

Fourth Annual ME/NH Croquet Tournament Wraps up at Woodlawn
June 26, 2011

The fourth annual Maine/New Hampshire State Croquet Tournament wrapped up Sunday afternoon after 4 days of intense competition. Activities began on Wednesday afternoon, June 22 with a croquet clinic conducted by Ben Rothman who is the top ranked croquet player in North America and a founding member of Woodlawn Croquet. This was followed by a reception and dinner catered by Crazy Dave`s Barbecue at the sleigh barn on the grounds of the Woodlawn Museum. Prior to dinner, a presentation was made to Mary Cheney Gould and Marcia Chapman who were awarded honorary lifetime memberships to Woodlawn Croquet for their enthusiasm and support for croquet in the Ellsworth Area. All participants received a white Woodlawn Croquet hat with the 2011 ME/NH State Tournament embroidered on the back. We had 20 players in four flights this year with 4 players coming from the great state of New Hampshire.

Competition began at 8AM on Thursday morning on the two courts at Woodlawn and at Tapley Cove on the Bagaduce River in Brooksville at the home of Mary Gould and Marcia Chapman. The weather forecast was a concern as predictions were for rain each day but the games were played on Thursday and Friday without rain. Saturday was a different story as our brave and hearty souls played for a couple of hours in torrential rain to get the games in. Hats off to all who played in such trying conditions and all the games were played in block play to seed the players for the playoffs. Everyone played 4 games of Waterford Doubles and 4 games of singles in the block play and games were 75 minutes in duration.

The semi finals and the championship games were played Sunday on the championship sized croquet lawn at Woodlawn with competition beginning at 8AM under cloudy skies but milder conditions. The Championship flight final was played at 2 PM which was followed by a brief awards ceremony where awards were made to the top 3 players in each flight. The tournament was a success under some challenging weather conditions but all had a good time and plan to return next year for the bragging rights of the best croquet players in Maine and New Hampshire. Results of the tournament are as follows:

Championship Flight:

1. Neil Houghton
2. Perry Mattson

3. Jim Saunders
4. Harvey Geiger
5. Pat Colt

First Flight:

1. Lloyd Hadden
2. John Dainton
3. Eileen Holberg
4. Jim McLaughlin
5. Dick Schleiter

Second Flight:

1. Diane Saunders
2. Charles Alexander
2. Kathleen Dainton
3. Janet Pearson Injured [DNF]
4. Oakley Johnson

Third Flight:

1. George Blagden
2. Tim McCormick
3. Jody Blagden
4. Barbara Entzminger
5. Don Whalen