

Virginia District Championship
Chesapeake Bay Croquet Club – Hartfield, VA
(American Rules)
June 28-July 1, 2018

**CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT
SINGLES**

- 1 Richard Laging
- 2 Macey White
- 3 Adam Lassiter
- 3 Linda Dos Santos
- 5 Rodney Lassiter
- 5 John Priest
- 7 William Rainey



Macey White, Richard Laging

FIRST FLIGHT SINGLES

- 1 Art Thomasson
- 2 Michael Kukla
- 3 Antonio Dos Santos
- 3 Carl Johnson
- 5 Anne Kukla
- 5 Sheryl Phillips



Art Thomasson, Michael Kukla

SECOND FLIGHT SINGLES

- 1 Suzanne Laging
- 2 Doug Murphy
- 3 John Rundell
- 3 Luella Rundell
- 5 Kathy Killmon



Doug Murphy, Suzanne Laging

The Chesapeake Bay Croquet Club just finished the Virginia District Championship Croquet Tournament and it was a great success! 18 players from across the country came to the small town of Hartfield, Virginia nestled between the Piankatank and Rappahannock Rivers on the beautiful Chesapeake Bay.

This USCA Sanctioned American 6-Wicket tournament had six players in each flight; Championship, 1st and 2nd. Each flight had round-robin block play with all players moving to the playoffs.

2nd Flight players with a handicap of 10 or higher were provided a coach during round-robin play. Four of the players in 2nd flight had never played in a sanctioned 6-wicket tournament before and the coaching was appreciated by all. As an example, Doug Murphy from Richmond Virginia started slowly in 2nd flight but his play improved greatly by the end of the tournament and he finished 2nd in his flight and lowered his handicap from a 15 down to a 13. Sue Laging from Rochester New York bested Doug by just 3 wickets in finals to win the flight.

The top seeds from round-robin block play in 1st and 2nd Flight were given the choice to play up in the next flight in playoffs and both top seeds did. Sheryl Phillips from Aiken South Carolina was the top seed in 2nd Flight after block play and improved her handicap from a 10 to 9 and opted to play in the 1st Flight playoffs. John Priest from Mathews Virginia came out of 1st flight block play as 1st seed and opted to play in the Championship Flight playoffs. John lowered his handicap from 7 to 6 with his great play in the round-robin portion of the tournament.

The 1st Flight final was a match between Michael Kukla of Sarasota Florida and Art Thomasson of Hilton Head South Carolina. Art edged out Michael for the win in a well-played close match.

Macey White from Hartfield finished first in block play in Championship Flight and made it to the finals where he lost to Rich Laging from Rochester NY after accidentally pegging out his first ball with 50 minutes left in the game. Macey managed to score 8 more hoops with his one ball playing against Rich's two but Rich Laging prevailed in the end winning 26-22.

This was a no-frills tournament and the Chesapeake Bay Croquet Club kept the cost down to just \$95 per player. The club took lunch orders every day and organized outing to local restaurants (and one ice cream parlor) every night.