

Special Olympics Connecticut's Unified Sports®
annual 6-wicket golf croquet tournament
August 20, 2016
Thistle Lawn Bowling Club, Elizabeth Park, Hartford.



Two-person Unified Sports® teams competed double-banked on five 40' x 50' courts during the day. With the growth in popularity of croquet, this one-day event was split into two sessions, 27 teams competed in the morning and 30 teams competed in the afternoon.

Along with Denys Shorthouse and Barbara Hagen of the USCA, naval personnel from the U.S. submarine base in Groton, CT, volunteered as referees/scorekeepers. While the Navy was impressed with the intensity of the competition,

commenting "how quiet they are" during each game, the Coaches were equally impressed with the knowledge and diligence these first-year croquet referees showed. For many of these teams, who had been practicing for 8 weeks, this is the only croquet competition they will attend. For others, it is a prelude to the two-day Special Olympics Connecticut and Rhode Island Competition in September.



Submitted by Bobbi Shorthouse, Tournament Director