

# 36<sup>th</sup> Texas Classic Croquet Tournament

October 18-21, 2018

Heath/Quinlan/Carrollton, TX

## Champ Flight

1st Place - Bob Chilton of Heath, TX  
2nd Place - Joe Yoder of Dallas, TX  
3rd Place - John Dill of Fort Worth area  
4<sup>th</sup> Place – Frank Vuitch of Dallas, TX



Ch Fl winners- Bob Chilton, Joe Yoder, Frank Vuitch, and John Dill

## 1st Flight



1st Fl winners- Suzan Copeland, Rob Franks, Harold Menzel, and Bill Copeland

1st Place - Suzan Copeland of Quinlan, TX  
2nd Place - Rob Franks Jr. of Shreveport, LA  
3rd Place - Bill Copeland of Quinlan, TX  
4<sup>th</sup> Place – Harold Menzel of Richardson, TX  
5<sup>th</sup> Place – Missy Chilton of Heath, TX

## 2nd Flight

1st Place - Dale Jordan of Oklahoma City, OK  
2nd Place - Carl Archiniaco of Oklahoma City, OK  
3rd Place - Lisa Maddox of Dallas, TX  
4<sup>th</sup> Place – George Blackburn of Carrollton, TX



2nd Fl winners- Dale Jordan, Carl Archiniaco, Lisa Maddox, and George Blackburn.

## Waterford Doubles

1st Place - John Dill

1st Place - George Blackburn of Carrollton, TX

2nd Place - Bob Chilton

2nd Place - Steve Doty of Lake Bridgeport, TX

3rd Place - Rob Franks

3rd Place - Missy Chilton of Heath, TX

In Croquet Texas, we Love to offer a challenge to our guests whether it be Houston, Tyler, or in North Texas. The Dallas Croquet Association has promoted our Fall edition of the TEXAS CLASSIC for 36 years now. Traditionally, we have pretty good weather ... at least as far back as I can remember. This past weekend, we held our annual event at three venues. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate for Wednesday setup and practice nor for the opening round of Singles Block play. Like many places in Texas recently, we had more rain and a little cold spell. Yet we survived to rejoice in fabulous Sunshine for the Finals.

Maridoe Golf Club in Carrollton, TX was the newest venue for our tournament. Mr. Albert Huddlestone, the owner of this private club had visited Florida and been introduced to Croquet in the presence of John Osborn. He was intrigued enough with the sport to return to Texas and have a professional court constructed on the grounds of his Golf facility in late 2016. Golf croquet for members and designated guests took place in 2017 with the aid of Dallas Croquet members. We are truly thankful for the opportunity to assist these folks with the encouragement of the Sport of Croquet.

Our Opening Ceremonies were on Thursday, October 18th at this new court. This was the initial Sanctioned Croquet Tournament held at Maridoe. The surface can only be described as "wicked Fast". Participants would attempt a half roll and the front ball went out of bounds on the opposite side of the court. Approaching a wicket by setting up was a giant task. One had to have almost perfect touch to keep it from going out of range for a makeable shot on wicket. Some were frustrated with the speed, yet many overcame the conditions and played on. Did I mention the surface was mowed the previous morning and it rained all that day? Waterford Doubles came to an end and trophies were awarded at the evening dinner social.

This year's tournament was held in HONOR of a Founding member of the Dallas Croquet Association ... Robert S. "Bob" Knowlton.



Bob began play with the DCA back in the early 80's. A number of different venues for the club and croquet have existed over the last 36-38 years. Bob always did his part along with the likes of John and Becky Boyd, as well as Rob and Ann Whaley, each of whom formed the local club. Bob Knowlton served in numerous capacities as an officer and an advocate for the sport he loved. He was a friend to many and will be remembered dearly. We paid tribute to him with this tournament. There were numerous accolades via commentary, and other documented posts about Bob.

Back to the tournament itself ... Singles play ensued at the other venues, Lake Hubbard and Lake Tawakoni courts privately owned by members of our club. As previously stated, Friday we had difficulty with the weather. Wind, rain, and cold all impacted the players throughout the day. We survived the challenges and completed Saturday play with some wind and cold but minimal moisture.

The Singles Finals began back at Maridoe on Sunday, October 21st. Twelve Croquet competitors challenged one another for 9 trophies in 3 Flight levels of play. Much to the chagrin of the folks participating in the Finals ... the greens keeper had placed a fresh cut on the lawn! WOW! It was definitely FAST.

All participants and especially the Dallas Croquet Association wish to THANK the entire staff of MARIDOE GOLF CLUB for their hospitality, the great food, and the amazing Croquet Lawn.

HAPPY TRAILS down your Croquet roads ...

Tournament Manager/President of the Dallas Croquet Association.

John C. Dill, III