



USCA Mid-Atlantic Regional AC Rules Tournament

New York Croquet Club – New York, NY (Central Park)

June 14-17, 2018

Championship Flight Singles

1. Brian Cumming
2. Micah Beck
3. Michael Albert
3. Macey White
5. Tim Rapuano
6. Jim Collins



Brian Cumming, Tim Rapuano



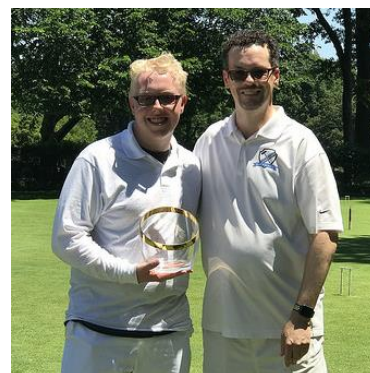
Micah Beck, Tim Rapuano

First Flight Singles

1. Thomas Balding
2. Jodie Rugart
3. Eugene Nathanson
3. Templeton Peck
3. Dennis Hough
6. Patricia Spratt
7. Mark Ski
8. Ronald Rapuano



Jodie Rugart, Tim Rapuano



Tom Balding, Tim Rapuano

The New York Open Plate

1. Stuart Lawrence
2. Tim Rapuano
3. Thomas Balding
4. Patricia Spratt
4. Jim Collins
6. Mark Ski
7. Templeton Peck
7. Macey White
7. Michael Albert
7. Ronald Rapuano

--TD: Stuart Lawrence

--TM: Tim Rapuano

The 2018 Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship was held June 14-17 at the New York Croquet Club's home lawns in Central Park. The Mid-Atlantic's first-ever association croquet (AC) regional championship, it took the spot on the calendar that has usually been occupied by the NYCC's Clayton Cup invitational. The idea for an AC regional in the Mid-Atlantic came from regional VP Tim Rapuano, who envisioned a low-cost, no-frills singles tournament that would attract both AC enthusiasts from around the country and locals eager to try the game. Fifteen entrants responded, including players from North Carolina, Virginia, and Ontario.

In the championship flight, Brian Cumming surprised no one by dominating the field, going undefeated through block play and the best-of-three semifinals and finals and finishing six triple peels along the way. A bit more surprising was the return in fine form of Micah Beck, who hasn't



been seen in a croquet tournament in three years but has evidently been getting some useful practice at the West Hill Golf & Croquet Club in Camillus, NY. Micah squeaked past Tim Rapuano on net points to grab a spot in the semifinals, where he dispatched Macey White 26-14, 26-21 before getting crushed (ever so nicely!) by Brian, 26-7, 26tp-0.

As a St. John's College croquet team veteran, Micah had the pleasure of watching Tom Balding, a rising junior at St. John's, turn in a winning performance in the first flight in his first-ever AC tournament. Having entered the tournament with a USCA handicap of 6, Tom couldn't find a player he could lose to, winning all eight of his games in the flight plus a couple more in the New York Open Plate consolation event. The Long Island native, who recently joined the Westhampton Mallet Club, faced New Jersey's Jodi Rugart in the best-of-three final, winning on time in both games, 25-15, 21-18.

The plate event was devised by TD Stuart Lawrence as an opportunity for cross-flight matchups, extra games for anyone who wanted them, and a competition for the right to hold the New York Open perpetual trophy, an antique English silver biscuit barrel donated and engraved for the occasion. In the plate final, Tim Rapuano faced off for the trophy against Stuart, who had dropped out of the main event claiming to be too distracted by other duties. Earlier in the tournament, Tim had scored an upset win over Stuart in the plate Swiss, which Stuart facilitated with an ill-timed court damage fault. The final, however, went more clinically, with Stuart winning 26tp-0.



Stuart Lawrence



Central Park backdrop



Brian Cumming