

## 2011 Jekyll Island Croquet Tournament

Overlooking the intercoastal waterway and adjacent to the historic Jekyll Island Club Hotel, the Jekyll Island Croquet Tournament was played June 3-5.



*Players (left to right): winners Marilyn Heberling (Atlantic Beach) & Dennis Bergner (Jekyll Island), Iris Shadrick (president of the Jekyll Island Croquet Club), and runners-up Pat Williams (Hammock Dunes) & Betty Hilton (Ponte Vedra)*

The format for this year's tournament was quite a bit different from the past two years. The concept was to bring together high handicap players in a doubles only tournament. The highest handicap player was matched with the lowest; next highest with the next lowest, etc.

By pairing the 24 players into 12 competitive teams, each team had a reasonable chance to succeed. This was evident because out of the 33 total matches played, 17 had a victory margin of two wickets or less. The team of Iris Shadrick/Kent Garner was seeded 5<sup>th</sup> coming out of their block, but made it to the semi-finals, losing by two wickets.

Mother Nature provided an unseasonably high temperature of 90+ degrees each day, but there were no reports of health issues from any of the senior players.

There were two days of very competitive block play, followed by a single-elimination ladder on Sunday.

In the finals, the team of Pat Williams (Hammock Dunes)/ Betty Hilton (Ponte Vedra) lost to Marilyn Heberling (Atlantic Beach)/ Dennis Bergner (Jekyll Island) by the score of 18-10. Williams was able to get a break going, but had an unfortunate roll-up at 4-back. Heberling and Bergner moved around the court together, shooting wickets like old pros. Their steady play enabled them to get wicket count separation from Williams/Hilton, from which they were never able to recover.

**Jekyll Island Invitational 2011  
Fantastic Flight  
Single Elimination Ladder**



Good sportsmanship was evident throughout the event, and members of the Jekyll Island Croquet Club made all guests feel welcome.

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