



Mt Laurel Invitational 2018

(American Rules)

The Chattooga Club – Cashiers, NC

June 12-17, 2018

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- 2 Bill Hartmann
- 3 Jackie Jones
- 4 Donna Dixon
- 5 Robert Byrd II
- 5 Steve Grassbaugh
- 7 TylerThomas
- 7 David Spivey
- 9 Dawn Jupin
- 9 Richard Boger

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- 2 Edward Erlich
- 3 Tom O'Laughlin
- 4 Diane Walker
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THE 26TH ANNUAL MT LAUREL INVITATIONAL

The twenty-sixth annual Mountain Laurel Invitational was held June 12th to the 17th 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. Two full courts set just below the open pavilion and lodge with a backdrop of the mountains across the valley were used. Courts were fast with a peed-reading of 9.5. The weather was great during most of the tournament, but a lightning delay on Saturday afternoon required starting play on the final day at 7:00 AM.

Play consisted of Waterford doubles and two flights of singles playing in a round robin block the first three days, and a double elimination ladder on Saturday and Sunday.



Two flights of doubles, each with eight players, played three games, early each day, with the block winners taking the trophies. Winners were Championship flight Bill Hartmann first (featured in pic with Dawn Jupin & Fred Jones), and Jackie Jones second.

Both were undefeated in three games. First flight ended up with Dick Boger first and Mary Shields second.

Singles Championship flight with handicaps ranging from -2 to 4.0 saw Jackie Jones pass through the block undefeated, following closely by Steve Grassbaugh. Both received byes in the double elimination ladder. As the ladder progressed on Saturday it became obvious that Lynda Sudderberg (in pic to right) and Bill Hartmann were players to watch. Each, after winning two games, faced Jackie and Steve. The march continued, as both Jackie and Steve were defeated, with Lynda besting Bill in the quarter final, then Bill defeating Jackie to return to face Lynda in the finals, giving the trophy to Lynda 16 to 14 over Bill in a strategically well-played game. Jackie placed third.



Singles First flight block play went to Edward Erlich (featured in pic), with Leo



Leither, Barbara O'Laughlin and Diane Walker close behind. The ladder was a little cleaner with Edward and Leo fighting it out on their way up the ladder, with Leo arriving to the final game with no losses, meeting Edward with one loss.

The final was all Leo, winning 13 to 7 over Edward. Tom O'Laughlin worked his way through the loser's side to finish third.

A wonderful buffet breakfast greeted us each morning, followed by a sit-down lunch on the pavilion

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 gathered around the Chestnut Club pool for heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails on Friday.

Saturday evening, the traditional Saturday player's dinner party was held in the main dining room. The menu consisted of salad, tenderloin of beef with a steamed lobster sauce, 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



Ch FI winner Bill Hartmann, Fred Jones TD, Jackie Jones Ch FI runner-up, Mary Shields 1st FI runner-up, Dawn Jupin Croquet Pro at Chattooga, and Dick Boger winner 1st FI.