by a dinner party at Skip and Keppy Babcock's home.



Chris Smith, Byron Hicks, Phil & Suzanne Parsons

Friday was an open night followed by the traditional dinner at the club. This year we were outside (Florida weather) overlooking the lighted pool and stranding area at the Beach house.

Sunday, we finished within two minutes of the allotted time, and were welcomed at the club's Sunday brunch, as well as the award ceremonies.

See you next year for the 25th celebration.

Keppy Babcock, Claire Finn



Rich Watson, Keppy Babcock



Suzanne Parsons, Keppy Babcock



Thelma Lyle



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