

**THE MAR-A-LAGO CLUB DOUBLES INVITATIONAL**  
**Palm Beach, Florida**  
**February 24-26, 2011**

The 13th annual Mar-a-Lago Club's Doubles Croquet Invitational, once again, was blessed with three phenomenal days of perfect weather. Add the incredible surroundings and cuisine, plus a wonderful group of participants, and photos of the entire event would make everyone proud should such shots be found within their personal picture books.

The tournament's format was of the Waterford style, the top six finishers after the preliminary rounds permanently partnered for Saturday's Playoffs. Matches were timed at one hour and fifteen minutes and there was no double-banking. The famous Mar-a-Lago Rule (unlimited shots at wicket number one until it is made) was well accepted, except for perhaps one unnamed player who, after eleven attempts, decided that his/her partner was best suited for the color blue.

Neither of the two teams (in two Flights) receiving byes in the Playoffs fared well. In the Championship Flight, number two seeds Jim Wyer (5) & George Mathys (10) overcame the equally balanced team of Lou Fusz (8) and Bob Chenoweth (8) with a 13-11 score. In the First Flight, Anne Licursi (10) and hard charging Carla Rueck (11) outplayed the "Two Warrens", Phillip (12) and Hamer (13), with a 11-7 outcome.

As is always proved, Mar-a-Lago is a special place, where casual eloquence makes everyone feel at home. With the Singles Invitational still on tap for April, the Club looks forward to seeing many of those who enjoyed this tournament and to greet and meet many new friends. Till then, please find below the Final Order of Finish:

**CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT**

- 1) Jim Wyer-George Mathys
- 2) Lou Fusz-Bob Chenoweth
- 3) Helen Jones-Gerald Shugar
- 4) Charlotte Hapak-Robin Sweet
- 5) Eileen Holberg-Gerry McCauley
- 6) Lee Little-Lyn Hamer

**FIRST FLIGHT**

- 1) Anne Licursi-Carla Rueck
- 2) Warren Hamer-Warren Phillips
- 3) Hildegard Jones-Mary Robb
- 4) Missy Diack-Iris Chenoweth
- 5) Lisa Brown-Mary Anne Mathys

-John C. Osborn  
The Mar-a-Lago Club Director of Croquet